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PART I

Section-by-Section, Chapter-by-Chapter
Summaries with Review Questions and

Answers

General Principles

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To introduce the basic ideas of Mechanics.
- To give a concise statement of Newton's laws of motion and gravitation.
- · To review the principles for applying the SI system of units.
- To examine standard procedures for performing numerical calculations.
- · To outline a general guide for solving problems.

1.1 MECHANICS

Mechanics is that branch of the physical sciences concerned with the behavior of bodies subjected to the action of forces. The subject of mechanics is divided into two parts:

- statics—the study of objects in equilibrium (objects either at rest or moving with a constant velocity).
- dynamics—the study of objects with accelerated motion.

Although statics can be considered as a special case of dynamics (in which the acceleration is zero), it deserves special treatment since many objects are designed with the intention that they remain in equilibrium.

1.2 FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

BASIC QUANTITIES

· Length, time, mass, force

IDEALIZATIONS

Mathematical models or idealizations are used in mechanics to simplify the theory. The more common ones, in order of sophistication, are:

- Particle—a particle has a mass but a size that can be neglected i.e., the geometry of the body is ignored. A particle is often represented by a point in space.
- Rigid Body—a rigid body has a mass and a size (shape) but it is assumed that any changes in shape can be neglected i.e., the geometry of the body is taken into account but any deformations (changes in shape) are ignored. Consequently, the material properties of the body can be ignored. A rigid body is often represented as a collection of particles in which all the particles remain at a fixed distance from each other before and after applying a load.
- Deformable or Elastic Body—a deformable body has a mass, a size (shape) and the deformations (changes in shape) of the body are taken into account. Hence the material properties of the body must be considered in describing the behavior of the body.
- Concentrated Force—A concentrated force represents the effect of a loading which is assumed to act at a point on a body. This idealization requires that the area over which the load is applied is very small compared to the overall size of the body e.g., contact force between wheel and ground.

NEWTON'S THREE LAWS OF MOTION

Newton's laws apply to the motion of a particle as measured from a nonaccelerating (inertial) reference frame.

- First Law—a particle originally at rest or moving in a straight line with constant velocity, will remain in this state provided the particle is not subjected to an unbalanced force.
- Second Law—a particle acted upon by an unbalanced force F experiences an acceleration a that has the same direction as the force and a magnitude directly proportional to the force i.e.

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$$

• Third Law—The mutual forces of action and reaction between two particles are equal, opposite and collinear.

NEWTON'S LAW OF GRAVITATIONAL ATTRACTION

$$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

F =force of gravitation between two particles

G = universal constants of gravitation

 $m_1, m_2 = \text{mass of each of the two particles}$

r =distance between the two particles

MASS AND WEIGHT

- Mass is a (scalar) property of matter that does not change from one location to another. In other words, mass is an absolute quantity
- Weight is a force (and hence has a magnitude and direction) which refers to the gravitational attraction of the earth on a quantity of mass m. Weight is not an absolute quantity. Its magnitude depends on the elevation at to gravity.

1.3 UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

The four basic quantities force, mass, length and time are related by Newton's 2nd law. Hence, the units used to define these quantities are not independent i.e., three of the four units are called base units (arbitrarily defined) and the fourth unit a derived unit (derived from Newton's 2nd law).

SI UNITS (INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS)

- In the SI system, the unit of force, the newton, is a derived unit. The meter, second and kilogram are base units.
- One newton is equal to a force required to give one kilogram of mass an acceleration of 1 m/s².
- In newtons, the weight of a body has magnitude

$$W = mg$$
 where $g = 9.81$ m/s².

The following table summarizes the SI units.

Name	Length	Time	Mass	Force
- 1000		second (s)	kilogram (kg)	newton* $N = \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{s^2}$
International System (SI)	meter (m)	second (s)	Kilogram (Kg)	Menten (1 S2

^{*}Derived Unit

1.4 THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS

PREFIXES

When a numerical quantity is either very large or very small, the units used to define its size may be modified by using a prefix. For example:

	Exponential Form	Prefix	SI Symbol
1 000 000 000	109	giga	G
1 000 000	106	mega	M
1 000	10 ³	kilo	k
0.001	10^{-3}	milli	m
0.000 001	10^{-6}	micro	μ
0.000 000 001	10^{-9}	nano	n

RULES FOR USE

You should know the rules for the proper use of the various SI symbols. These are used extensively in engineering practice throughout the world.

1.5 NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS

It is important that the numerical answers to any problem encountered in engineering practice be reported with both justifiable accuracy and appropriate significant figures.

DIMENSIONAL HOMOGENEITY

Each term in any equation used to describe a physical process must be expressed in the same units i.e., the terms must be dimensionally homogeneous. Algebraic manipulations of an equation can be checked, in part, by verifying that the equation remains dimensionally homogeneous.

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

The accuracy of a number is specified by the number of significant figures it contains. A *significant figure* is any digit, including a zero, provided it is not used to specify the location of the decimal point for the number. For example, 0.00546 and 2500 expressed to three significant figures would be $5.46 \times (10^{-3})$ and $2.50 \times (10^{3})$, respectively (*engineering notation*).

ROUNDING OFF NUMBERS

For numerical calculations, the accuracy of the solution of a problem (generally) can never be better than the accuracy of the problem data. Consequently, a calculated result should always be *rounded off* to an appropriate number of significant figures. To convey appropriate accuracy, there are rules for rounding off numbers. You should know these.

CALCULATIONS

Perform numerical calculations to several significant figures and then report the final answer to three significant figures.

1.6 GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

- The most effective way to learn engineering mechanics is to solve problems.
- · You must present your work in a logical and orderly manner as follows:
 - Read the problem carefully and try to establish a link between the actual physical situation and the appropriate part of the theory studies.
 - Draw any necessary diagrams and tabulate the problem data.
 - Apply the relevant principles.
 - Solve the necessary equations algebraically, as far as practical, then, making sure they are dimensionally homogeneous, use a consistent set of units and complete the solution numerically. Report the answer with no more significant figures than the accuracy of the given data.
 - Study the answer and see if it makes sense physically—in the context of the physical problem.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- The language of engineering mechanics is mathematics. Consequently, make sure you review/re-read the necessary mathematical notation/concepts as they arise in your mechanics course (trying to review all of the necessary mathematics at once is not recommended—there's just too much to digest at one time). You should aim to achieve fluency in basic mathematical techniques/notation so that your learning of mechanics is not distracted by trying to remember things which your instructor assumes you know e.g., how to solve linear systems of algebraic equations, how to perform basic vector algebra, differentiation and integration etc.
- Remember that in solving problems from engineering mechanics you are solving real practical problems and
 producing real data with physical significance. Thus, you are responsible for making sure your results are correct,
 consistent and well-presented. Get into the habit of doing this now so that it will become second nature by the
 time you graduate. In the world of professional engineering you have a responsibility to your profession and to
 the many people that will use the product you will help to design, manufacture or implement.

REVIEW QUESTIONS: TRUE OR FALSE¹?

- 1. The subject called *Statics* studies only bodies which are at rest.
- 2. A particle has a mass but negligible shape/size.
- 3. A rigid body has a mass but negligible shape/size.
- 4. Newton's three laws of motion can be proved mathematically.
- 5. Weight is a property of matter that does not change from one location to another.
- **6.** In the SI system of units, the newton is a derived unit.
- 7. When performing numerical calculations, the final answer should be reported to three significant figures.
- 8. In an equation it's permitted to have different terms expressed in different units. This is referred to as dimensionally inhomogeneous.

Force Vectors

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER

In this chapter we define scalars, vectors and vector operations and use them to analyze forces acting on objects. Specifically:

- To show how to add forces and resolve them into components.
- To express force and position in Cartesian vector form.
- To explain how to determine a vector's magnitude and direction.
- To introduce the dot product and use it to find the angle between two vectors or the projection of one vector onto another.

2.1 SCALARS AND VECTORS

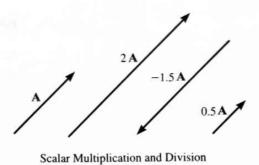
Most of the physical quantities in mechanics can be represented by either scalars or vectors:

- A scalar is a real number e.g., mass, time, volume and length are represented by scalars.
- A vector has both magnitude and direction e.g., force, velocity and acceleration are vectors.

2.2 VECTOR OPERATIONS

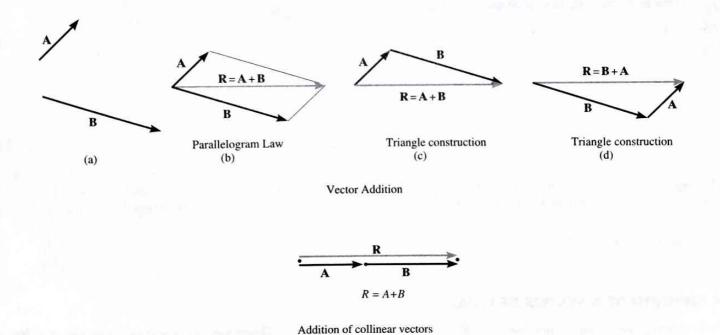
MULTIPLICATION OR DIVISION OF A VECTOR BY A SCALAR

• The product of a vector **A** and a scalar a is a vector a**A** with magnitude |a**A**| = |a| |A|. The direction is the same as that of **A** if a is positive and opposite to that of **A** if a is negative.



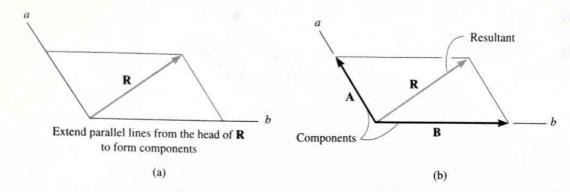
VECTOR ADDITION

• Two vectors **A** and **B** can be added to form a *resultant* vector $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ by using the parallelogram law. If the two vectors are *collinear* (both vectors have the same line of action), the resultant is formed by an algebraic or scalar addition.



RESOLUTION OF A VECTOR

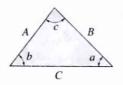
A vector may be resolved into components having known lines of action by using the parallelogram law.



Resolution of a vector

2.3 VECTOR ADDITION OF FORCES

- A force is a vector quantity since it has a specified magnitude and direction. Consequently, forces are added together or resolved into components using the rules of vector algebra.
- Two common problems in statics involve either finding the resultant force given its components or resolving a known force into components.
- Often the magnitude of a resultant force can be determined from the law of cosines, while its direction is determined from the law of sines:



Sine law:

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

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

2.4 ADDITION OF A SYSTEM OF COPLANAR FORCES

In the plane, a force can be resolved into two rectangular components. There are two separate notations for doing this:

- Scalar Notation—we write the force \mathbf{F} as (F_x, F_y) where F_x and F_y are the scalar components of the force \mathbf{F} in the directions of the positive x- and y-axes, respectively. If F_x and F_y are negative, it means that $|F_x|$ and $|F_y|$ are directed along the negative x- and y-axes, respectively.
- Cartesian Vector Notation—we write the force F as

$$\mathbf{F} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j},$$

where i and j represent the positive directions of the x- and y-axes, respectively.

COPLANAR FORCE RESULTANTS

• The resultant of several coplanar forces can easily be determined if an x, y-coordinate system is established and the forces are resolved along the axes. For example,

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = F_{1x}\mathbf{i} + F_{1y}\mathbf{j},$$

 $\mathbf{F}_2 = F_{2x}\mathbf{i} + F_{2y}\mathbf{j},$
 $\mathbf{F}_3 = F_{3x}\mathbf{i} + F_{3y}\mathbf{j},$

then the resultant is given by

$$\mathbf{F}_{R} = \mathbf{F}_{1} + \mathbf{F}_{2} + \mathbf{F}_{3}$$

$$= (F_{1x} + F_{2x} + F_{3x})\mathbf{i} + (F_{1y} + F_{2y} + F_{3y})\mathbf{j}$$

$$= (F_{Rx})\mathbf{i} + (F_{Ry})\mathbf{j}.$$

• In the general case, the x and y components of the resultant of any number of coplanar forces can be represented symbolically by the algebraic sum of the x and y components of all the forces i.e.

$$F_{Rx} = \sum_{x} F_{x},$$

$$F_{Ry} = \sum_{x} F_{y}.$$

• The magnitude and direction of the resultant force are given by:

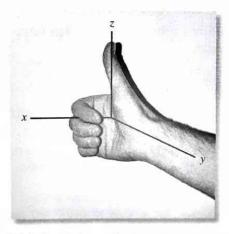
$$|\mathbf{F}_{R}| = F_{R} = \sqrt{F_{Rx}^{2} + F_{Ry}^{2}},$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{F_{Ry}}{F_{Rx}} \right|,$$
(2.0)

respectively.

