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Mechanics

Chapter 1: Resolution of Forces

Solutions

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Q.1. $P = 18\text{N}$, $Q = 35\text{N}$, $\alpha = 45^\circ$

$$R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \sqrt{(18)^2 + (35)^2 + 2(18)(35) \cos 45^\circ}$$

$$R = 49.4\text{N}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{Q \sin \alpha}{P + Q \cos \alpha}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{35 \sin 45^\circ}{18 + 35 \cos 45^\circ}$$

$$\tan \theta = 0.5789$$

$$\therefore \theta = 30.07^\circ$$



Q2.2. Let the forces be P and Q.

$$\therefore P + Q = 20 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$R = 12 \text{ N}$, $\theta = 90^\circ$, P is smaller force.

$$R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha}$$

$$\therefore 12 = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha}$$

$$\therefore 2PQ \cos \alpha + P^2 + Q^2 = 144 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{Q \sin \alpha}{P + Q \cos \alpha}$$

$$\tan 90^\circ = \frac{Q \sin \alpha}{P + Q \cos \alpha} = \infty$$

$$\therefore P + Q \cos \alpha = 0 \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

Squaring (III) $\therefore P^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha + Q^2 \cos^2 \alpha = 0$ --- (IV)

$$(II) - (IV) \therefore Q^2 - Q^2 \cos^2 \alpha = 144$$

$$\therefore Q^2 (\sin^2 \alpha) = 144 \quad \therefore Q \sin \alpha = 12 \quad \therefore Q = \frac{12}{\sin \alpha} \quad \text{--- (V)}$$

Subs. (V) in (I) and (III)

$$\therefore P + \frac{12}{\sin \alpha} = 20 \quad \text{and} \quad P + \frac{12}{\tan \alpha} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{-12}{\sin \alpha} + \frac{12}{\tan \alpha} = 20 \quad \therefore 12 \left[\frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} \right] = 20$$

$$\therefore \frac{2 \sin^2 \alpha / 2}{2 \sin \alpha / 2 \cos \alpha / 2} = \frac{20}{12} \quad \therefore \tan \frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{5}{3} \quad \therefore \alpha = 118.07^\circ$$

Subs. α in (V)

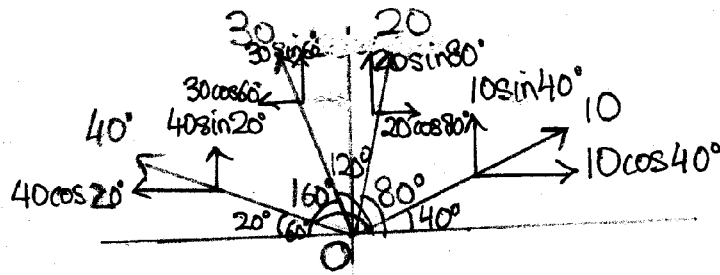
$$\therefore Q = \frac{12}{\sin 118.07} = 13.6 \text{ N}$$

From (I)

$$P = 6.4 \text{ N}$$



Q2.3



$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_x &= 10 \cos 40^\circ + 20 \cos 80^\circ - 30 \cos 60^\circ - 40 \cos 20^\circ \\ &= -41.454 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_y &= 10 \sin 40^\circ + 20 \sin 80^\circ + 30 \sin 60^\circ + 40 \sin 20^\circ \\ &= 65.786 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

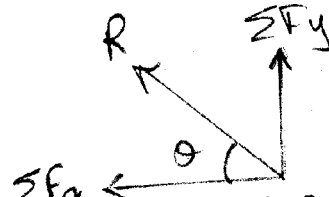
$$= \sqrt{(-41.454)^2 + (65.786)^2}$$

$$= 77.76 \text{ N}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = \frac{65.786}{41.454}$$

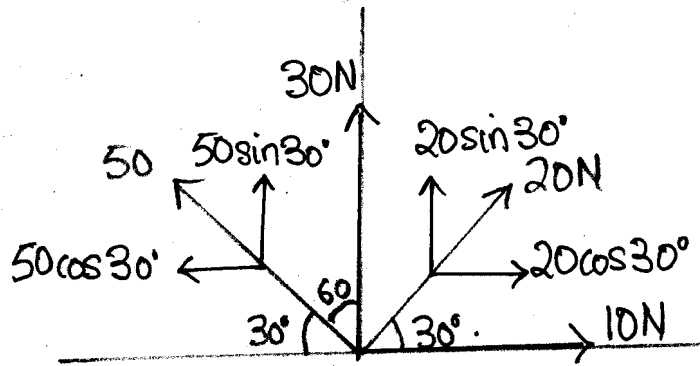
$$\therefore \theta = 57.78^\circ$$

Resultant force is $R = 77.76 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 57.78^\circ$ in the second quadrant.





