# Statics of Particles

# Vectors





- *Vector*: parameters possessing magnitude and direction which add according to the parallelogram law. Examples: displacements, velocities, accelerations.
- *Scalar*: parameters possessing magnitude but not direction. Examples: mass, volume, temperature
- Vector classifications:
  - Fixed or bound vectors have well defined points of application that cannot be changed without affecting an analysis.
  - *Free* vectors may be freely moved in space without changing their effect on an analysis.
  - *Sliding* vectors may be applied anywhere along their line of action without affecting an analysis.
- Equal vectors have the same magnitude and direction.
- *Negative* vector of a given vector has the same magnitude and the opposite direction.

Addition of Vectors



- Trapezoid rule for vector addition
- Triangle rule for vector addition
- · Law of cosines,

$$R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ\cos B$$
$$\vec{R} = \vec{P} + \vec{Q}$$

· Law of sines,

$$\frac{\sin A}{Q} = \frac{\sin B}{R} = \frac{\sin C}{A}$$

· Vector addition is commutative,

$$\vec{P} + \vec{Q} = \vec{Q} + \vec{P}$$

Vector subtraction

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- Addition of three or more vectors through repeated application of the triangle rule
- The polygon rule for the addition of three or more vectors.
- Vector addition is associative,

$$\vec{P} + \vec{Q} + \vec{S} = \left(\vec{P} + \vec{Q}\right) + \vec{S} = \vec{P} + \left(\vec{Q} + \vec{S}\right)$$



• Multiplication of a vector by a scalar

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# Case one: Study of one force

If one force acted in one direction

Example: Find the resultant of force Fx

Solution:

F=Fx+Fy = Fx+0 =Fx

Example: Find the resultant of force Fy

Solution:

F=Fx+Fy = O+Fy =Fy

If the force F has an angle with the x axis

Fx=F cos $\Theta$ 

Fy=F sin Ө



### **Results of two forces**

**1- The law of sines:-** the magnitude of the resultant forces cab be determined from the law of cosines, and its direction is determined from the law of sines



*Example:* determine the magnitude of the resultant force and its direction shown in fig. below



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*Example:* determine the magnitude of the resultant force and its direction



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Chapter two =-48.66 N

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} \qquad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$
$$R = 393 \text{ N} \qquad \theta = -7.1$$

*Example*: The two forces act on a bolt at A. Determine their resultant.





Trigonometric solution - Apply the triangle rule.
From the Law of Cosines,

$$R^{2} = P^{2} + Q^{2} - 2PQ\cos B$$
  
= (40N)<sup>2</sup> + (60N)<sup>2</sup> - 2(40N)(60N)cos155°  
$$R = 97.73N$$

From the Law of Sines,

$$\frac{\sin A}{Q} = \frac{\sin B}{R}$$
$$\sin A = \sin B \frac{Q}{R}$$
$$= \sin 155^{\circ} \frac{60N}{97.73N}$$
$$A = 15.04^{\circ}$$
$$\alpha = 20^{\circ} + A$$
$$\alpha = 35.04^{\circ}$$

*Example* : A barge is pulled by two tugboats. If the resultant of the forces exerted by the tugboats is 5000 lbf directed along the axis of the barge, determine

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- a) the tension in each of the ropes for  $\alpha = 45^{\circ}$ ,
- b) the value of  $\alpha$  for which the tension in rope 2 is a minimum.



 Trigonometric solution - Triangle Rule with Law of Sines

| <i>T</i> <sub>1</sub> | <i>T</i> <sub>2</sub> | _50001bf                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| sin 45°               | sin 30                | ° sin105°                |
| $T_1 = 366$           | 01bf                  | $T_2 = 2590  \text{lbf}$ |

 The minimum tension in rope 2 occurs when T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> are perpendicular.

| $T_2 = (5000  \text{lbf}) \sin 30^\circ$ | $T_2 = 2500\mathrm{lbf}$ |
|--|--------------------------|
| $T_1 = (5000  \text{lbf}) \cos 30^\circ$ | $T_1 = 4330\mathrm{lbf}$ |
| $\alpha = 90^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$       | $\alpha = 60^{\circ}$    |

Results of three or more forces

# 2-Method of projections

$$\begin{array}{ll} R_x = P_x + Q_x + S_x & R_y = P_y + Q_y + S_y \\ = \sum F_x & = \sum F_y \end{array}$$

· To find the resultant magnitude and direction,

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2} \qquad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{R_y}{R_x}$$

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*Example* : Four forces act on bolt *A* as shown. Determine the resultant of the force on the bolt.



# SOLUTION:



· Resolve each force into rectangular components.

| force       | mag | x-comp              | y - comp      |
|-------------|-----|---------------------|---------------|
| $\vec{F}_1$ | 150 | +129.9              | + 75.0        |
| $\vec{F}_2$ | 80  | -27.4               | + 75.2        |
| $\vec{F}_3$ | 110 | 0                   | -110.0        |
| $\vec{F}_4$ | 100 | +96.6               | - 25.9        |
|             |     | $R_{\chi} = +199.1$ | $R_y = +14.3$ |



- Determine the components of the resultant by adding the corresponding force components.
- $R_r = (199.1 \text{ N})^{\dagger}$  Calculate the magnitude and direction.

| $R = \sqrt{199.1^2 + 14.3^2}$                         | R = 199.6N             |
|---|------------------------|
| $\tan \alpha = \frac{14.3 \text{ N}}{14.3 \text{ N}}$ | a 4 10                 |
| $\frac{199.1N}{199.1N}$                               | $\alpha = 4.1^{\circ}$ |