2.5 CARTESIAN VECTORS

• A Cartesian coordinate system is often used to solve problems in three dimensions. The coordinate system is right-handed which means that the thumb of the right hand points in the direction of the positive z-axis when the right hand fingers are curled about this axis and directed from the positive x toward the positive y-axis.



Right-handed coordinate system.

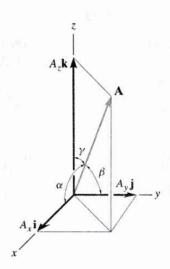
- The unit vector from a vector **A** is given by $\frac{\mathbf{A}}{A}$ where $A \neq 0$ is the magnitude of vector **A**. The unit vector is dimensionless and defines the direction of vector **A**.
- The positive directions of the x, y, z axes are defined by the Cartesian unit vectors \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} , \mathbf{k} , respectively. Consequently, any vector \mathbf{A} with scalar components A_x , A_y and A_z can be written in the Cartesian vector form

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}. \tag{2.1}$$

• The magnitude of vector A is given by

$$|\mathbf{A}| = A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}.$$
 (2.2)

• The direction of vector **A** is defined by the angles α , β and γ measured between the tail of **A** and the positive x, y, z axes located at the tail of **A**.



• The angles α , β and γ are found from their direction cosines

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{A_x}{A}, \cos \beta = \frac{A_y}{A}, \cos \gamma = \frac{A_z}{A}, \quad \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1. \tag{2.3}$$

This means that only two of the angles α , β and γ have to be specified—the third can be found from $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$.

2.6 ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION OF CARTESIAN VECTORS

• To find the resultant of a concurrent force system, express each force as a Cartesian vector and add the i, j, k components of all the forces in the system.

2.7 POSITION VECTORS

- The position vector \mathbf{r} is defined as a fixed vector which locates a point in space relative to another point. For example, from the origin of coordinates O, the point in space P(x, y, z) has position vector $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$.
- More generally, the position vector may be directed from point A to point B in space. In this case, the position vector is again denoted by \mathbf{r} (or sometimes \mathbf{r}_{AB}) and is given by

$$\mathbf{r}_{AB} = \mathbf{r}_B - \mathbf{r}_A \tag{2.4}$$

where \mathbf{r}_B and \mathbf{r}_A are the position vectors of A and B from the origin of coordinates O. For example, if $A(x_A, y_A, z_A)$ and $B(x_B, y_B, z_B)$ then

$$\mathbf{r}_A = x_A \mathbf{i} + y_A \mathbf{j} + z_A \mathbf{k}$$
, $\mathbf{r}_B = x_B \mathbf{i} + y_B \mathbf{j} + z_B \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{r}_{AB} = (x_B - x_A) \mathbf{i} + (y_B - y_A) \mathbf{j} + (z_B - z_A) \mathbf{k}$.

2.8 FORCE VECTOR DIRECTED ALONG A LINE

A force F (with magnitude F) acting in the direction of a line represented by a position vector r can be written
in the form

$$\mathbf{F} = F\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}\right) = F\mathbf{u}$$

where $\mathbf{u} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}$ is a unit vector representing the direction of the line.

2.9 DOT PRODUCT

- The dot product is used to determine
 - The angle between two vectors.
 - The projection of a vector in a specified direction.
- The dot product of two vectors A and B is defined as

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z = AB \cos \theta, \tag{2.5}$$

where A and B are the magnitudes of A and B, respectively, and θ is the angle between the tails of A and B. Consequently,

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{AB}\right).$$

• The dot product is commutative $(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A})$, and distributive $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D}$. Also, if $a \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$a(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = (a\mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \cdot (a\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})a. \tag{2.6}$$

 In some engineering applications, you must resolve a vector into components which are parallel and perpendicular (normal) to a given line (direction). The component of vector A in the direction specified by the unit vector u is given by

$$A_{\parallel} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} = A \cos \theta. \tag{2.7}$$

This component is also referred to as the scalar projection of \mathbf{A} onto the line with direction \mathbf{u} or the component of vector \mathbf{A} parallel to a line with direction \mathbf{u} . Clearly, the vector \mathbf{A}_{\parallel} is defined by $\mathbf{A}_{\parallel} = (A_{\parallel})\mathbf{u}$.

• Once the parallel component has been determined, we can determine the component of A perpendicular (or normal) to a line with direction **u** by

$$A_{\perp} = \sqrt{A^2 - A_{\parallel}^2}. (2.8)$$

Clearly, in terms of vectors,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \| + \mathbf{A} \bot.$$

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Be aware of the differences between vectors and scalars. For example, force, velocity and acceleration are vectors
 while speed, time and distance are scalars. If you are asked to find a vector (e.g., a force) you must report both
 magnitude and direction.
- Vector operations are essential in describing the basic principles of mechanics. Make sure you take the time to review basic vector algebra. It doesn't take long but the payoff (in terms of your effectiveness in mechanics) is significant.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. How are the scalar components of a vector defined in terms of a Cartesian coordinate system?
- 2. If you know the scalar components of a vector, how can you determine its magnitude and direction?
- 3. Suppose you know the coordinates of two points A and B. How do you determine the scalar components of the position vector of point B relative to point A?
- 4. How do you identify a right-handed coordinate system?
- 5. What are the direction cosines of a vector? If you know them, how do you determine the components of the vector?
- 6. What is the definition of the dot product? Is the dot product a vector or a scalar?
- 7. If the dot product of two vectors is zero, what does that mean?
- 8. If you know the components of two vectors A and B, how can you determine their dot product?
- 9. Simplify
 - i. $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D})$
 - ii. $(aA) \cdot B$ where a is a scalar.
- 10. How can you use the dot product to determine the components of a vector parallel and perpendicular to a line?

Equilibrium of a Particle

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER

In this chapter we:

- Introduce the concept of the free-body diagram for an object modelled as a particle (an object with mass but negligible shape/size—henceforth referred to simply as a *particle*).
- Show how to solve particle equilibrium problems using the equations of equilibrium.

3.1 CONDITION FOR THE EQUILIBRIUM OF A PARTICLE

A particle is in equilibrium provided it is at rest if originally at rest (static equilibrium) or has a constant velocity if originally in motion.

• To maintain equilibrium it is necessary and sufficient that the *resultant force* acting on a particle be equal to zero. In terms of Newton's laws of motion, this is expressed mathematically as:

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0} \tag{3.0}$$

where $\sum \mathbf{F}$ is the vector sum of all forces acting on the particle.

3.2 THE FREE-BODY DIAGRAM

To apply the equation of equilibrium (3.0), we must account for all the known and unknown forces ($\sum \mathbf{F}$) which act on the particle. The easiest way to do this is to draw a *free-body diagram*.

- A free-body diagram is simply a sketch which shows the particle 'free' from its surroundings with *all* the forces that act on it. There are three main steps:
 - Draw Outlined Shape. Imagine the particle to be isolated or cut 'free' from its surroundings by drawing its outlined shape.
 - ◆ Show all Forces. Indicate on this sketch all the forces that act on the particle—it may help to carefully trace around the particle's boundary, noting each force acting.
 - ◆ Identify Each Force. The forces which are known should be labeled with their proper magnitudes and directions. Letters are used to represent the magnitudes and directions of forces that are unknown.

- * Connections—there are two types of connections often encountered in particle equilibrium problems:
 - (a) Springs—The magnitude of force exerted on a linear elastic spring with stiffness k, deformed a distance s measured from its unloaded position is

$$F = ks. (3.1)$$

Here s is determined from the difference in the spring's deformed length and its undeformed length.

(b) Cables and Pulleys—Assume cables (or cords) have negligible weight and cannot stretch. Also, a cable can support only tension which always acts in the direction of the cable.

There are several examples and practice problems, as well as much more on drawing free-body diagrams in Part II of this study pack.

3.3 COPLANAR FORCE SYSTEMS

Coplanar force equilibrium problems for a particle can be solved using the following procedure.

1. Free-Body Diagram

- Establish the x, y axes in any suitable orientation.
- Label all the known and unknown force magnitudes and directions on the diagram.
- The sense of a force having an unknown magnitude can be assumed.

2. Equations of Equilibrium

• Resolve each force into its $\mathbf{i}(x)$ and $\mathbf{j}(y)$ components and apply the scalar equations of equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = 0, \quad \sum F_y = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

(the algebraic sum of the x and y components of all the forces acting on the particle equal to zero).

- Components are positive if they are directed along a positive axis and negative if they are directed along a
 negative axis.
- If more than two unknowns exist and the problem involves a spring, apply F = ks to relate the spring force to the deformation s of the spring.
- If the solution yields a negative result, this indicates the sense of the force is the reverse of that shown on the free-body diagram.

3.4 THREE-DIMENSIONAL FORCE SYSTEMS

Three-dimensional force equilibrium problems for a particle can be solved using the following procedure.

1. Free-Body Diagram

- Establish the x, y, z axes in any suitable orientation.
- Label all the known and unknown force magnitudes and directions on the diagram.
- The sense of a force having an unknown magnitude can be assumed.

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2. Equations of Equilibrium

• When it's easy to do so, resolve each force into its $\mathbf{i}(x)$, $\mathbf{j}(y)$, and $\mathbf{k}(z)$ components and apply the scalar equations of equilibrium

$$\sum F_x = 0, \quad \sum F_y = 0, \quad \sum F_z = 0.$$
 (3.3)

(the algebraic sum of the x, y and z components of all the forces acting on the particle equal to zero).

• If the three-dimensional geometry appears difficult, then first express each force as a Cartesian vector and substitute these vectors into the *vector equation of equilibrium* (3.0)

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

and then set the i, j and k components equal to zero.

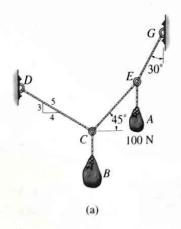
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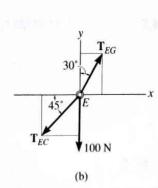
HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Since we must account for all the forces acting on the (object modelled as a) particle when applying the equations
 of equilibrium, the importance of first drawing a free-body diagram cannot be over-emphasized.
- One of the most common mistakes made in writing equilibrium conditions is forgetting to include all of the forces acting. When drawn carefully, a free-body diagram will make it easier for you to identify *all* the forces acting.
- Use Part II of this supplement to get lots of practice in drawing free-body diagrams and applying the equations
 of equilibrium for a particle.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is meant by 'equilibrium of a particle'?
- 2. What do you know about the sum of the external forces acting on an object modelled as a particle in equilibrium?
- 3. What are the steps in drawing a free-body diagram?
- 4. What is a coplanar force system?
- 5. What is a three-dimensional system of forces?
- 6. What is the difference between equilibrium of coplanar and three-dimensional force systems?
- 7. What is the relation between the magnitude of the force exerted on a linear spring and the change in its length?
- 8. The following is the correct free-body diagram for the ring at E. True or False?





Force System Resultants

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

• To discuss the concept of the moment of a force and show how to calculate it in two and three dimensions.

• To provide a method for finding the moment of a force about a specified axis.

• To define the moment of a couple.

