

Forces in Equilibrium

Static Equilibrium

Objects completely at rest

$$\vec{v} = 0 \quad \vec{\omega} = 0 \quad \text{All times}$$

$$\vec{a} = 0 \quad \vec{\alpha} = 0$$

Dynamic Equilibrium

$$\vec{v} = \text{constant} \quad \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \text{constant} \quad \vec{\alpha} = 0$$

Particles: Equilibrium if

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = 0$$

Rigid Bodies: Sum of torques about any axis must also be zero.

Condition 1:

$$\Sigma \vec{F}_c = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{p}_{cm} = \text{constant}$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0$$

• Resultant force acting on body must vanish.

• linear acceleration $\vec{a}_{cm} = 0$ in an inertial reference frame.

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Condition 2:

$$\Sigma \vec{\tau}_c = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = I\vec{\alpha} = 0 \quad \vec{L} = \text{constant}$$

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No angular acceleration!

General Case

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• 3 Torque Eqn's

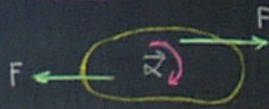
Special Case - Coplanar Forces

• 3 Scalar Eqn's

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \quad \Sigma \tau_z = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad (\text{Any Origin})$$

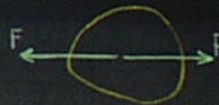
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No!



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Yes

2-Forces

• Must be equal & opposite

• Must have same line of action

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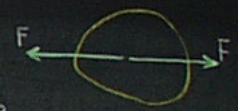
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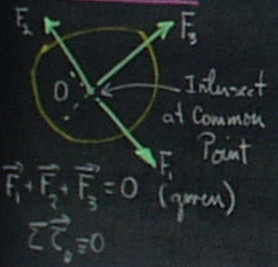
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Case II 3-Forces



Torque Axis

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots \equiv 0$$

Origin at O:

\vec{r}_i : point of application of \vec{F}_i
 etc.

$$\sum \vec{\tau}_o = \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{F}_2 + \dots$$

Let Axis O' = distance \vec{r}' from O.

$\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}'$: Pt. of application of \vec{F}_i rel. to O'
 Torques about O' :

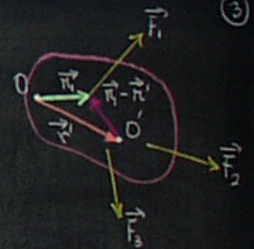
$$\sum \vec{\tau}_{o'} = (\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}') \times \vec{F}_1 + (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}') \times \vec{F}_2 + \dots$$

$$= \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{F}_2 + \dots - \vec{r}' \times (\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots)$$

$$\sum \vec{\tau}_{o'} = \sum \vec{\tau}_o$$

$\equiv 0$ Equilibrium

If an object is in translational equilibrium and the net torque about one point is zero, it must be zero about any other point on or off the object.



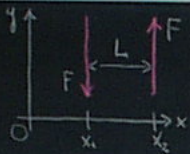
Couples/Torques.

- Pair of Forces
- Equal in magnitude
- Opposite directions

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{F} - \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\sum \vec{\tau}_O = Fx_2 - Fx_1$$

$$= F(x_1 + L) - Fx_1 = FL$$



Same value for any axis \perp plane of forces.

Problem Solving

1. Make a sketch.
2. Draw free body diagram showing only forces acting ON body. No other forces. Guess direction if necessary.
3. Choose coord axis. Pick sign for rotations. Forces \rightarrow components.

Write out all equations:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0$$

$$\sum \tau_x = 0 \quad \sum \tau_y = 0 \quad \sum \tau_z = 0$$

Choose convenient axis for all torque eq. Often best if one or more forces pass through axis! May need several axes to find all unknown forces.

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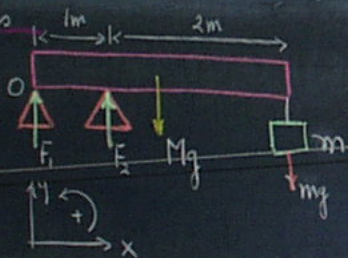
Example: Pinned Forces

$M = 50 \text{ kg}$ (Plank)

$m = 20 \text{ kg}$ (Load)

$F_1 = ?$

$F_2 = ?$



$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad (\text{No Horizontal Forces})$$

$$\sum F_y = F_1 + F_2 - Mg - mg = 0$$

$$F_1 + F_2 = (M+m)g = (50+20) \times 9.8 = 686 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum \tau_O = 0 \quad F_1(0) + F_2(1) - Mg(1.5) - mg(3) = 0$$

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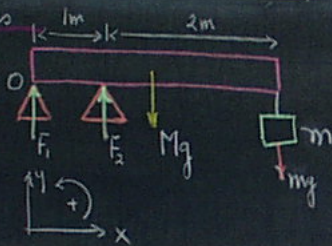
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Example: Ladder and Wall