Q2.4



$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_x &= 20 \cos 30^\circ - 50 \cos 30^\circ + 10 \\ &= -15.98 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_y &= 20 \sin 30^\circ + 30 + 50 \sin 30^\circ \\ &= 65 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

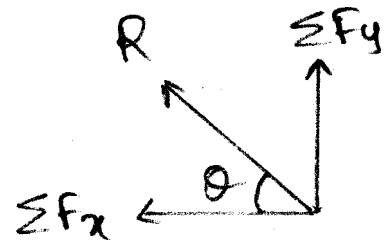
$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

$$= 66.94 \text{ N}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = \frac{65}{15.98}$$

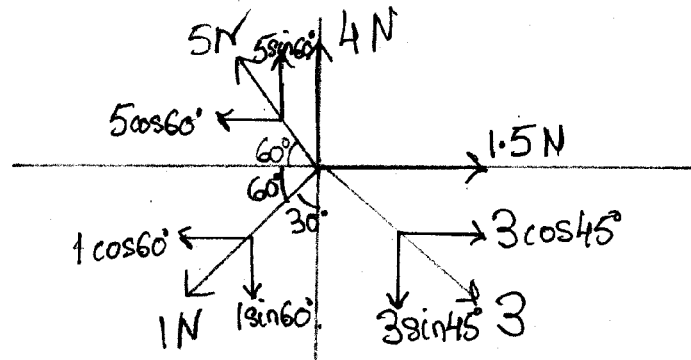
$$\therefore \theta = 76.19^\circ$$

Resultant force $R = 66.94 \text{ N}$
at $\theta = 76.19^\circ$ in second quadrant.





Q2.5



$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_x &= 1.5 - 5 \cos 60^\circ - 1 \cos 60^\circ + 3 \cos 45^\circ \\ &= 0.6213 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_y &= 4 + 5 \sin 60^\circ - 1 \sin 60^\circ - 3 \sin 45^\circ \\ &= 5.343 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

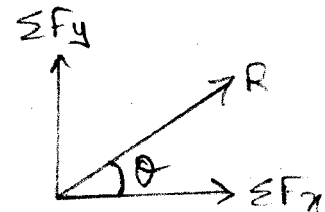
$$R = \sqrt{(\Sigma F_x)^2 + (\Sigma F_y)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0.6213)^2 + (5.343)^2}$$

$$\therefore R = 5.38 \text{ N}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Sigma F_y}{\Sigma F_x} = \frac{5.343}{0.6213}$$

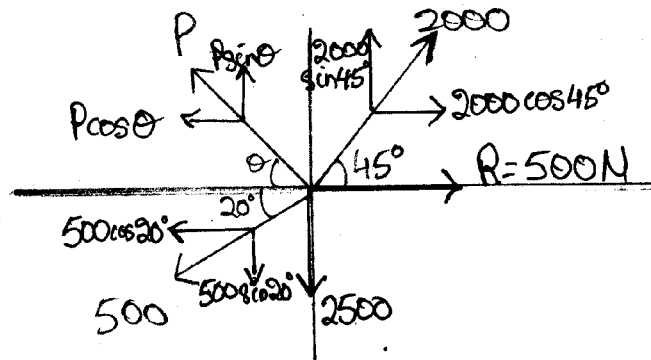
$$\therefore \theta = 83.37^\circ$$



\therefore Resultant force is $R = 5.38 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 83.37^\circ$
in first quadrant



Q2.6



$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_x &= 2000 \cos 45^\circ - P \cos \theta - 500 \cos 20^\circ \\ &= 944.37 - P \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_y &= 2000 \sin 45^\circ + P \sin \theta - 500 \sin 20^\circ - 2500 \\ &= -1256.8 + P \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