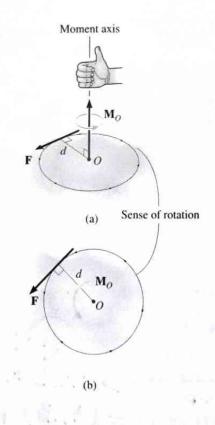
• To present methods for determining the resultants of nonconcurrent force systems.

• To indicate how to reduce a simple distributed loading to a resultant force having a specified location.

4.1 MOMENT OF A FORCE—SCALAR FORMULATION

The moment Mo of a force F about an axis passing through a specific point O provides a measure of the tendency of the force to cause the body to rotate about the axis (sometimes referred to as a torque). Clearly the moment is a vector and so has both magnitude and direction.
The magnitude of the moment is determined from Mo = Fd, where d is the perpendicular or shortest distance from point O to the line of action of the force F.
Using the right-hand rule, the direction (sense) of rotation is indicated by the fingers with the thumb directed along the moment axis or line of action of the moment.

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• If a system of forces lies in the x-y plane, then the moment produced by each force about point O will be directed along the z-axis. The resultant moment \mathbf{M}_{R_O} of the system can be determined by simply adding the moments of all the forces algebraically since all the moment vectors are collinear i.e.

Here the counterclockwise curl written alongside the equation indicates that the moment of any force will be positive if it is directed along the z-axis, whereas a negative moment is directed along the z-axis.

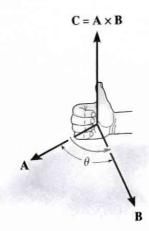
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4.2 CROSS PRODUCT

- The cross product of two vectors **A** and **B** yields a vector **C** written $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$.

 - The magnitude of vector C is given by $AB \sin \theta$ where θ is the angle between the tails of A and B.
 Vector C has a direction which is perpendicular to the plane containing A and B such that C is specified by the right-hand rule i.e., curling the fingers of the right hand from vector A (cross) to vector B, the thumb then points in the direction of C.





LAWS OF OPERATION

- CARTESIAN VECTOR FORMULATION

• To find the cross product of any two Cartesian vectors A and B we use the determinant

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}. \tag{4.0}$$

• The following useful results can be obtained by applying the right-hand rule and don't need to be memorized.

$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k},$	$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} = 0$
$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}$	$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k},$	$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} = 0$
$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j},$	$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i},$	$\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} = 0$.

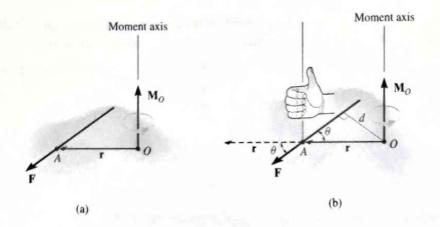
4.3 MOMENT OF A FORCE—VECTOR FORMULATION

In three-dimensions it is preferable to use the vector cross product to determine the moment:

• The moment M_O of a force F about the moment axis passing through point O and perpendicular to the plane containing O and F can be represented by

$$\mathbf{M}_{O} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ r_{x} & r_{y} & r_{z} \\ F_{x} & F_{y} & F_{z} \end{vmatrix}, \tag{4.1}$$

where r represents a position vector drawn from O to any point lying on the line of action of F.



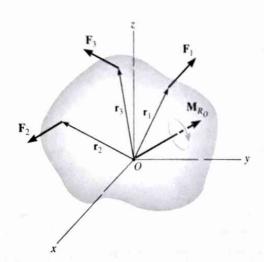
PRINCIPLE OF TRANSMISSIBILITY

• Since in (4.1), **r** can extend from O to any point on the line of action of **F**, **F** is a sliding vector and can act at any point along its line of action and create the same moment about point O.

RESULTANT MOMENT OF A SYSTEM OF FORCES

• If a body is acted upon by a system of n forces, the resultant moment about O is just the vector sum of the individual moments:

$$\mathbf{M}_{R_O} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{F}_i).$$



4.4 PRINCIPLE OF MOMENTS

• The principle of moments (Varignon's theorem) states that the moment of a force about a point is equal to the sum of the moments of the force's components about the point. This is particularly convenient since it is often easier to determine the moments of a force's components rather than the moment of the force itself (e.g., in two dimensions).

4.5 MOMENT OF A FORCE ABOUT A SPECIFIED AXIS

Recall that when the moment of a force is computed about a point, the moment and its axis are *always* perpendicular to the plane containing the force and the moment arm. In some problems it is important to find the *component* of this moment about a *specified axis* that passes through the point.

- In terms of a scalar analysis, the moment of a force \mathbf{F} about a specified axis can be determined provided the perpendicular distance d_a from both the force line of action and the axis can be determined. Then $M_a = F d_a$.
- In terms of vector analysis, the component $M_a = \mathbf{u}_a \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})$, where \mathbf{u}_a defines the direction of the axis and \mathbf{r} is directed from *any point* on the axis to *any point* on the line of action of the force. The quantity $\mathbf{u}_a \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F})$ is called a triple scalar product and can be computed using the determinant

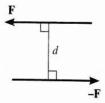
$$\mathbf{u}_a \cdot (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}) = \begin{vmatrix} u_{a_x} & u_{a_y} & u_{a_z} \\ r_x & r_y & r_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Once M_a is determined, we can express \mathbf{M}_a as a Cartesian vector, namely $\mathbf{M}_a = M_a \mathbf{u}_a$.

• If M_a is calculated as a negative scalar then the sense of direction of \mathbf{M}_a is opposite to \mathbf{u}_a .

4.6 MOMENT OF A COUPLE

A couple is defined as two parallel forces that have the same magnitude, opposite directions, and are separated
by a perpendicular distance d. Since the resultant force is zero, the only effect of a couple is to produce a rotation
in a specified direction.



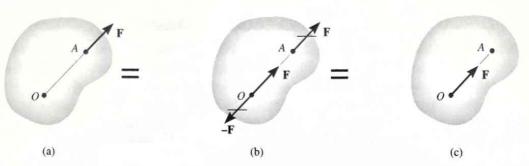
- The moment produced by a couple is called a *couple moment* which is a free vector and, as a result, it causes the same effect of rotation on a body regardless of where the couple moment is applied to the body. Consequently, the couple moment can be computed about *any* point. For convenience, this point is often chosen on the line of action of one of the forces in the couple.
- The couple moment is easily determined from the vector formulation $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ where \mathbf{r} is directed from any point on the line of action of one of the forces to any point on the line of action of the other force \mathbf{F} .
- A resultant couple moment is simply the vector sum of all the couple moments of the system.

4.7 SIMPLIFICATION OF A FORCE AND COUPLE SYSTEM

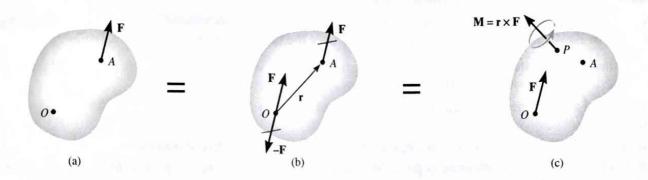
A force has the effect of both translating and rotating a body and the amount by which it does so depends on where and how the force is applied. It is possible, however, to replace a system of forces and couple moments acting on means that the system and the resultant force and couple moment acting at a specified point O. Here equivalent two cases to consider:

• Point O is on the Line of Action of the Force—simply slide the force along its line of action to the point O.

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 Point O is not on the Line of Action of the Force—move the force to the point O and add a couple moment anywhere to the body.



Next, we show how to determine the equivalent resultants mentioned above.

• To simplify any force and couple moment system to a resultant force acting at point O and a resultant couple moment we use the following equations

$$\mathbf{F}_{R} = \sum_{C} \mathbf{F},$$

$$(\mathbf{M}_{R})_{O} = \sum_{C} \mathbf{M}_{C} + \sum_{C} \mathbf{M}_{O}$$
(4.2)

The first equation states that the resultant force of the system is equivalent to the sum of all the forces. The second equation states that the resultant couple moment of the system is equivalent to the sum of all the couple moments $\sum \mathbf{M}_{C}$ plus the moments $\sum \mathbf{M}_{O}$ about point O of all the forces.

- The following tips may prove useful when applying equations (4.2):
 - ◆ Establish the coordinate axes with the origin located at point O and the axes having a selected orientation.
 - If the force system lies in the x-y plane, and any couple moments are perpendicular to this plane i.e. along the z-axis, the equations (4.2) reduce to the scalar equations:

$$(F_R)_x = \sum F_x,$$

$$(F_R)_y = \sum F_y$$

$$(M_R)_O = \sum M_C + \sum M_O.$$

4.8 FURTHER SIMPLIFICATION OF A FORCE AND COUPLE SYSTEM

- In certain special circumstances (when the system of forces is either concurrent, coplanar or parallel), the system of forces and couple moments acting on a rigid body reduces at point O to a resultant force \mathbf{F}_R and a resultant couple moment $(\mathbf{M}_R)_O$ which are perpendicular to one another. When this occurs, it is possible to further simplify the force and couple moment system by moving \mathbf{F}_R to another point P (on or off the body) so that no resultant couple moment has to be applied to the body. That is, only the force resultant will have to be applied to the body (at P). The location of point P measured from point O can always be determined provided \mathbf{F}_R and $(\mathbf{M}_R)_O$ are known.
- Reduction to a Wrench—A general force and couple moment system acting on a body will reduce to a single resultant force F_R and a resultant couple moment (M_R)_O at O which are not perpendicular to one another. In this case the force and couple moment system acting on a body can be reduced to a wrench or screw: a combination of a collinear force and couple moment

4.9 REDUCTION OF A SIMPLE DISTRIBUTED LOADING

In many situations a very large surface area of a body may be subjected to distributed loadings such as those caused by wind, fluids or simply the weight of material supported over the body's surface.

- Distributed loadings are defined by using a loading function w = w(x) that indicates the intensity of the loading along the length of the member. This intensity is measured in N/m or lb/ft.
- The external effects caused by a coplanar distributed load acting on a body can be represented by a single resultant force.
- The magnitude of the resultant force is equal to the total area under the distributed loading diagram $w=w\left(x\right)$.
- The location of the resultant force is given by the fact that it's line of action passes through the centroid or geometric center of this area.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

 Be aware of the difference between the cross product and the dot product of two vectors. The former is a vector while the latter is a scalar. Also

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{BUT} \quad \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} \quad (= -(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}))$$

 The right-hand rule is essential in the calculation of moments. You should be able to apply this rule quickly and accurately.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is meant by a moment? Is it a vector or a scalar?
- 2. What's the magnitude of the moment of a force about a point?
- 3. How do you calculate the sense (direction) of a moment?
- **4.** If the line of action of a force passes through a point P, what do you know about the moment of the force about P?
- 5. If you know the components of two vectors **A** and **B**, how do you determine their cross product? Is the cross-product a vector or a scalar?
- **6.** If $A \times B = 0$, what does this mean?
- 7. When you use the equation $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ to determine the moment of a force \mathbf{F} about O, how do you choose \mathbf{r} ?
- 8. If you know the components of the vector $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$, how can you determine the product of the magnitude of \mathbf{F} and the perpendicular distance d from O to the line of action of \mathbf{F} ?
- 9. How do you figure out the sense of the moment of **F** about O using the formula $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$?

- 10. How would you calculate the moment exerted about a point O by a couple consisting of forces F and -F?
- 11. True or false? The moment of a couple about O is different than the moment of the same couple about $P \neq O$?
- 12. What is meant by an equivalent system?
- 13. How do we replace a system of forces and couple moments acting on a body with an equivalent single resultant force and couple moment acting at a specified point O? What are the relevant equations?
- 14. Define what is meant by a wrench. When does a force and couple moment system acting on a body reduce to a wrench?
- 15. How is the resultant force exerted by a coplanar distributed load acting on a body determined from the function w(x)?

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Equilibrium of a Rigid Body

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To develop the equations of equilibrium for a rigid body.
- To introduce the concept of the free-body diagram for a rigid body.
- To show how to solve rigid body equilibrium problems using the equations of equilibrium.

