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## Unit-I:-

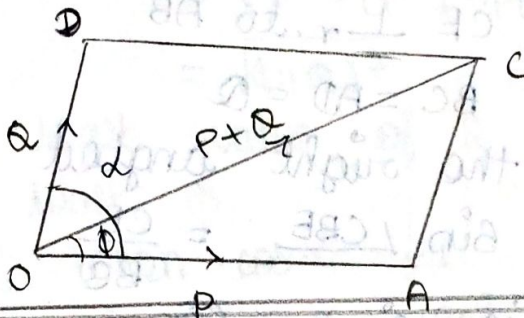
# STATICS

### Force:-

Force is defined as any cause which produces or tends to produce a change in the existing state of rest of a body or of its uniform motion in a straight

### Resultant of two forces:-

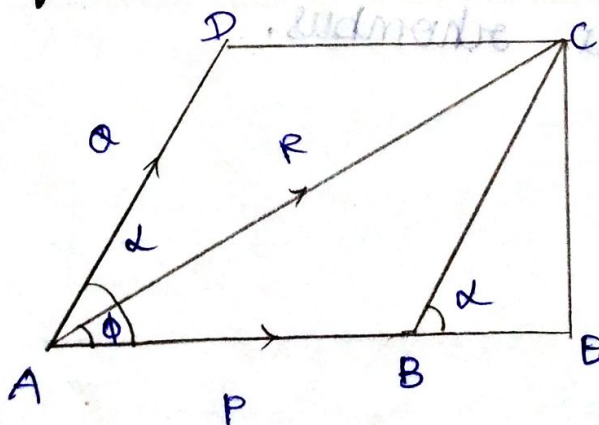
Let the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  act on a particle at  $O$ . Then their resultant is  $P+Q$ .



### 1). Parallelogram Law of Forces:-

If two forces acting at a point be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of a parallelogram drawn from the point. Their resultant is represented both in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of the parallelogram drawn through that point.

### Proof:-



Let the two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at  $A$  be represented by  $AB$  and  $AD$  and let the angle between them be  $\alpha$ .

ie.,  $\angle BAD = \alpha$   
 Complete the parallelogram  $BADC$ . Then the diagonal  $AC$  will represent the resultant.

Let  $R$  be the magnitude of the resultant and let it make an angle  $\phi$  with  $P$ .

ie.,  $\angle CAB = \phi$

Draw  $CE \perp AB$  to  $AB$

$$BC = AD = Q$$

From the right angled  $\triangle CBE$ ,

$$\sin \angle CBE = \frac{CE}{BC}$$

$$\text{ie } \sin \alpha = \frac{CE}{BC}$$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha = \frac{CE}{Q}$$

$$CE = Q \sin \alpha \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{BE}{BC} = \frac{BE}{Q}$$

$$BE = Q \cos \alpha \rightarrow (2)$$

$$R^2 = AC^2 = AE^2 + CE^2$$

$$= (AB + BE)^2 + CE^2$$

In this case, the Parallelogram becomes a rhombus.

### Corollary : 3

Let the magnitudes  $P$  and  $Q$  of two forces acting at an angle  $\alpha$  be given.

Then their resultant  $R$  is greatest when  $\cos \alpha$  is greatest.

ie., when  $\cos \alpha = 1$

$$\alpha = 0^\circ$$

In this case, the forces act along the same line in the same direction.

and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ(1)} \\ &= \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ} \\ &= \sqrt{(P+Q)^2} \end{aligned}$$

The least value of  $R$  occurs when  $\cos \alpha$  is least

ie., when  $\cos \alpha = -1$

$$\alpha = 180^\circ$$

In this case, the forces ~~act~~ act along the same line but in the opposite direction and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ(-1)} \\ &= \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ} \\ &= \sqrt{(P-Q)^2} = \sqrt{(Q-P)^2} \\ R &= P-Q \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left[ \frac{(P+Q)^2}{90} \right]$$

$$(P+Q)^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ = 90$$

$$P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ = 90$$

Problems :-

E: (problem 2)

- 1). The resultant of two forces P, Q acting at a certain angle is x and that of P, R acting at the same angle is also x. The resultant of Q, R again acting at the same angle is y. Prove that

$$P = (x^2 + QR)^{1/2} = \frac{QR(Q+R)}{Q^2 + R^2 - y^2}$$

P	Q	R
P	Q	x
P	R	x
Q	R	y

Prove that, if  $P+Q+R=0$ ,  $y=x$ .