\therefore Resultant is horizontal

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\therefore P \sin \theta = 1256.8 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\text{Also, } R = \sum F_x$$

$$\therefore 500 = 944.37 - P \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore P \cos \theta = 444.37 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$(I) \div (II) \quad \tan \theta = 2.829$$

$$\therefore \theta = 70.53^\circ$$

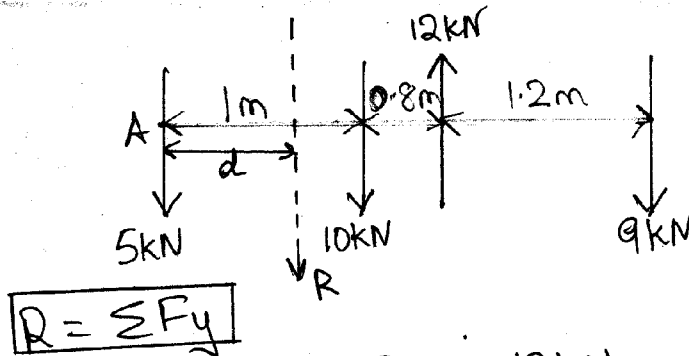
$$\therefore P \sin \theta = 1256.8 \quad \{ \text{from (I)} \}$$

$$\therefore P = 1333.03 \text{ N}$$

\therefore Force $P = 1333.03 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 70.53^\circ$ in second quadrant.



Q2.7



$$R = \sum F_y$$

$$= -5 - 10 + 12 - 9 = -12 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore R = 12 \text{ kN } (\downarrow)$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anti-clockwise moments as positive about point A & considering R to right of A

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$\therefore (-10 \times 1) + (12 \times 1.8) - (9 \times 3) = -(R \times d)$$

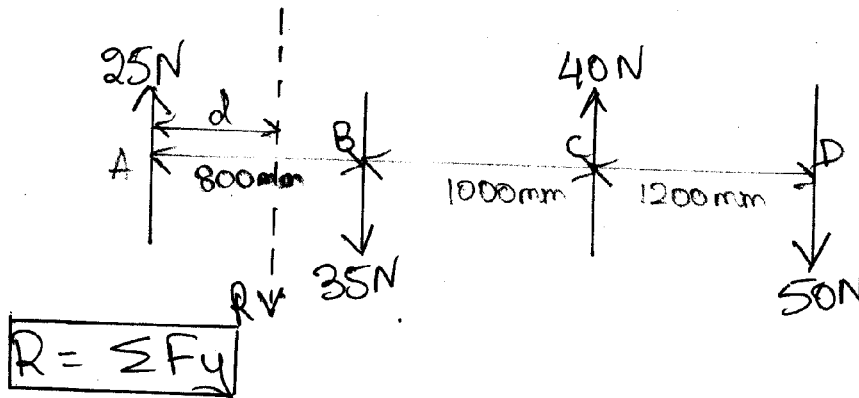
$$\therefore -15.4 = -12 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = 1.283 \text{ m.}$$

\therefore Resultant force is 12 kN (\downarrow) at a perpendicular distance of 1.283 m to the right of A.



Q2-8



$$R = \sum F_y$$

$$= 25 - 35 + 40 - 50$$

$$= -20 \text{ N}$$

$$\therefore R = 20 \text{ N } (\downarrow)$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anti-clockwise moments as positive about A and considering resultant (R) to the right of A:

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$(-35 \times 800) + (40 \times 1800) - (50 \times 3000) = -R \times d$$

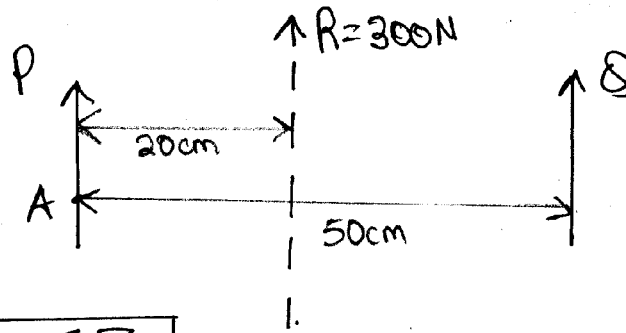
$$-1,06,000 = -20 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = 5,300 \text{ mm.}$$

\therefore Resultant force is 20 N (\downarrow) at a perpendicular distance of 5,300 mm to the right of A.