5.1 CONDITIONS FOR RIGID-BODY EQUILIBRIUM

A *rigid body* is the next level of sophistication (after the particle) in the modelling of an object. Basically we 'add' size/shape to the existing model of a particle. Consequently, the main difference between a particle and a rigid body is that a rigid body can support moments. To obtain equations for the equilibrium of a rigid body, therefore, we need to supplement the equations of particle equilibrium with an expression of moment balance.

• The two equations of equilibrium for a rigid body are

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\sum \mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{0},$$

where O is an arbitrary point.

EQUILIBRIUM IN TWO DIMENSIONS

5.2 FREE-BODY DIAGRAMS

- No equilibrium problem should be solved without first drawing the free-body diagram, so as to account for all
 the forces and couple moments that act on the body.
- Part II of this study pack is devoted to the drawing of free-body diagrams including, specifically, free-body
 diagrams for rigid body equilibrium in two dimensions. Study Part II of this study pack making special note of
 the following important points:

- If a support prevents translation of a body in a particular direction, then the support exerts a force on the body in that direction.
- If rotation is prevented, then the support exerts a couple moment on the body.
- Study Table 2.1 in Part II of this supplement (or Table 5-1 of the text).
- Internal forces are never shown on the free-body diagram since they occur in equal but opposite collinear pairs and therefore cancel out.
 - The weight of a body is an external force and its effect is shown as a single resultant force acting through the body's center of gravity G.
- Couple moments can be placed anywhere on the free-body diagram since they are free vectors. Forces can
 act at any point along their lines of action since they are sliding vectors.

5.3 EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM

 When the body is subjected to a system of forces which all lie in the x-y plane, the forces can be resolved into their x and y components. Consequently, the conditions for equilibrium in two dimensions can be written in scalar form as:

$$\sum F_x = 0,$$

$$\sum F_y = 0,$$

$$\sum M_O = 0,$$
(5.0)

where $\sum M_O$ represents the algebraic sum of the couple moments and moments of all the force components about an axis perpendicular to the xy-plane and passing through an arbitrary point O (on or off the body).

TWO ALTERNATIVE SETS OF EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS

$$\sum F_a = 0,$$

$$\sum M_A = 0,$$

$$\sum M_B = 0.$$

Here, the only requirement is that a line passing through points A and B is not perpendicular to the a-axis.

$$\sum M_A = 0,$$

$$\sum M_B = 0,$$

$$\sum M_C = 0.$$

Here, the only requirement is that points A, B and C do not lie on the same line.

PROCEDURE FOR SOLVING COPLANAR FORCE EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS

Free-Body Diagram

- Establish the x, y coordinate axes in any suitable orientation.
- Draw an outlined shape of the body.
- Show all the forces and couple moments acting on the body.
- Label all the loadings and specify their directions relative to the xy-axes.
- Indicate the dimensions of the body necessary for computing the moments of forces.

Equations of Equilibrium

- Apply the moment equation of equilibrium ($\sum M_O = 0$) about a point O that lies at the intersection of the lines of action of two unknown forces. In this way, the moments of these unknowns are zero about O, and a direct solution for the third unknown can be determined.
- When applying the force equilibrium equations ($\sum F_x = 0$ and $\sum F_y = 0$), orient the x and y axes along lines that will provide the simplest resolution of the forces into their x and y components.
- If the solution of the equilibrium equations yields a negative scalar for a force or couple moment magnitude,
 it means that the sense is opposite to that which was assumed on the free-body diagram.

5.4 TWO- AND THREE- FORCE MEMBERS

The solution to some equilibrium problems can be simplified if one is able to recognize members that are subjected to only two or three forces.

- Two-Force Members—When a member is subjected to *no couple moments* and forces applied at only two points A and B on a member, the member is called a *two-force member*. In this case, for the member to be in equilibrium, it is necessary that the *resultant* forces at A and B must be *equal*, *opposite and collinear*. The line of action of both (resultant) forces is known since it always passes through A and B. Hence only the force magnitude (remember both resultants are equal in magnitude!) needs to be determined or stated.
- Three-Force Members—When a member is subjected to *only three forces*, it is necessary that the forces be *either concurrent or parallel* for the member to be in equilibrium. Once the point of concurrency O (where the lines of action of the forces intersect) is identified, then necessarily $\sum M_O = 0$. If two of the three forces are parallel, the point of concurrency O, is said to be at "infinity" and the third force must be parallel to the other two forces to intersect at this "point."

EQUILIBRIUM IN THREE DIMENSIONS

5.5 FREE-BODY DIAGRAMS

The first step in solving three-dimensional equilibrium problems, as in the case of two dimensions, is to *draw a free-body diagram*. The general procedure for doing this is the same as that outlined for the two-dimensional case in Section 5.2 of the text. However, there are a few subtle differences of which you should be aware:

- It is necessary to be familiar with the different types of reactive forces and couple moments acting at various types
 of supports and connections when members are viewed in three dimensions. It is important to recognize the
 symbols used to represent each of these supports and to understand clearly how the forces and couple moments
 are developed by each support. These are summarized in Table 5-2 of the text. Remember:
 - As in the two-dimensional case, a force is developed by a support that restricts the translation of the attached member, whereas a couple moment is developed when rotation of the attached member is prevented.

5.6 EQUATIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM

When the body is subjected to a three-dimensional force system, equilibrium requires that the resultant force and resultant couple moment acting on the body be equal to zero.

• In vector form the two equilibrium equations are

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\sum \mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{0},$$

where $\sum \mathbf{F}$ is the vector sum of all the external forces acting on the body and $\sum \mathbf{M}_O$ is the sum of the couple moments and the moments of all the forces about any point O (on or off the body).

Writing

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \sum F_x \mathbf{i} + \sum F_y \mathbf{j} + \sum F_z \mathbf{k},$$

$$\sum \mathbf{M}_O = \sum M_x \mathbf{i} + \sum M_y \mathbf{j} + \sum M_z \mathbf{k},$$

The six scalar equilibrium equations are

$$\sum F_x = 0, \quad \sum F_y = 0, \quad \sum F_z = 0, \sum M_x = 0, \quad \sum M_y = 0, \quad \sum M_z = 0.$$
 (5.1)

5.7 CONSTRAINTS AND STATISTICAL DETERMINANCY

To ensure equilibrium of a rigid body, it is not only necessary to satisfy the equations of equilibrium, but the body must also be properly held or constrained by its supports.

- Redundant Constraints. When a body has redundant supports, that is, more supports than are necessary to hold it in equilibrium, it becomes statically indeterminate. This means that there will be more unknown loadings on the body than equations of equilibrium available for their solution. The additional equations needed to solve indeterminate problems are generally obtained from the deformation conditions at the points of support. These equations involve modelling the body not as a rigid body but as a deformable body (the next level of sophistication). This is done in courses dealing with "mechanics of materials."
- Improper Constraints. In some cases, there may be as many unknown forces on the body as there are equations of equilibrium; however, instability of the body may develop because of improper constraining by the supports. When this happens, either the number of available equilibrium equations is reduced by one (making the system indeterminate) or we will not be able to satisfy all the equilibrium equations. Proper constraining (avoiding instability of a body) requires
 - 1. The lines of action of the reactive forces do not intersect a common axis and
 - 2. The reactive forces must not all be parallel to one another.

When the minimum number of reactive forces is needed to properly constrain the body in question, the problem will be *statically determinate* and therefore the equations of equilibrium can be used to determine *all* the reactive forces.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- The first step in solving equilibrium problems is to draw a free-body diagram. Don't try to skip this stage no matter how trivial you think it is!
- Make the free-body diagram as clear and concise as possible. It will aid your understanding of the problem and
 it will help you construct the equilibrium equations.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is there no moment equilibrium equation for a body modelled as a particle?
- 2. Write down the six independent scalar equilibrium equations for a rigid body in three dimensions. Adapt these equations to the two-dimensional case explaining why there are now only three independent equations.
- 3. What does it mean when an object is said to have redundant supports.
- 4. How do you know if an object is statically indeterminate as a result of redundant supports?
- 5. How do you avoid instability of a body due to improper constraining?

Structural Analysis

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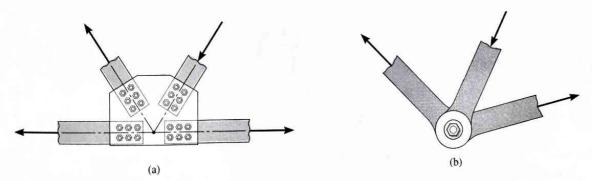
MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

To show how to/determine the forces in the members of a truss using the method of joints and the method of sections.

• To analyze the forces acting on the members of frames and machines composed of pin-connected members.

6.1 SIMPLE TRUSSES

A truss is a structure composed of slender members joined together at their end points. The members are usually wooden struts or metal bars. The joint connections are usually formed by bolting or welding the ends of the members to a common plate called a gusset plate, or by simply passing a large bolt or pin through each of the members.



- Planar Trusses lie in a single plane and are often used to support roofs and bridges.
- Assumptions for Design. To design both the members and the connections of a truss, it is first necessary to determine the force developed in each member when the truss is subjected to a given loading. The following assumptions allow us to consider each truss member as a two-force member so that the forces at the ends of the member must be directed along the axis of the member.
 - All loadings are applied at the joints.
 - The members are joined together by smooth pins.

• Simple Trusses. To prevent collapse, the form of a truss must be rigid. The simplest form which is rigid or stable is a *triangle*. Consequently, a *simple truss* is constructed by *starting* with a basic triangular element. Additional elements consisting of two members and a joint are added to the triangular element to form a *simple truss*.

6.2 THE METHOD OF JOINTS

In order to analyze or design a truss, we must obtain the force in each of its members. To do this, we consider the equilibrium of a joint of the truss. This is the basis for the method of joints.

Since the truss members are all straight two-force members lying in the same plane, the force system acting at
each joint is coplanar and concurrent. Consequently, moment equilibrium is automatically satisfied at the joint
and it is only necessary to satisfy two independent scalar force equilibrium equations.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYZING A (PLANAR) TRUSS USING THE METHOD OF JOINTS

- Draw the free-body diagram of a joint having at least one known force and at most two unknown forces. (If this joint is at one of the supports, it generally will be necessary to know the external reactions at the truss support).
- Establish the sense of an unknown force by either:
 - Assuming that the unknown force is in tension and interpreting negative scalar results as members in compression. OR
 - By inspection.
- Orient the x and y axes such that the forces on the free-body diagram can be easily resolved into their x and y components and then apply the two force equilibrium equations $\sum F_x = 0$ and $\sum F_y = 0$. Solve for the two unknown member forces and verify their correct sense.
- Continue to analyze each of the other joints as above.
- Once the force in a member is found from the analysis of a joint at one of its ends, the result can be used to analyze the forces acting on the joint at its other end. Remember that a member in *compression pushes* on the joint and a member in *tension pulls* on the joint.

6.3 ZERO FORCE MEMBERS

Truss analysis using the method of joints is greatly simplified if one is first able to determine those members which support no loading. These *zero-force members* are used to increase stability of the truss during construction and to provide support if the applied loading is changed.

Zero-force members of a truss are generally determined by inspection of each of its joints. As a general rule:
 If only two members form a truss joint and no external load or support reaction is applied to the joint, the members must be zero force members.

If three members form a truss joint for which two of the members are collinear, the third member is a zero force member provided no external force or support reaction is applied to the joint.

6.4 THE METHOD OF SECTIONS

The method of sections is used to determine the loadings acting within a body. It is based on the principle that if a body is in equilibrium then any part (section) of the body is also in equilibrium.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYZING THE FORCES IN THE MEMBERS OF A TRUSS USING THE METHOD OF SECTIONS

Free-Body Diagram

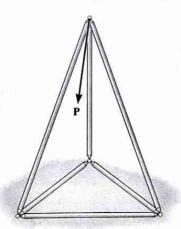
- Make a decision as to how to "cut" or section the truss through the members where forces are to be determined.
- Before isolating the appropriate section, it may first be necessary to determine the truss' external reactions.
 Then three equilibrium equations are available to solve for member forces at the cut section
- Draw the free-body diagram of that part of the sectioned truss which has the least number of forces acting on it.
- Establish the sense of an unknown member force by either:
 - * Assuming that the unknown member force is in *tension* and interpreting negative scalar results as members in *compression*. OR
 - * By inspection.