Soln:-

Let P and Q act at an angle  $\alpha$  from the data. We have the following results

$$x^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$x^2 = P^2 + R^2 + 2PR \cos \alpha \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$y^2 = Q^2 + R^2 + 2QR \cos \alpha \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 0 = Q^2 - R^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha - 2PR \cos \alpha$$

$$0 = Q^2 - R^2 + 2P \cos \alpha (Q - R)$$

$$\div (Q - R) \quad 0 = (Q + R) (Q - R) + 2P \cos \alpha (Q - R)$$

$$0 = Q + R + 2P \cos \alpha$$

$$2P \cos \alpha = -Q - R$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-(Q+R)}{2P} \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

Using  $\textcircled{4}$  in  $\textcircled{1}$ , we get

$$x^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \left[ \frac{-(Q+R)}{2P} \right]$$

$$x^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - Q(Q+R)$$

$$x^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - Q^2 - QR$$



$x^2 = p^2 + q^2 - 2qr$   
 $\Rightarrow p^2 = x^2 + 2qr$   
 $\Rightarrow p = (x^2 + 2qr)^{1/2}$

Using (1) in (2), we get

$$y^2 = q^2 + r^2 + 2qr \left[ \frac{-(q-r)}{2p} \right]$$

$$y^2 = q^2 + r^2 - \frac{qr(q+r)}{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{qr(q+r)}{p} = q^2 + r^2 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{qr(q+r)}{q^2 + r^2 - y^2} = p$$

If  $p+q+r=0$  then  $q+r = -p$

From eqn (1)

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-(p)}{2p} = \frac{p}{2p} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow (5)$$

Using (5) in (2) and (3), we get

$$x^2 = p^2 + r^2 + 2pr \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$(i.e.,) x^2 = p^2 + r^2 + pr \rightarrow (6)$$

$$y^2 = q^2 + r^2 + 2qr \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$(i.e.,) y^2 = q^2 + r^2 + qr \rightarrow (7)$$

$$(6) - (7) \quad x^2 - y^2 = p^2 + r^2 + pr - q^2 - r^2 - qr$$

$$= p^2 + pr - q^2 - qr$$

$$= p^2 - q^2 + pr - qr$$

$$= (p^2 - q^2) + r(p - q)$$

$$= (p+q)(p-q) + r(p-q)$$

$$= (p+q+r)(p-q)$$

$$= 0(p-q) = 0$$

$$(i.e.) x^2 - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = y}$$

- 2). If the resultant of forces  $3P, 5P$  is equal to  $7P$  find (i) The angle between the force  
(ii) The angle which the resultant makes with the first forces.

Soln:-

We know that the resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $R$  then

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

Here  $P \Rightarrow 3P$

$Q \Rightarrow 5P$

$R \Rightarrow 7P$

$$(7P)^2 = (3P)^2 + (5P)^2 + 2(3P)(5P) \cos \alpha$$

$$49P^2 = 9P^2 + 25P^2 + 30P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$49P^2 - 34P^2 = 30P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$15P^2 = 30P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{15P^2}{30P^2}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\alpha = 60^\circ$$

If  $\phi$  is the angle which the resultant  $R$  makes with the first forces  $P$  then

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

$$= \frac{5P \sin \alpha}{3P + 5P \cos \alpha} = \frac{5P \sin 60^\circ}{3P + 5P \cos 60^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{5P \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)}{3P + 5P \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{5P\sqrt{3}/2}{3P + 5P/2}$$

$$= \frac{5P\sqrt{3}/2}{6P + 5P}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5P\sqrt{3}/2}{11P/2} = \frac{5P\sqrt{3}}{11P} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{11}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{11} \right)$$

3). The resultant of two forces  $3P$  and  $2P$  is  $R$ . If the first force is doubled, the resultant is also doubled. Find the angle between the forces.

Soln:-

Let  $\alpha$  be the angle between the forces.