Friction: Ladder and wall

Ladder and floor

$\mu_s = \text{coeff of static friction}$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad f_1 - F = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad N - Mg + f_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \tau_0 = 0 \quad LF \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} LMg \cos \theta + Lf_2 \cos \theta = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow (3) \quad f_1 \sin \theta - \frac{Mg}{2} \cos \theta + (Mg - N) \cos \theta = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$2f_1 \tan \theta + Mg - 2N = 0$$

$$f_1 = \mu_s N \quad f_2 = \mu_s F \quad (\text{at pt. of slipping})$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2N - Mg}{2f_1} = \frac{N - Mg/2}{\mu_s N}$$

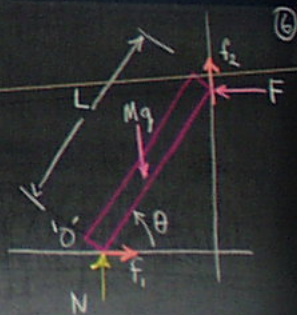
$$N = Mg - f_2 = Mg - \mu_s F = Mg - \mu_s f_1 = Mg - \mu_s^2 N$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{Mg}{1 + \mu_s^2}$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 + \mu_s^2)}{\mu_s}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1 - \mu_s^2}{2\mu_s}$$

μ_s	$\tan \theta$	θ
0.1	4.95	78.6
0.2	2.40	67.4
0.3	1.52	56.6
0.4	1.05	46.4
0.5	.75	36.9
0.6	.53	28.1



Example: Levitating Cart:

$M = 1000g$ $\Sigma F_x = -T_1 + Mg \sin \theta = 0$

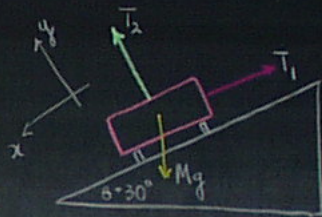
Assume: $\Sigma F_y = T_2 - Mg \cos \theta = 0$

$\vec{N} \equiv 0$

No normal force!

$T_1 = Mg \sin \theta = 1000 \times 9.81 \times \frac{1}{2} = 490g$

$T_2 = Mg \cos \theta = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.866 = 870g$



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Example: Cylinder and Step

Cylinder: Mass, $Mg = 500N$

$R = 0.8m$

$H = 0.3m$

Step

What is \vec{F} to raise cylinder?

What is reaction at P?

Cylinder ready to raise when normal force at Q $\rightarrow 0$!

$d = \sqrt{R^2 - (R-H)^2} = \sqrt{2RH - H^2}$ Moment arm of W about P.

Torques about P: $Wd - F(2R-H) = 0$

$F = W \frac{\sqrt{2RH - H^2}}{2R-H}$

$\Sigma F_x = 0$ $F - N \cos \theta = 0$

$\Sigma F_y = 0$ $N \sin \theta - W = 0$

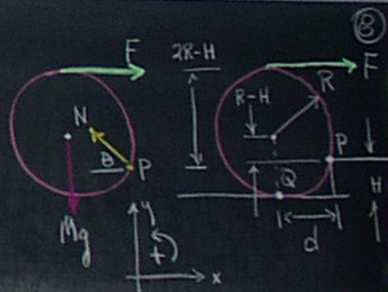
$\tan \theta = \frac{W}{F}$ $N = \sqrt{W^2 + F^2}$

Solving:

$F = 385N < Mg$

$\theta = 52.4^\circ$

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$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad N \sin \theta - W = 0$$

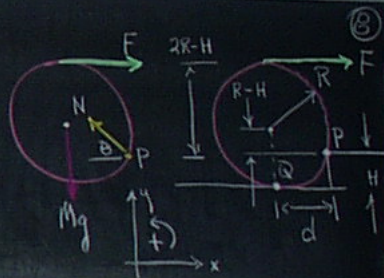
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Example: Pulling a Cylinder. $M = 5 \text{ kg}$ $\mu_k = 0.42$ What is F ?What is β ? $\vec{a} = 0$ $\vec{v} = \text{constant!}$

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad N - Mg \cos 33^\circ = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad F - f - Mg \sin 33^\circ = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$f = \mu_k N \quad (3)$$

$$(1) + (2) \quad F = Mg(\sin 33^\circ + 0.42 \cos 33^\circ)$$

$$F = 43.95 \text{ N}$$

Torques about C:

 N, Mg No contribution!

$$\sum \tau_c = 0 \quad R(F \cos \beta) - fR = 0$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{f}{F} = \frac{\mu_k Mg \cos 33^\circ}{F}$$

$$= 0.395$$

$$\beta = 66.9^\circ$$