• Equations of Equilibrium

- Moments should be summed about a point that lies at the intersection of the lines of action of two unknown forces, so that the third unknown force is determined directly from the moment equation.
- If two of the unknown forces are parallel, forces may be summed perpendicular to the direction of these
 unknowns to determine directly the third unknown force.

6.5 SPACE TRUSSES

A space truss consists of members joined together at their ends to form a stable three-dimensional structure. The simplest element of a space truss is a tetrahedron, formed by connecting six members together.



Either the *method of joints* or the *method of sections* can be used to determine the forces developed in the members of a simple space truss:

• **Method of Joints**. If the forces in *all* the members of the truss must be determined, the method of joints is most suitable for the analysis. Solve the three scalar equilibrium equations $\sum F_x = 0$, $\sum F_y = 0$ and $\sum F_z = 0$ at each joint. The solution of many simultaneous equations can be avoided if the force analysis begins at a joint having at least one known force and at most three unknown forces. Use a Cartesian vector analysis if the three-dimensional geometry of the force-system at the joint is hard to visualize.

• Method of Sections. If only a few member forces are to be determined, the method of sections is most suitable. When an imaginary section is passed through a truss and the truss is separated into two parts, the force system acting on one of the parts must satisfy the six scalar equilibrium equations $\sum F_x = 0$, $\sum F_y = 0$, $\sum F_z = 0$, $\sum M_x = 0$ and $\sum M_y = 0$ and $\sum M_z = 0$. By proper choice of the section and axes for summing forces and moments, many of the unknown member forces in a space truss can be computed directly using a single equilibrium equation.

6.6 FRAMES AND MACHINES

Frames and machines are two common types of structures which are often composed of pin-connected *multiforce* members. *Frames* are generally stationary and are used to support loads while *machines* contain moving parts and are designed to transmit and alter the effect of forces. Once the forces at the joints are obtained (see below) it is then possible to *design* the size of the members, connections and supports using the theory of mechanics of materials (deformable bodies) and an appropriate engineering design code.

PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE JOINT REACTIONS ON FRAMES OR MACHINES COMPOSED OF MULTIFORCE MEMBERS

• Free-Body Diagram

- Draw the free-body diagram of the entire structure, a portion of the structure, or each of its members. The
 choice should be made so that it leads to the most direct solution of the problem.
- When the free-body diagram of a group of members of a structure is drawn, the forces at the connected parts of this group are *internal* forces and are not shown on the free-body diagram of the group.
- Forces common to two members which are in contact act with equal magnitude but opposite sense on the respective free-body diagrams of the members.
- Two-force members, regardless of their shape, have equal but opposite collinear forces acting at the ends of the member.
- In many cases it is possible to tell by inspection the proper sense of the unknown forces acting on a member; however, if this seems difficult, the sense can be assumed.
- A couple moment is a free vector and can act at any point on the free-body diagram. Also, a force vector
 is a sliding vector and can act at any point along its line of action.

Equations of Equilibrium

- Count the number of unknowns and compare it to the total number of equilibrium equations that are available, In two dimensions, there are three equilibrium equations that can be written for each member.
- Sum moments about a point that lies at the intersection of the lines of action of as many unknown forces as possible
- If the solution of a force or couple moment magnitude is negative, it means that the sense is the reverse of that shown on the free-body diagrams.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- The importance of drawing and using a clear and concise free-body diagram cannot be overstated.
- As in most mechanics problems, *practice* is the key. Make sure you read Examples 6-9 through 6-13 in the text and attempt to draw the requested free-body diagrams *yourself*. When doing so, make sure the work is neat and that all the forces and couple moments are properly labelled.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is a truss?
- 2. What assumptions allow us to consider a truss member as a two-force member?
- 3. What is the method of joints?
- 4. How many independent scalar equilibrium equations are available from the free-body diagram of a joint?
- 5. What is the method of sections?
- 6. What methods are available to determine the forces developed in the members of a simple space truss?
- 7. What's the difference between a frame and a machine?
- 8. When the free-body diagram of a group of members of a structure is drawn, the forces at the connected parts of this group are not shown on the free-body diagram of the group. Why?

Internal Forces

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To show how to use the method of sections for determining the internal loadings in a member.
- To generalize this procedure by formulating equations that can be plotted so that they describe the internal shear and moment throughout a member.
- To analyze the forces and study the geometry of cables supporting a load.

7.1 INTERNAL FORCES DEVELOPED IN STRUCTURAL MEMBERS

The design of any structural or mechanical member requires an investigation of **both** the external loads and reactions acting on the member **and** the loading acting within the member—in order to be sure the material can resist this loading. These internal loadings can be determined using the method of sections.

The idea is to cut an 'imaginary section' through the member so that the internal loadings (of interest) at the section become external on the free-body diagram of the section.

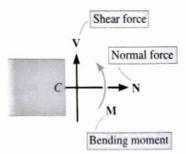
PROCEDURE FOR FINDING THE INTERNAL LOADINGS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN A MEMBER USING THE METHOD OF SECTIONS

Support Reactions

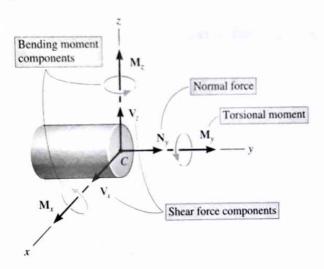
- Before the member is "cut" or "sectioned," it may first be necessary to determine the member's support reactions, so that the equilibrium equations are used only to solve for the internal loadings when the member is sectioned.
- ◆ If the member is part of a *frame or machine*, the reactions at its connections are determined using the methods outlined in Section 6.6.

Free-Body Diagram

- Keep all distributed loadings, couple moments and forces acting on the member in their exact locations, then pass an imaginary section through the member, perpendicular to its axis at the point where the internal loading is to be determined.
- ◆ After the section is made, draw a free-body diagram of the segment that has the least number of loads on it, and indicate the x, y, z components of the force and couple moment resultants at the section.
- ◆ If the member is subjected to a coplanar system of forces, only N (normal force), V (shear force), and M (bending moment) act at the section.



In three dimensions, a general internal force and couple moment resultant will act at the section.



◆ In many cases it may be possible to tell by inspection the proper sense of the unknown loadings; however, if this seems difficult, the sense can be assumed.

• Equations of Equilibrium

- Moments should be summed at the section about axes passing through the centroid or geometric center of the member's cross-sectional area in order to eliminate the unknown normal and shear forces and thereby obtain direct solutions for the moment components.
- ◆ If the solutions of the equilibrium equations yields a negative scalar, the assumed sense of the quantity is opposite to that shown on the free-body diagram.

7.2 SHEAR AND MOMENT EQUATIONS AND DIAGRAMS

Beams are designed to support loads *perpendicular* to their axes. The actual design of a *beam* requires a detailed knowledge of the *variation* of the internal shear force V and bending moment M acting at *each point* along the axis of the beam. After this, the theory of mechanics of materials is used with an appropriate engineering design code to determine the beam's required cross-sectional area.

The variations of V and M as functions of the position x along the beam's axis can be obtained using the method of sections (Section 7.1). However, it is necessary to section the beam at an arbitrary distance x from one end rather than at a specified point. If the results are plotted, the graphical variations of V and M as functions of x are termed the shear diagram and bending moment diagram, respectively.

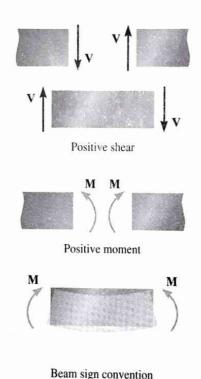
These diagrams can be constructed as follows:

Support Reactions

◆ Determine all the reactive forces and couple moments acting on the beam and resolve all the forces into components acting perpendicular and parallel to the beam's axis.

• Shear and Moment Functions

- ◆ Specify separate coordinates x having an origin at the beam's left end and extending to regions of the beam between concentrated forces and/or couple moments, or where there is no discontinuity of distributed loading.
- ◆ Section the beam perpendicular to its axis at each distance x and draw the free-body diagram of one of the segments. Be sure V and M are shown acting in their *positive sense* in accordance with the following sign convention:



- lacktriangle The shear V is obtained by summing forces perpendicular to the beam's axis.
- lacktriangle The moment M is obtained by summing moments about the sectioned end of the segment.

Shear and Moment Diagrams

- Plot the shear diagram (V versus x) and the moment diagram (M versus x). If the computed values of the functions describing V and M are positive, the values are plotted above the x-axis, whereas negative values are plotted below the x-axis.
- ◆ Generally, it is convenient to plot the shear and bending-moment diagrams directly below the free-body diagram of the beam. See Examples 7-7 and 7-8 in the text.

7.3 RELATIONS BETWEEN DISTRIBUTED LOAD, SHEAR, AND MOMENT

In cases where a beam is subjected to several concentrated forces, couple moments, and distributed loads, the method of constructing the shear and bending moment diagrams may become quite tedious. In this section a simpler method for constructing these diagrams is presented—based on differential relations that exist between the load, shear, and bending moment. The following are the main points:

• The slope of the shear diagram is equal to the negative of the intensity of the distributed loading, where positive distributed loading is downward i.e.

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -w(x). (7.0)$$

- If a concentrated force acts downward on the beam, the shear will jump downward by the amount of the force.
- The change in the shear ΔV between two points is equal to the *negative of the area* under the distributed-loading curve between the points.
- The slope of the moment diagram is equal to the shear i.e.

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = V. (7.1)$$

- The change in the moment ΔM between two points is equal to the *area* under the shear diagram between the two points.
- If a *clockwise* couple moment acts on the beam, the shear will not be affected, however, the moment diagram will jump *upward* by the amount of the moment.
- Points of zero shear represent points of maximum or minimum moment since

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = 0. (7.2)$$

7.4 CABLES

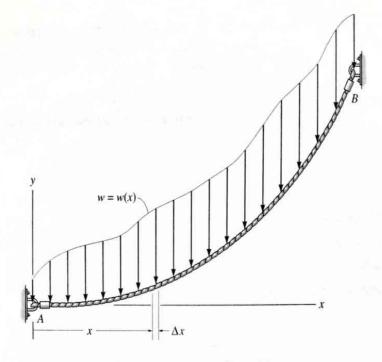
Flexible cables and chains are used in engineering structures for support and to transmit loads from one member to another. In the force analysis of such systems, the weight of the cable itself may be neglected (cable is referred to as 'weightless') because it is often small compared to the load it carries. In modelling the cable, it is assumed that:

- 1. The cable is *perfectly flexible* (cable offers no resistance to bending so the tensile force acting in the cable is always *tangent* to the cable at points along its length).
- 2. The cable is *inextensible* (cable has a constant length before and after load is applied—cable can be treated as a rigid body).

CABLE SUBJECTED TO CONCENTRATED LOADS

• When a cable of negligible weight supports several concentrated loads, the cable takes the form of several straight-line segments, each of which is subjected to a constant tensile force. The equilibrium analysis is performed by writing down a sufficient number of equilibrium equations (based on the entire cable or any part thereof) and equations describing the geometry of the cable to solve for all the unknowns leading to a description of the tension in (each segment of) the cable. See Example 7-13 in text.

CABLE SUBJECTED TO A DISTRIBUTED LOAD



• The equation

$$y = \frac{1}{F_H} \int \left(\int w(x) dx \right) dx, \tag{7.3}$$

determines the curve for the cable y = f(x). Here, F_H measures the horizontal component of tensile force at any point along the cable and w(x) is the loading function measured in the x-direction. In practice, F_H and the two constants of integration are determined from the boundary conditions for the cable—see Example 7-14 in text.