We know that

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

$$R^2 = (3P)^2 + (2P)^2 + 2(3P)(2P) \cos \alpha$$

$$R^2 = 9P^2 + 4P^2 + 12P^2 \cos \alpha$$

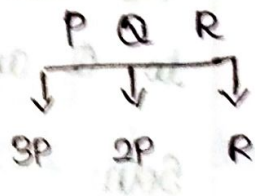
$$R^2 = 13P^2 + 12P^2 \cos \alpha \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

If the first force is doubled, then the resultant is also doubled.

$$\text{We have } (2R)^2 = (6P)^2 + (2P)^2 + 2(6P)(2P) \cos \alpha$$

$$4R^2 = 36P^2 + 4P^2 + 24P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$4R^2 = 40P^2 + 24P^2 \cos \alpha$$



$$\div 4 \quad R^2 = 10P^2 + 6P^2 \cos \alpha \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

From eqn ① and ②, we get

$$13P^2 + 12P^2 \cos \alpha = 10P^2 + 6P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$13P^2 - 10P^2 = 6P^2 \cos \alpha - 12P^2 \cos \alpha$$

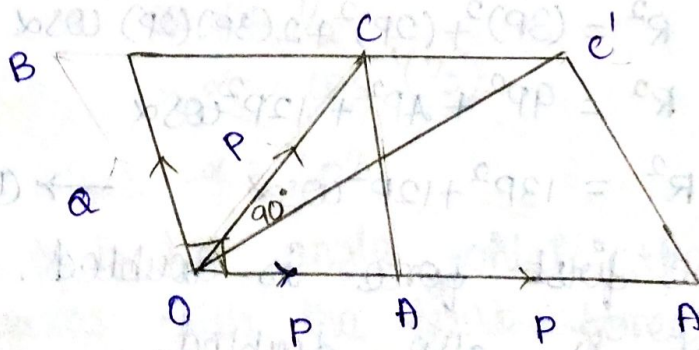
$$3P^2 = -6P^2 \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{3P^2}{-6P^2}$$

∴  $\cos \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\alpha = \cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2})$   
 $\alpha = 120^\circ$

A). The resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is of magnitude  $P$ . Show that if the force  $P$  is doubled & remaining unaltered. Then the new resultant will be at right angles to  $Q$  and its magnitude will be  $\sqrt{4P^2 - Q^2}$ .

Soln:-



Let  $OA$  and  $OB$  represent  $P$  and  $Q$ . Then  $OC$  is their resultant so that  $OC = OA = P$ .

Let us produce  $OA$  to  $A'$  such that

$$OA = AA' = P \text{ and } OC' = R.$$

Which is the resultant of  $OP (= OA')$  and  $OQ (= OB)$

$$OC' = AA' = OC$$

$$\text{Hence } \angle BOC' = 90^\circ$$

Let us produce  $OA$  to  $A'$  such that

$\therefore$  From the right angle  $\triangle BOC'$

$$OC'^2 = BC'^2 - OB^2$$

$$R^2 = (2P)^2 - Q^2$$

$$R^2 = AP^2 - Q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \sqrt{AP^2 - Q^2}$$

5). The resultant of force  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $R$ . If  $Q$  is doubled then  $R$  is doubled.  $R$  is also doubled if  $Q$  is reversed. Show that

$$P : Q : R = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}$$

Soln:-

We know that the resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $R$  then

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

$\therefore$  From the given data

$$R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$4R^2 = P^2 + 4Q^2 + 4PQ \cos \alpha \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$4R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ \cos \alpha \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 5R^2 = 2P^2 + 2Q^2$$

$$2P^2 + 2Q^2 - 5R^2 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

Multiply eqn ③ by ② and then adding it to eqn ④, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \textcircled{3} \times \textcircled{2} \\ & \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$12R^2 = 3P^2 + 6Q^2$$

$\div 3$

$$P^2 + 2Q^2 = 4R^2$$

$$P^2 + 2Q^2 - 4R^2 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

Solving eqn ④ and ⑤, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} P^2 & Q^2 & R^2 & P^2 & Q^2 & R^2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & -5 & 2 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & 2 & -4 \end{array} \quad \text{(or)} \quad \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} P^2 & Q^2 & R^2 & P^2 & Q^2 & R^2 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & -5 & 2 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & 2 & -4 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{P^2}{-8+10} = \frac{Q^2}{-5+8} = \frac{R^2}{4-2}$$

$$\frac{P^2}{2} = \frac{Q^2}{3} = \frac{R^2}{2}$$

$$P^2 : Q^2 : R^2 = 2 : 3 : 2$$

$$P : Q : R = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2} \quad \text{m.}$$