Q2.9



$$R = \sum F_y$$

$$\therefore P + Q = 300 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments as positive about A and considering resultant (R) to the right of A

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$Q \times 50 = R \times 20$$

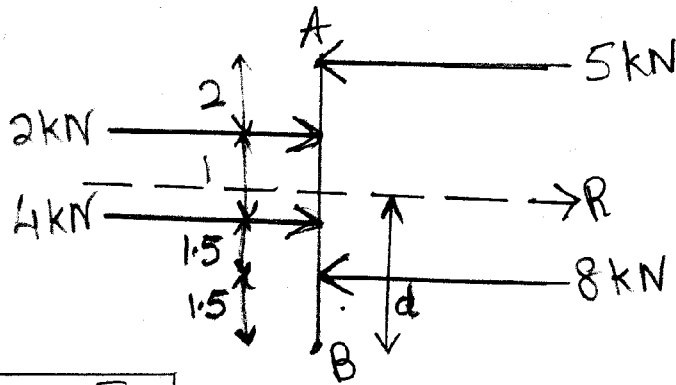
$$\therefore Q = \frac{300 \times 20}{50} = 120 \text{ N } (\uparrow)$$

$$\therefore P + Q = 300 \quad \text{[from (I)]}$$

$$\therefore P = 180 \text{ N } (\uparrow)$$



Q2.10



$$R = \sum F_x$$

$$= 2 + 4 - 5 - 8 = -7 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore R = 7 \text{ kN} (\leftarrow)$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments as positive about B and considering resultant (R) above B.

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$(8 \times 1.5) - (4 \times 3) - (2 \times 4) + (5 \times 6) = -(R \times d)$$

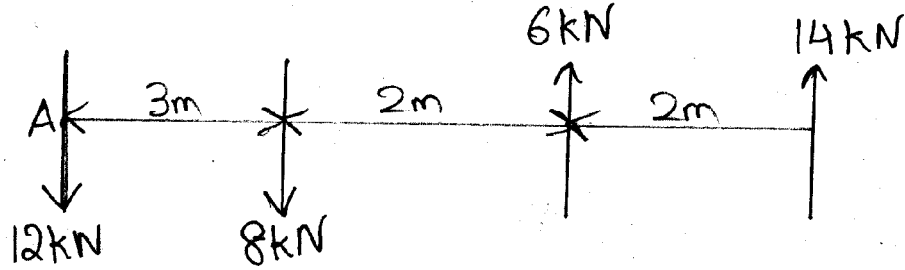
$$- 22 = -7d$$

$$\therefore d = 3.143 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Resultant force $R = 7 \text{ kN} (\leftarrow)$ at a perpendicular distance of 3.143 m above B.



Q2.11



$$\boxed{R = \sum F_y}$$

$$= -12 - 8 + 6 + 14 = 0$$

$$\therefore R = 0$$

Since resultant is zero, therefore a couple exists.

Considering moment about A, and taking anticlockwise moments as positive.

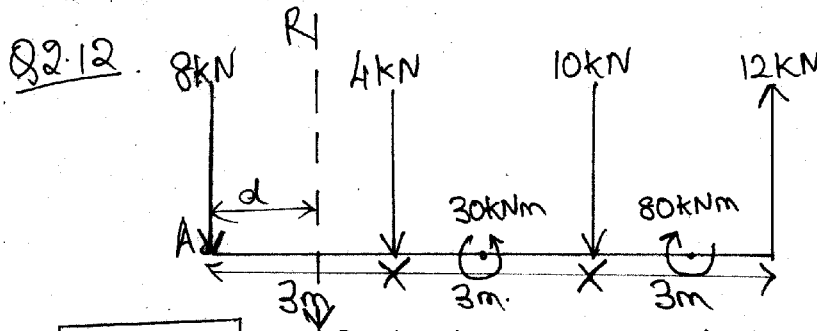
$$\therefore \boxed{\sum M_A} = -8 \times 3 + 6 \times 5 + 14 \times 7$$

$$= 104 \text{ kNm}$$

\therefore Resultant is a couple of 104 kNm in anticlockwise direction.



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Q2.12

$$(i) \quad R = \sum F_y = -8 - 4 - 10 + 12 = -10 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore R = 10 \text{ kN} (\downarrow)$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive and resultant to right of A

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

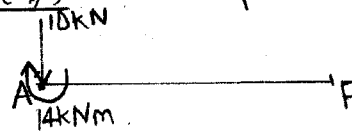
$$\therefore (-4 \times 3) - (10 \times 6) + (12 \times 9) + 30 - 80 = -(R \times d)$$

$$\therefore -26 = -10 \times d \quad \therefore d = 1.4 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Resultant force $R = 10 \text{ kN} (\downarrow)$ at a perpendicular distance of 1.4m to the right of A.