CABLE SUBJECTED TO ITS OWN WEIGHT

• When the weight of the cable becomes important in the force analysis (e.g., cables used as transmission lines), the loading function along the cable becomes a function of the arc length s rather than the projected length s. The equation of the deflection curve is given by s = f(x) where

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{F_H} \int w(s) ds, \tag{7.4}$$

$$x = \int \frac{ds}{\left\{1 + \frac{1}{F_H^2} \left(\int w(s) \, ds \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$
 (7.5)

The two constants of integration from (7.5) are found using the boundary conditions for the cable. First solve (7.5) for w(s) then use (7.4) to get the shape y = f(x) for the cable. See Example 7-15 in text.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Use clear and concise free-body diagrams.
- As in most mechanics problems, *practice* is the key. Make sure you read Examples 7-1 through 7-15 in the text before you attempt any corresponding problems. These examples will serve as templates with which to solve problems. Draw the requested free-body diagrams *yourself*. When doing so, make sure the work is neat and that all the forces and couple moments are properly labelled.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the normal (or axial) force, shear force and bending moment?
- 2. How are the positive directions (sense) of the shear force V and bending moment M defined?
- 3. For a portion of a beam which is subjected only to a distributed load w, how are the shear force and bending moment distributions determined from equations (7.0) and (7.1)?
- 4. What does it mean when a cable is assumed to be 'weightless,' 'inextensible' or 'perfectly flexible'?
- 5. If a cable is subjected to a load that is uniformly distributed along a straight line and its weight is negligible, what mathematical curve describes its shape?

Friction

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To introduce the concept of dry friction and show how to analyze the equilibrium of rigid bodies subjected to this force.
- To present specific applications of frictional force analysis on wedges, screws, belts and bearings.
- To investigate the concept of rolling resistance.

8.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF DRY FRICTION

As a result of *experiments* that pertain to the foregoing discussion, the following rules which apply to bodies subjected to dry friction may be stated:

- The frictional force acts *tangent* to the contacting surfaces in a direction *opposed to the relative motion* or tendency for motion of one surface against another.
- The maximum static frictional force F_s that can be developed is independent of the area of contact, provided
 the normal pressure is not very low nor great enough to severely deform or crush the contacting surfaces of the
 bodies.
- The maximum static frictional force is generally greater than the kinetic frictional force \mathbf{F}_k for any two surfaces of contact. However, if one of the bodies is moving with a *very low velocity* over the surface of another, F_k becomes approximately equal to F_s i.e. $\mu_s \approx \mu_k$.
- When slipping at the surface of contact is impending (about to occur), the maximum static frictional force is proportional to the normal force N, such that $F_s = \mu_s N$.
- When slipping at the surface of contact is occurring, the kinetic frictional force is proportional to the normal force N, such that $F_k = \mu_k N$.

8.2 PROBLEMS INVOLVING DRY FRICTION

If a rigid body is in equilibrium when it is subjected to a system of forces which includes the effect of friction, the force system must satisfy not only the equations of equilibrium but also the laws that govern the frictional forces.

In general, there are three types of mechanics problems involving dry friction. They are classified once the free-body diagrams are drawn and the total number of unknowns are identified and compared with the total number of available equilibrium equations:

- Equilibrium—The total number of unknowns is equal to the total number of available equilibrium equations. In this case, once the frictional forces are determined, check that $F \le \mu_s N$ otherwise slipping will occur and the body will not remain in equilibrium.
- Impending Motion at all Points—The total number of unknowns will equal the total number of available equilibrium equations plus the total number of available frictional equations or conditional equations for tipping. As a result, several possibilities for motion or impending motion will exist and the problem will involve a determination of the kind of motion which actually occurs.
- Impending Motion at Some Points—The total number of unknowns will be less than the total number of available equilibrium equations plus the total number of available frictional equations, $F = \mu N$. If motion is impending at the points of contact, then $F_s = \mu_s N$ whereas if the body is slipping, then $F_k = \mu_k N$.

EQUILIBRIUM VERSUS FRICTIONAL EQUATIONS

When the frictional force F is an equilibrium force i.e., $F < \mu N$, we can always assume the sense of the frictional force F (since the frictional force always acts so as to oppose the relative motion or impede the motion of a body over the contacting surface). The correct sense is determined after solving the equilibrium equations for F. However, in cases where $F = \mu N$ is used, we can no longer assume the sense of F since the equation $F = \mu N$ relates only the magnitudes of two perpendicular vectors. Consequently, in this case, F must always be shown acting with its correct sense on the free-body diagram.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

• Free-Body Diagrams

- Draw the necessary free-body diagrams and, unless it is stated in the problem that impending motion or slipping occurs, always show the frictional forces as unknowns i.e., do not assume $F = \mu N$.
- ◆ Determine the number of unknowns and compare this with the number of available equilibrium equations.
- ◆ If there are more unknowns than equilibrium equations, it is necessary to apply the frictional equations at some, if not all, points of contact to obtain the extra equations needed for complete solution.
- If the equation $F = \mu N$ is to be used, it will be necessary to show **F** acting in the proper direction on a free-body diagram.

• Equations of Equilibrium and Friction

- ◆ Apply the equations of equilibrium and the necessary frictional equations (or conditional equations if tipping is possible) and solve for the unknowns.
- ◆ If the problem involves a three-dimensional force system such that it becomes difficult to obtain the force components or the necessary moment arms, apply the vector equations of equilibrium.

8.3 WEDGES

A wedge is a simple machine which is often used to transform an applied force into much larger forces, directed at approximately right angles to the applied force. Also wedges can be used to give small displacements or adjustments to heavy loads. The analysis of problems involving wedges proceeds as above i.e., we draw free-body diagrams of the wedge and any other contacting bodies and formulate the appropriate equilibrium and frictional equations. See Example 8-7 in text.

8.4 FRICTIONAL FORCES ON SCREWS

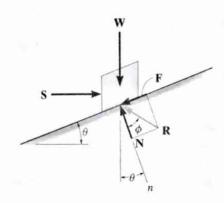
A screw may be thought of simply as an inclined plane or wedge wrapped around a cylinder. In most cases screws are used as fasteners; however, in many applications, they are incorporated to transmit power or motion from one part of the machine to another.

Before proceeding to solve problems involving frictional forces on screws, each of the following cases should be thoroughly understood:

 Frictional Analysis with Upward Screw Motion. The moment necessary to cause upward impending motion of the screw is

$$M = Wr \tan(\theta + \phi), \quad \phi = \phi_s = \tan^{-1} \mu_s. \tag{8.0}$$

If ϕ is replaced by $\phi_k = \tan^{-1} \mu_k$, we obtain a smaller value of M necessary to maintain uniform upward motion of the screw.

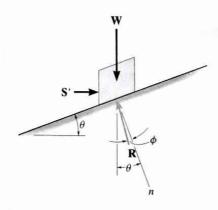


Upward screw motion

• Frictional Analysis with Downward Screw Motion (when the surface of the screw is very slippery: $\theta > \phi$) The moment necessary to cause downward impending motion of the screw is

$$M' = Wr \tan(\theta - \phi), \quad \phi = \phi_s. \tag{8.1}$$

If ϕ is replaced by $\phi_k = \tan^{-1} \mu_k$, we obtain a (smaller) value of M necessary to maintain *uniform* downward motion of the screw.

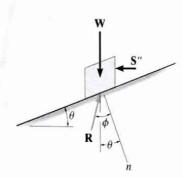


Downward screw motion $(\theta > \phi)$

• Frictional Analysis with Downward Screw Motion (when the surface of the screw is very rough: $\theta < \phi$). The moment necessary to cause downward impending motion of the screw is

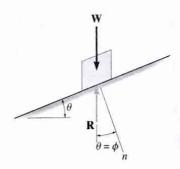
$$M' = Wr \tan(\phi - \theta), \quad \phi = \phi_s. \tag{8.2}$$

If ϕ is replaced by $\phi_k = \tan^{-1} \mu_k$, we obtain a (smaller) value of M necessary to maintain uniform downward motion of the screw.



Downward screw motion $(\theta < \phi)$

• Frictional Analysis with a Self-Locking Screw. If the moment M (or its effect S) is removed, the screw will remain self-locking i.e. it will support the load W by friction forces alone (provided $\phi \ge \theta$).



Self-locking screw ($\theta = \phi$) (on the verge of rotating downward)

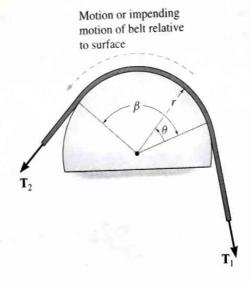
8.5 FRICTIONAL FORCES ON FLAT BELTS

Whenever belt drives are designed, it is necessary to dtermine the frictional forces developed between the belt and its contacting surface.

• The tension T_2 in the belt required to pull the belt counterclockwise over the surface and thereby overcome both the frictional forces at the surface of contact and the known tension T_1 (motion or impending motion of belt relative to surface) is:

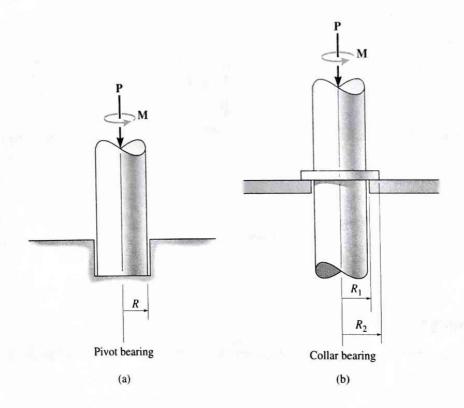
$$T_2 = T_1 e^{\mu\beta}$$

where μ is the coefficient of static or kinetic friction between the belt and the surface of contact, and β is in radians.



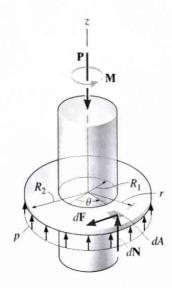
8.6 FRICTIONAL FORCES ON COLLAR BEARINGS, PIVOT BEARINGS, AND DISKS

Pivot and collar bearings are commonly used in machines to support an axial load on a rotating shaft.



• The magnitude of the moment required for impending rotation of the shaft is given by

$$M = \frac{2}{3}\mu_s P\left(\frac{R_2^3 - R_1^3}{R_2^2 - R_1^2}\right).$$



• The frictional moment developed at the end of the shaft, when it is rotating at constant speed can be found by substituting μ_k for μ_s in the expression for M.

8.7 FRICTIONAL FORCES ON JOURNAL BEARINGS

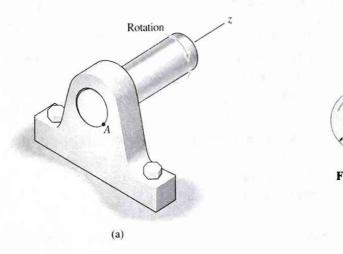
When a shaft or axle is subjected to lateral loads, a journal bearing is commonly used for support.

• The moment needed to maintain constant rotation of the shaft is given by

$$M = Rr\sin\phi_k,\tag{8.3}$$

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where ϕ_k is the angle of kinetic friction defined by $\tan \phi_k = \mu_k$ and R is the magnitude of the bearing reactive force acting at A.

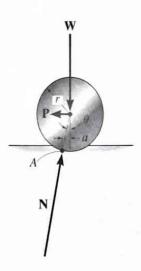


8.8 ROLLING RESISTANCE

• The force P necessary to initiate and maintain rolling (of a cylinder with weight W and radius r) at constant velocity has magnitude

$$P \approx \frac{Wa}{r}$$
.

Here, the distance a is referred to as the coefficient of rolling resistance.



HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Use *clear* and concise free-body diagrams.
- As in most mechanics problems, *practice* is the key. Make sure you read Examples 7-1 through 7-15 in the text before you attempt any corresponding problems. These examples will serve as templates with which to solve problems. Draw the requested free-body diagrams *yourself*. When doing so, make sure the work is neat and that all the forces and couple moments are properly labelled.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. If relative slipping of two dry surfaces in contact is impending what can you say about the frictional forces they exert on each other?
- 2. If two dry surfaces in contact are sliding relative to each other, what can you say about the frictional forces they exert on each other?
- 3. What are the characteristics of an equilibrium problem involving dry friction?
- 4. What are the characteristics of a problem involving dry friction when motion is impending at all points of contact?
- 5. What's the first step in solving a mechanics problem involving dry friction?
- **6.** If a screw is subjected to a large axial load, what is the equation which will give the moment necessary to rotate the screw and cause it to move in a direction opposite to the axial load?
- 7. If a screw is subjected to a large axial load, what is the equation which will give the moment necessary to rotate the screw at *a constant rate* and cause it to move in the direction of the axial load?
- **8.** If the shaft of a journal bearing is subjected to a lateral load with magnitude *P*, how do you find the moment necessary to maintain constant rotation of the shaft?

Center of Gravity and Centroid

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To discuss the concept of the center of gravity, center of mass, and the centroid.
- To show how to determine the location of the center of gravity and centroid for a system of discrete particles and a body of arbitrary shape.
- To use the theorems of Pappus and Guldinus for finding the area and volume for a surface of revolution.
- To present a method for finding the resultant of a general distributed loading and show how it applies to finding the resultant of a fluid.

9.1 CENTER OF GRAVITY, CENTER OF MASS, AND THE CENTROID OF A BODY

• The center of gravity G is a point which locates the resultant weight of a system of particles. This coordinates of the center of gravity G of a system of particles is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum \tilde{x}W}{\sum W}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\sum \tilde{y}W}{\sum W}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\sum \tilde{z}W}{\sum W},$$
 (9.0)

where \tilde{x} , \tilde{y} , \tilde{z} represent the coordinates of each particle of the system and $\sum W$ is the resultant sum of the weights of all the particles in the system.

• The center of mass of a system of particles is obtained by substituting W = mg (assuming g for every particle is constant) into (9.0). Consequently, the center of mass has coordinates

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum \tilde{x}m}{\sum m}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\sum \tilde{y}m}{\sum m}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\sum \tilde{z}m}{\sum m},$$

where $\sum W$ is the resultant sum of the masses of all the particles in the system. Note that the *location* of the center of gravity *coincides* with that of the center of mass. However, the *center of mass is independent of gravity* and so can be used in situations when particles are not under the influence of a gravitational attraction.

• The coordinates of the center of gravity G of a body are given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int \tilde{x} dW}{\int dW}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int \tilde{y} dW}{\int dW}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\int \tilde{z} dW}{\int dW},$$
 (9.1)

where \tilde{x} , \tilde{y} , \tilde{z} represent the coordinates of an arbitrary point in the body.

• The center of mass of a rigid body is obtained by substituting dW = g into (9.1) and cancelling g from both the numerators and denominators. This yields (9.1) with W replaced by m.

CENTROID

- The centroid $C(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is a point which defines the geometric center of a body. This point coincides with the center of mass or the center of gravity only if the material composing the body is uniform or homogeneous (in which case both γ and ρ are constant throughout the body).
- Formulas used to locate the center of gravity or the centroid simply represent a balance between the sum of
 moments of all the parts of the system and the moment of the "resultant" for the system. There are three cases
 to consider:
 - Volume. $C(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_{V} \tilde{x} \, dV}{\int_{V} \, dV}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int_{V} \tilde{y} \, dV}{\int_{V} \, dV}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\int_{V} \tilde{z} \, dV}{\int_{V} \, dV}. \tag{9.2}$$

- Area. $C(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_A \tilde{x} dA}{\int_A dA}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int_A \tilde{y} dA}{\int_A dA}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\int_A \tilde{z} dA}{\int_A dA}.$$
 (9.3)

- **Line**. $C(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_L \tilde{x} dL}{\int_L dL}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int_L \tilde{y} dL}{\int_L dL}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{\int_L \tilde{z} dL}{\int_L dL}.$$
 (9.4)

• The centroid will lie on any axis of symmetry of the body. Also, the centroid may be located off the body e.g., in the case of a ring where the centroid is at the center.

9.2 COMPOSITE BODIES

A composite body consists of a series of connected "simpler" shaped bodies.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

The location of the center of gravity of a composite body can be determined using the following procedure:

Composite Parts

- Using a sketch, divide the body or object into a finite number of composite parts that have simpler shapes.
- ◆ If a composite part has a *hole*, then consider the composite part without the hole and consider the hole as an *additional* composite part having *negative* weight or size.

Moment Arms

• Establish the coordinate axes on the sketch and determine the coordinates $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}, \tilde{z})$ of the center of gravity of each composite part.

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Summations

• Determine \bar{x} , \bar{y} , \bar{z} by applying the center of gravity equations:

$$\tilde{x} = \frac{\sum \tilde{x}W}{\sum W}, \quad \tilde{y} = \frac{\sum \tilde{y}W}{\sum W}, \quad \tilde{z} = \frac{\sum \tilde{z}W}{\sum W},$$
(9.5)

where $\sum W$ is the sum of the weights of all the composite parts of the body (total weight of the body).

- If an object is symmetrical about an axis, the centroid of the object lies on this axis.
- CENTROID FOR A COMPOSITE—When the (composite) body has constant density or specific weight, the center of gravity coincides with the centroid of the body which, for lines, areas and volumes, can be found using relations analogous to (9.5) with the W's replaced by L's, A's and V's, respectively [as in (9.2) - (9.4)]. Centroids for common shapes of lines, areas, shells and volumes that often make up a composite body are given in the table on the inside back cover of the text.

9.3 THEOREMS OF PAPUS AND GULDINUS

The following two theorems (of Papus and Guldinus) are used to find the surface area and volume of any object of revolution:

• Surface Area. The area A of a surface of revolution equals the product of the length of the generating curve and the distance travelled by the centroid of the curve in generating the surface area. That is:

$$A = \theta \hat{r} L$$

where θ is the angle of revolution (radians), \bar{r} is the perpendicular distance from the axis of revolution to the centroid of the generating curve and L is the total length of the generating curve.

• Volume. The volume V of a body of revolution equals the product of the generating area and the distance traveled by the centroid of the area in generating the volume. That is:

$$V = \theta \bar{r} A$$

where θ is the angle of revolution (radians), \bar{r} is the perpendicular distance from the axis of revolution to the centroid of the generating area and A is the generating area.

• Composite Shapes. These two theorems may also be applied to lines or areas that may be composed of a series of composite parts. In this case, the total surface area or volume generated is the sum of the surface areas of volumes generated by each of the composite parts:

$$A = \theta \sum \tilde{r}L, \quad V = \theta \sum \tilde{r}A,$$

where \tilde{r} is the distance from the axis of revolution to the centroid of each composite part (remember that each part undergoes the same angle of revolution θ).

9.4 RESULTANT OF A GENERAL DISTRIBUTED LOADING

In Section 4.9 we discussed the method used to simplify a distributed loading which is uniform along an axis of a rectangular surface. Here, we generalize this method to include surfaces which have an arbitrary shape and are subjected to a variable load distribution.

- Pressure Distribution over a Surface. Consider a flat plate subjected to the loading function p(x, y) Pa (Pa = $1N/m^2$). The entire loading on the plate can be simplified to a single resultant force \mathbf{F}_R

Magnitude of Resultant Force.

$$FR = \int V dV$$

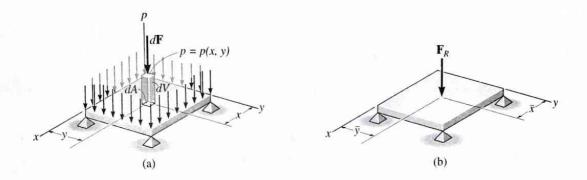
i.e., total volume under the distributed loading diagram.

• Location of Resultant Force. The location (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) of \mathbf{F}_R is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int_V x \, dV}{\int_V \, dV}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\int_V y \, dV}{\int_V \, dV}. \tag{9.6}$$

In other words,

Line of Action of \mathbf{F}_R passes through the geometric center or centroid of the volume under the distributed loading diagram i.e.



9.5 FLUID PRESSURE

According to Pascal's law a fluid at rest creates a pressure p at a point that is the same in all directions. The magnitude of p (force per unit area) is given by

$$p = \gamma z = \rho g z, \tag{9.7}$$

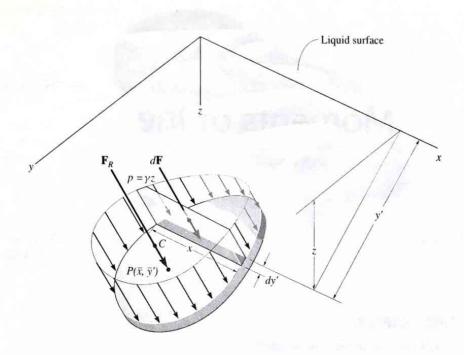
where γ is specific weight, ρ is mass density and z is the depth of the point from the fluid surface. Equation (9.7) is valid only for *incompressible fluids* (in which pressure and temperature variations do not produce any significant density variations).

Using Equation (9.7) and the results of Section 9.4, it is possible to determine the resultant force caused by a liquid pressure distribution and specify its location on the surface of a submerged plate. Three cases are considered:

- Flat Plate of Constant Width. The easiest of the three cases. Consider a flat rectangular plate of constant width submerged in a liquid with specific weight γ . The magnitude of the resultant force \mathbf{F}_R resulting from the distribution of pressure over the plate's surface is equal to the trapezoidal volume having an intensity of $p_1 = \gamma z_1$ at depth z_1 and $p_2 = \gamma z_2$ at depth z_2 . The line of action of \mathbf{F}_R passes through the volume's centroid C [see Equation (9.6)]—this is not the centroid of the plate but rather the center of pressure P of the plate.
- Curved Plate of Constant Width. The calculation of the magnitude of \mathbf{F}_R and its location P is more complicated for a (general) curved plate than a flat plate. There is a simplification, however, when the plate has constant width. This method requires separate calculations for the horizontal and vertical components of \mathbf{F}_R .
- Flat Plate of Variable Width. The loading caused by the pressure distribution acting on the surface of a submerged plate having a variable width has resultant \mathbf{F}_R with magnitude given by the volume described by the plate area as its base and linearly varying pressure distribution as its height. From Equation (9.6), the centroid of V again defines the point through which \mathbf{F}_R acts i.e., the center of pressure P, which lies on the surface of the plate just below C, has coordinates $P(\bar{x}, \bar{y}')$ defined by the equations

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\int V \tilde{x} \, dV}{\int V \, dV}, \quad \bar{y}' = \frac{\int V \tilde{y}' \, dV}{\int V \, dV}.$$

Note that this point is not the centroid of the plate's area.



HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

• Finding the location of the center of mass or centroid involves multiple integration (e.g., over volumes or surfaces). These integrations can often be reduced to single integrations using the procedure outlined at the end of Section 9.1. Study this procedure then read and perform Examples 9-1 through 9-8 of the text.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. True or False?
 - (a) The location of the center of mass coincides with that of the center of gravity.
 - (b) The centroid of a body always coincides with the body's center of mass.
 - (c) The centroid of a body is always located on the body in question.
 - (d) The formula for the centroid for the surface area of a plate involves integrals over the same surface area.
- 2. If the total weight of an object is to be represented by a single equivalent force, where must this force act?
- 3. What's the difference between the center of gravity and the center of mass?
- 4. How is the specific weight of a body defined?
- 5. What's the relationship between the mass density ρ and the specific weight γ of a body?
- 6. What does it mean when we say a body is homogeneous?
- 7. If an object is homogeneous, what do you know about the position of its center of mass?
- 8. In the analysis of the location of the center of gravity of a composite body, how do you deal with a hole in the body?
- 9. What are the theorems of Papus and Guldinus used for?
- 10. Show that the centroid for the volume of a body coincides with the *center of mass* only if the material composing the body is *uniform or homogeneous*.

Moments of Inertia

MAIN GOALS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- To develop a method for determining the moment of inertia for an area.
- To introduce the product of inertia and show how to determine the maximum and minimum moments of inertia
 of an area.
- To discuss the mass moment of inertia.