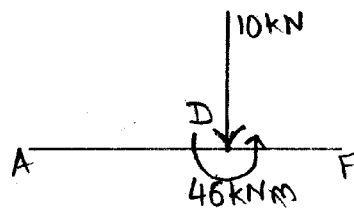
(ii) $M_A^R = -R \times d = -10 \times 1.4 = -14 \text{ kNm}$

\therefore Single force at A is $R = 10 \text{ kN} (\downarrow)$ and couple is 14 kNm clockwise.



(iii) $M_D^R = R \times (6 - d) = 10 \times 4.6 = 46 \text{ kNm}$

\therefore Single force at D is $R = 10 \text{ kN} (\downarrow)$ and couple is 46 kNm anticlockwise



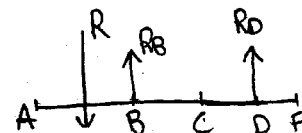
(iv) $R_B + R_D = R$
 $\therefore R_B + R_D = -10 \quad \dots (I)$

$$M_B^F = M_B^R$$

$$\therefore R_D \times (3) = R \times (3 - 1.4)$$

$$\therefore 3R_D = 1.6(+10) \quad \therefore R_D = +5.33 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$$

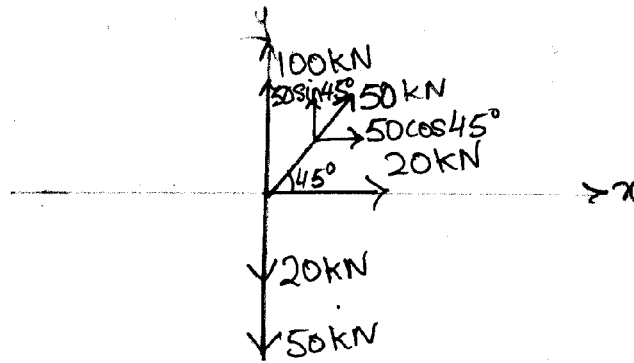
Subs. in (I) $\therefore R_B = -15.33 \text{ kN}$
 $\therefore R_B = 15.33 \text{ kN} (\downarrow)$



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Q2.13



$$\sum F_x = 20 + 50 \cos 45^\circ = 55.36 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_y = 100 + 50 \sin 45^\circ - 20 - 50 = 65.36 \text{ kN}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

$$\therefore R = 85.65 \text{ kN}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = \frac{65.36}{55.36}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 49.74^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anti-clockwise moments to be positive and resultant to right of O.

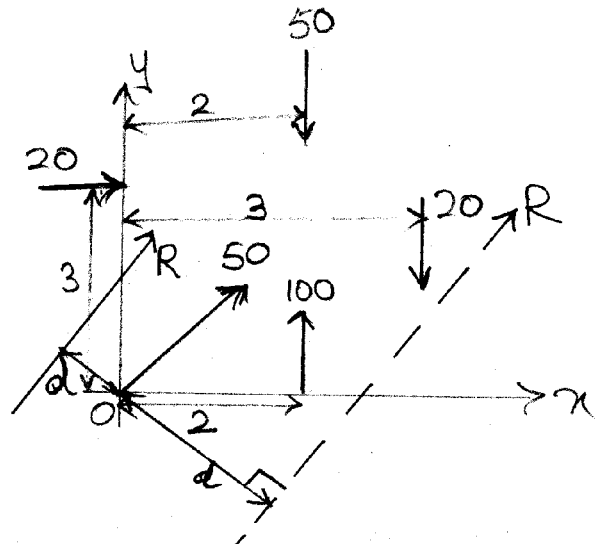
$$\sum M_o^F = MR_o$$

$$(-20 \times 3) + (100 \times 2) - (50 \times 2) - (20 \times 3) = R \times d$$

$$-20 = 85.65 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = -0.234 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Resultant force $R = 85.65 \text{ kN}$ at $\theta = 49.74^\circ$ at a perpendicular distance of 0.234 m to the left of O.





Q2.14

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{5} \therefore \theta = 38.66^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= 6 \cos \theta - 20 \\ &= -15.32 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= 12 + 6 \sin \theta \\ &= 15.75 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

$$R = 21.96 \text{ N}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} \therefore \theta = 45.79^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anti-clockwise moments positive and resultant to the right of O.

$$\sum M_o^F = M_o^R$$

$$(20 \times 2) + (12 \times 3) + 35 + 15 - 20 = (R \times d)$$

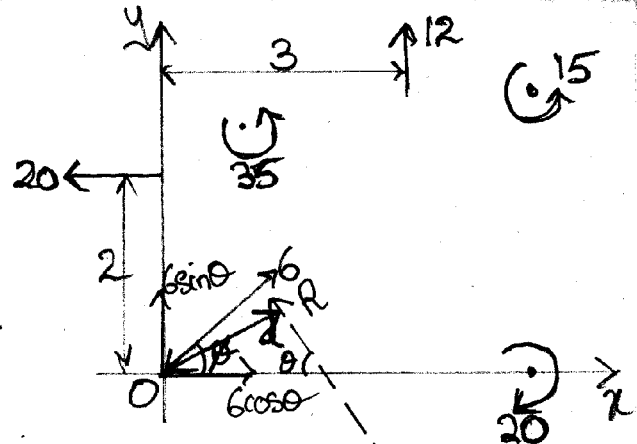
$$\therefore 106 = 21.96 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = 4.83 \text{ m}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{d}{x}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{4.83}{\sin(45.79^\circ)} = 6.74 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Resultant force $R = 21.96 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 45.79^\circ$ cuts the x -axis at 6.74 m to the right of O.



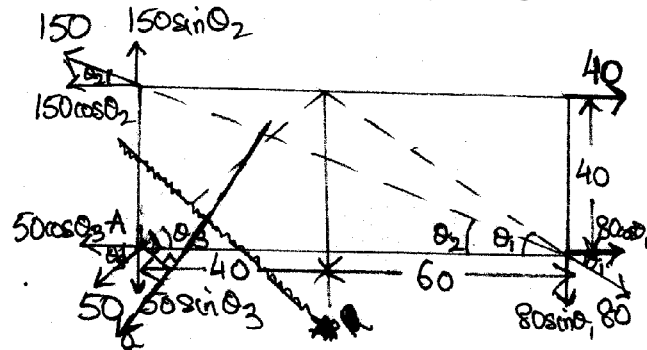


Q2.15

$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{40}{60} \therefore \theta_1 = 33.69^\circ$$

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{40}{100} \therefore \theta_2 = 21.8^\circ$$

$$\tan \theta_3 = \frac{40}{40} \therefore \theta_3 = 45^\circ$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x &= 40 + 80 \cos \theta_1 - 150 \cos \theta_2 - 50 \cos \theta_3 \\ &= -68.06 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_y &= 150 \sin \theta_2 - 50 \sin \theta_3 - 80 \sin \theta_1 \\ &= -24.03 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2} \\ &= 72.18 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = \frac{24.03}{68.06}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 19.45^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive and resultant to right of A

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-40 \times 40) - (80 \sin \theta_1 \times 100) + (150 \cos \theta_2 \times 40) &= -R \times d \\ -466.68 &= -72.18 \times d \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore d = 6.465 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore Resultant force is $R = 72.18 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 19.45^\circ$ at a perpendicular distance of 6.465 cm to the right of A.



Q2.16

$$\sum F_x = P - 3P = -2P$$

$$\sum F_y = 4P - 2P = 2P$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

$$R = 2.828P$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = \frac{2P}{-2P} = -1$$

$$\therefore \theta = 45^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive about D , and resultant to the right of D