10.1 DEFINITION OF MOMENTS OF INERTIA FOR AREAS

• The moments of inertia (second moments) of the area A about the x and y axes are given, respectively, by

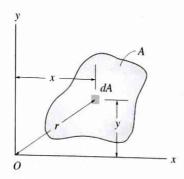
$$I_x = \int_A y^2 dA, \tag{10.0}$$

$$I_{y} = \int_{A} x^2 dA. \tag{10.1}$$

• The moment of inertia of the area A about the pole O or the z-axis (also known as the polar moment of inertia) is

$$J_O = \int_A r^2 dA = I_x + I_y \tag{10.2}$$

where $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ is the perpendicular distance from the pole (z-axis) to the element dA.



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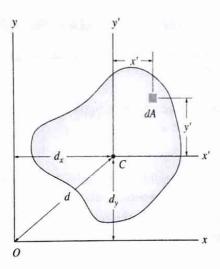
- Clearly I_x , I_y and I_O are always positive and have units of length raised to the fourth power.
- The terminology "moment of inertia" is actually a misnomer in this context—it has been adopted because of the similarity with integrals of the same form related to mass.

10.2 PARALLEL AXIS THEOREM FOR AN AREA

• Suppose the centroid of an area is located at C(x', y', z'). The moment of inertia of an area A about an axis is equal to the moment of inertia of the area about a parallel axis passing through the area's centroid plus the product of the area and the square of the perpendicular distance between the axes. e.g.

$$I_x = \bar{I}_{x'} + Ad_y^2, \quad I_y = \bar{I}_{y'} + Ad_x^2, \quad J_O = \bar{J}_C + Ad^2$$
 (10.3)

where $\bar{I}_{x'}$, $\bar{I}_{y'}$ and \bar{J}_C represent moments of inertia of the area about a corresponding parallel axis passing through the area's centroid.



10.3 RADIUS OF GYRATION OF AN AREA

• Provided the areas and moments of inertia are known, the radii of gyration of a planar area are determined from the formulas

$$k_x = \sqrt{\frac{I_x}{A}}, \quad k_y = \sqrt{\frac{I_y}{A}}, \quad k_O = \sqrt{\frac{J_O}{A}}$$
 (units of length). (10.4)

• It is clear from equations (10.0)–(10.1) that finding moments of inertia requires the evaluation of area integrals. If one chooses to describe the area element dA with differential size in two directions (e.g., dA = dx dy) then a double integration must be performed. Most often, however, it is easier to perform only a single integration by specifying the differential element dA having a differential size or thickness in only one direction. The procedure is as follows:

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

- Most often the element dA can be rectangular with a finite length and differential width.
- The element should be located so that it intersects the boundary of the area at the arbitrary point (x, y). There are two ways to orient the element dA with respect to the axis about which the moment of inertia is to be determined:
 - ◆ Case 1: The *length* of the element can be oriented *parallel* to the axis. In this case, Equations (10.0)–(10.1) can be used *directly* since *all parts* of the element lie at the *same* moment-arm distance from the axis.
 - ◆ Case 2: The *length* of the element can be oriented *perpendicular* to the axis. Here neither of Equations (10.0) (10.1) can be used directly since all parts of the element will not lie at the same moment-arm distance from the axis. Instead, it is necessary to first calculate the moment of inertia of the *element* (separately) and then integrate this result over the area A to obtain the appropriate area moment of inertia.
 - See Examples 10-1 to 10-4 in text.

10.4 MOMENTS OF INERTIA FOR COMPOSITE AREAS

Provided the moment of inertia of each of the simpler areas (making up the composite area) is known, or can be determined about a common axis, then the moment of inertia of the composite area equals the *algebraic sum* of the moments of inertia of all its parts.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

The moment of inertia of a composite area about a reference axis can be determined using the following procedure:

Composite Parts

 Using a sketch, divide the area into its composite parts and indicate the perpendicular distance from the centroid of each part to the reference axis.

• Parallel-Axis Theorem

- The moment of inertia of each part should be determined about its centroidal axis, which is parallel to the reference axis—use the table given on the inside back cover of the text.
- If the centroidal axis does not coincide with the reference axis, use the parallel axis theorem to determine the moment of inertia of the part about the reference axis.

Summation

- The moment of inertia of the entire area about the reference axis is found by summing the results of the composite parts.
- If a composite part has a "hole," its moment of inertia is found by "subtracting" the moment of inertia for the hole from the moment of inertia of the entire part including the hole.

10.5 PRODUCT OF INERTIA FOR AN AREA

In general, the moment of inertia for an area is different for every axis about which it is computed. In some applications, it is necessary to know the orientation of those axes which give, respectively, the maximum and minimum moments of inertia for the area (see Section 10.6). Essential to this is the idea of a *product of inertia for an area*.

• The product of inertia for the area A is

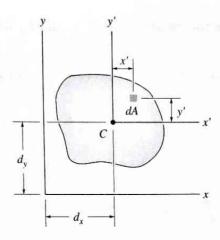
$$I_{xy} = \int_A xy \, dA$$

- The product of inertia may be negative, positive or zero (unlike moment of inertia). For example I_{xy} will be zero if x or y is an axis of symmetry for the area A.
- The sign of I_{xy} depends on the quadrant where the area A is located. In fact, if the area is rotated from one quadrant to another, the sign of I_{xy} will change.

Parallel Axis Theorem for Product of Inertia of an Area A

$$I_{xy} = \tilde{I}_{x'y'} + Ad_x d_y$$

It is important that the algebraic signs for d_x and d_y be maintained when applying this result.



10.6 MOMENTS OF INERTIA FOR AN AREA ABOUT INCLINED AXES

• The moments and products of inertia for an area with respect to a set of inclined (at an angle θ) u and v axes are given by (assuming θ , I_x , I_y and I_{xy} are known):

$$I_{u} = \frac{I_{x} + I_{y}}{2} + \frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{2} \cos 2\theta - I_{xy} \sin 2\theta,$$

$$I_{v} = \frac{I_{x} + I_{y}}{2} - \frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{2} \cos 2\theta + I_{xy} \sin 2\theta,$$

$$I_{uv} = \frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{2} \sin 2\theta + I_{xy} \cos 2\theta$$
(10.5)

• The polar moment of inertia about the z-axis passing through the point O is independent of the orientation of the u and v axes i.e.

$$J_O = I_u + I_v = I_x + I_y$$

PRINCIPAL MOMENTS OF INERTIA

• When the angle θ in (10.5) takes the value $\theta = \theta_p$ defined by

$$\tan 2\theta_p = \frac{-I_{xy}}{\left(I_x - I_y\right)/2},\tag{10.6}$$

the axes u and v are called the *principal axes of the area* since they identify the orientation of the axes u and v about which the moments of inertia I_u and I_v are maximum or minimum. In this case, they are called principal moments of inertia and are given by

$$I_{\min}^{\max} = \frac{I_x + I_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_x - I_y}{2}\right)^2 + I_{xy}^2}.$$
 (10.7)

Depending on the sign chosen, this result gives the maximum or minimum moment of inertia for the area.

• The product of inertia with respect to the principal axes is zero. Hence any symmetrical axis represents a principal axis of inertia for the area.

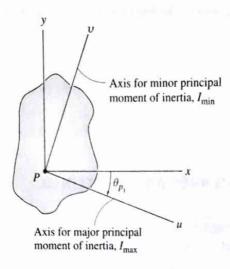
10.7 MOHR'S CIRCLE FOR MOMENTS OF INERTIA

Equations 10.5 to 10.7 have a graphical solution which is convenient to use and easy to remember—this solution is called a *Mohr's circle*.

PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS

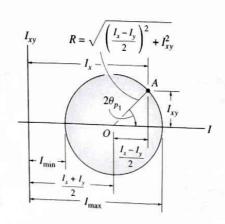
Mohr's circle provides a convenient means for transforming I_x , I_y and I_{xy} into the principal moments of inertia using the following procedure:

• **Determine** I_x , I_y , I_{xy} . Establish the x, y axes for the area, with the origin located at the point P of interest and determine I_x , I_y and I_{xy} .



• Construct the Circle

- Construct a rectangular coordinate system such that the abscissa represents the moment of inertia I and the ordinate represents the product of inertia I_{xy}
- Determine the center of the circle O, which is located at a distance $\frac{I_x + I_y}{2}$ from the origin and plot the reference point A having coordinates (I_x, I_{xy}) . By definition, I_x is always positive, whereas I_{xy} will be either positive or negative.
- Connect the reference point A with the center of the circle and determine the distance OA by trigonometry.
 This distance represents the radius of the circle. Finally draw the circle.



- Principal Moments of Inertia. The points where the circle intersects the abscissa give the values of the principal moments of inertia I_{\min} and I_{\max} . Notice that the product of inertia will be zero at these points.
- Principal Axes. To find the direction of the major principal axis, determine, by trigonometry, the angle $2\theta_{p_1}$, measured from the radius OA to the positive I-axis. This angle represents twice the angle from the x axis of the area in question to the axis of maximum moment of inertia I_{max} . Both the angle on the circle, $2\theta_{p_1}$ and the angle to the axis on the area, θ_{p_1} , must be measured in the same sense. The axis for minimum moment of inertia I_{min} is perpendicular to the axis for I_{max} .

10.8 MASS MOMENT OF INERTIA

• The mass moment of inertia about the z-axis is given by

$$I = \int_{m} r^2 dm \tag{10.8}$$

where r is the perpendicular distance from the axis to the arbitrary element dm.



- When the axis passes through the body's mass center G, the moment of inertia is denoted by I_G . The mass moment of inertia is always positive and has units $kg.m^2$ or $slug.ft^2$.
- If the body consists of a material having a variable density $\rho(x, y, z)$, the body's moment of inertia is computed using volume integration as

$$I = \int_{V} r^2 \rho \, dV.$$

This integral is generally computed as a *triple integral*. The integration process can, however, be simplified to a *single integration* provided the chosen elemental volume has a differential size or thickness in only *one* direction. Shell or disk elements are often used for this purpose.

PARALLEL AXIS THEOREM

• If the moment of inertia of the body about an axis passing through the body's mass center is known, then the moment of inertia about any other parallel axis can be computed from

$$I = I_G + md^2 \tag{10.9}$$

where m is the mass of the body and d is the perpendicular distance between the axes.

RADIUS OF GYRATION

• The radius of gyration k has units of length and is related to the mass m and moment of inertia I of the body by

$$I = mk^2$$
 or $k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{m}}$

COMPOSITE BODIES

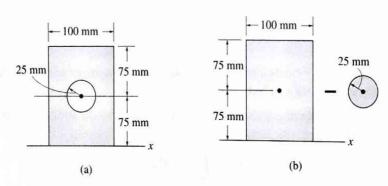
• If a body is constructed from a number of simple shapes such as disks, spheres and rods, the moment of inertia of the body about any axis z can be determined by adding algebraically the moments of inertia of all the composite shapes computed about the z-axis. A composite part must be considered as a negative quantity if it has already been included within another part e.g., a "hole" subtracted from a solid plate.

HELPFUL TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

• Be careful when using the Parallel Axis Theorem (10.9). It is applicable only to the situation when the moment of inertia of the body about an axis passing through the body's mass center is known. It cannot be applied in the form $I = I_B + md^2$ where B is an arbitrary point.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. True or False? The area moments of inertia (10.0)–(10.2) can be negative.
- 2. It is often the case that the moment of inertia for an area is known about an axis passing through its centroid. What can then be said about the moment of inertia of the same area about a corresponding parallel axis?
- **3.** How are the radii of gyration for a planar area determined?
- 4. If a composite body has a "hole," how would you find moment of inertia of the body?
- **5.** Find the moment of inertia of the following composite area about the x-axis.



- 6. What are the principal axes of an area and the principal moments of inertia?
- 7. What are Mohr's circles used for?
- 8. Define the mass moment of inertia and describe how it can be found.