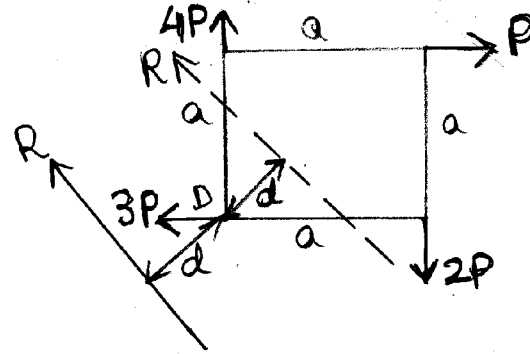
$$\sum M_D^F = M_D^R$$

$$(-P \times a) - (+2P \times a) = +R \times d$$

$$-3P \times a = +2.828P \times d$$

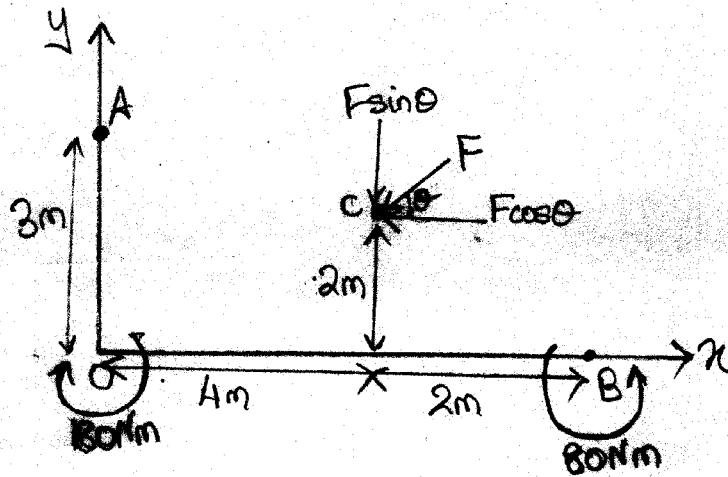
$$\therefore d = -1.06a$$

\therefore Resultant force is $R = 2.828P$ at $\theta = 45^\circ$ at a perpendicular distance of $1.06a$ to the left of D





Q2.17



Since moments at C is zero, therefore force F passes through C. Taking moments at O

$$M_O^F = -180$$

, considering anticlockwise moments as positive

$$\therefore 2 \times F \cos \theta - 4 \times F \sin \theta = -180$$

$$\therefore F \cos \theta - 2F \sin \theta = -90 \text{ --- (I)}$$

$$M_B^F = 80$$

$$\therefore 2 \times F \cos \theta + 2 \times F \sin \theta = 80$$

$$\therefore F \cos \theta + F \sin \theta = 40 \text{ --- (II)}$$

$$(I) - (II)$$

$$-3F \sin \theta = -130$$

$$\therefore F \sin \theta = 43.33 \text{ --- (III)}$$

Subs. in (II)

$$\therefore F \cos \theta = 3.33 \text{ --- (IV)}$$

$$(III) \div (IV) \therefore \tan \theta = 13.01 \therefore \theta = 85.6.$$

From (III), $F = 43.46 \text{ N}$ (In IV Quadrant
 $\therefore F \sin \theta$ is \downarrow , $F \cos \theta$ is \rightarrow)

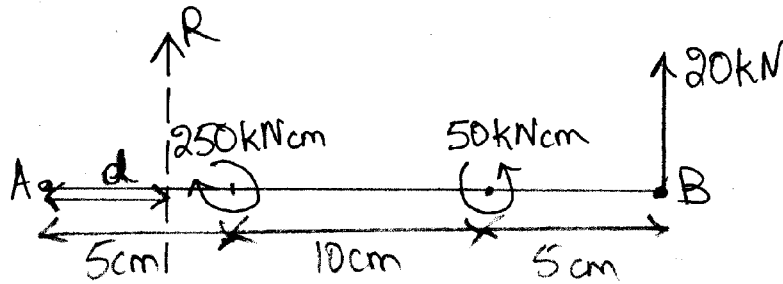
$$M_A^F = -(1 \times F \cos \theta) - (4 \times F \sin \theta)$$

$$= -176.66 \text{ Nm}$$

$$M_A^F = 176.66 \text{ Nrclockwise}$$



Q9.18



$$R = \sum F_y$$

$$R = 20 \text{ kN}$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive about A and resultant force to the right of R.

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$\therefore + (20 \times 20) - 250 + 50 = R \times d$$

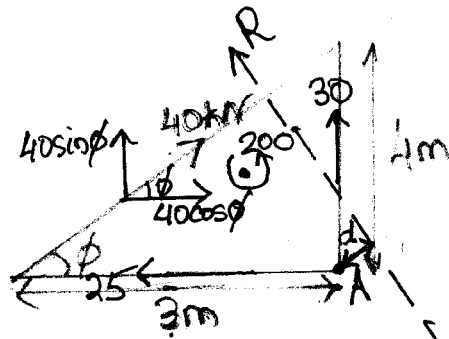
$$+ 200 = 20 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = 10 \text{ cm.}$$

\therefore Resultant force is $R = 20 \text{ kN}$ at a distance of 10 cm to the right of A.



22.19



$$\tan \phi = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \phi = 53.13^\circ$$

$$\Sigma F_x = 40 \cos \phi - 25 = -1$$

$$\Sigma F_y = 40 \sin \phi + 30 = 62$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\Sigma F_x)^2 + (\Sigma F_y)^2}$$

$$\therefore R = 62.01 \text{ kN}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Sigma F_y}{\Sigma F_x} = 62$$

$$\therefore \theta = 89.08^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive about A and resultant force to the right of A.

$$\Sigma M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$\therefore -(3 \times 40 \sin \phi) + 200 = R \times d$$

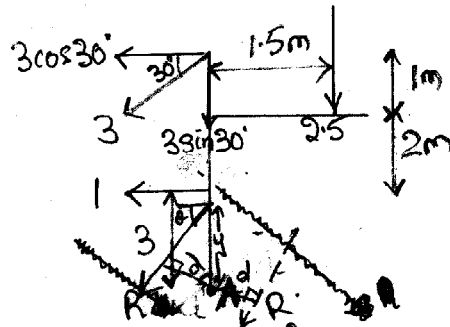
$$\therefore 80.02 = 62.01 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = \frac{1.67}{2} \text{ m}$$

Resultant force is $R = 62.01 \text{ kN}$ at $\theta = 89.08^\circ$ at perpendicular distance of $\frac{1.67}{2} \text{ m}$ to the right of A.



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(i)

$$\sum F_x = -1 - 3 \cos 30^\circ = -3.6$$

$$\sum F_y = -2.5 - 3 \sin 30^\circ = -4$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_x)^2 + (\sum F_y)^2}$$

$$\therefore R = 5.38 \text{ kN}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sum F_y}{\sum F_x} = 1.111$$

$$\therefore \theta = 48.01^\circ$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive and resultant force to the right of A

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$(6 \times 3 \cos 30^\circ) + (1 \times 3) - (2.5 \times 1.5) = R \times d$$

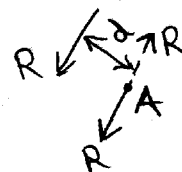
$$14.84 = 5.38 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = -2.76 \text{ m} \quad \therefore d = 2.76 \text{ m}$$

\therefore Resultant force is $R = 5.38 \text{ kN}$ at $\theta = 48.01^\circ$ at a perpendicular distance of 2.76 m to the left of A.

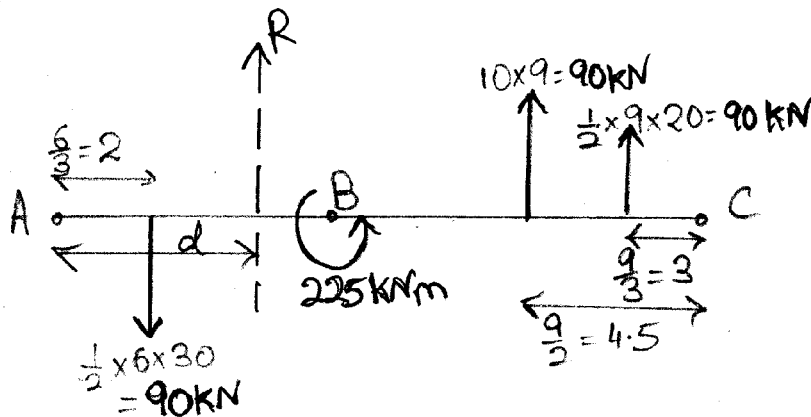
$$(ii) \cos \theta = \frac{d}{y} \quad \therefore y = \frac{2.76}{\cos 48.01} = 4.126 \text{ m}$$

$$(iii) M_A^R = R \times d = 14.85 \text{ kNm anticlockwise}$$





Q2:21



$$R = \sum F_y = 90 + 90 - 90 = 90 \text{ kN}$$

By Varignon's theorem, considering anticlockwise moments to be positive about A and resultant force to the right of A.

$$\sum M_A^F = M_A^R$$

$$\therefore -(90 \times 2) + 225 + (90 \times 10.5) + (90 \times 12) = R \times d$$

$$2070 = 90 \times d$$

$$\therefore d = 23 \text{ m.}$$

\therefore Resultant force is $R = 90 \text{ kN} (\uparrow)$ at a perpendicular distance of 23 m. to the right of A.

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