6. The resultant of two forces P and Q acting at an angle  $\theta$  is equal to  $(2m+1)\sqrt{P^2+Q^2}$ ; when they act at an angle  $90^\circ - \theta$ , the resultant is  $(2m-1)\sqrt{P^2+Q^2}$

Prove that  $\tan \theta = \frac{m-1}{m+1}$

Solns:-

We know that the resultant of two forces P and Q acting at an angle  $\alpha$  is

From the given data, we have the resultant of P and Q acting at angle  $\theta$  is

$$(2m+1)^2 (P^2+Q^2) = P^2+Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta$$

$$(2m+1)^2 (P^2+Q^2) - P^2+Q^2 = 2PQ \cos \theta$$

$$[(2m+1)^2 - 1] P^2+Q^2 = 2PQ \cos \theta$$

$$[4m^2+4m+1-1] P^2+Q^2 = 2PQ \cos \theta$$

$$(4m^2+4m) (P^2+Q^2) = 2PQ \cos \theta \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

The resultant of P and Q acting at angle  $90^\circ - \theta$  is

$$(2m-1)^2 (P^2+Q^2) = P^2+Q^2 + 2PQ \cos(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$(2m-1)^2 (P^2+Q^2) - (P^2+Q^2) = 2PQ \sin \theta$$

$$(4m^2-4m+1-1) (P^2+Q^2) = 2PQ \sin \theta$$

$$(4m^2-4m) (P^2+Q^2) = 2PQ \sin \theta \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

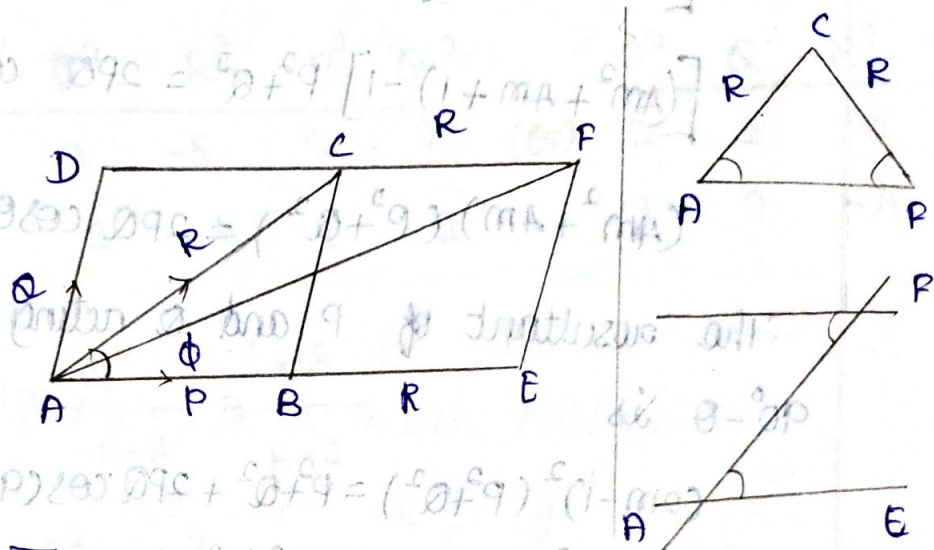
$$\frac{\textcircled{2}}{\textcircled{1}} \Rightarrow \frac{2PQ \sin \theta}{2PQ \cos \theta} = \frac{(4m^2-4m) (P^2+Q^2)}{(4m^2+4m) (P^2+Q^2)}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{4m^2-4m}{4m^2+4m} = \frac{4m(m-1)}{4m(m+1)}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{m-1}{m+1}$$

7. If the resultant  $R$  of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  inclined to one another at any given angle makes an angle  $\phi$  with the direction of  $P$ , show that the resultant of forces  $(P+R)$  and  $Q$  acting at the same angle will make an angle  $\phi/2$  with the direction of  $P+R$ .

Solns:-



Let  $\overline{AB} = P$  and  $\overline{AD} = Q$

From the Parallelogram  $ABCD$ ,

$$\overline{AB} + \overline{AD} = \overline{AC} = R$$

To mark the force  $P+R$ ;

Produce  $(AB)$  to  $E$  so that

$$BE = AC$$

In the Parallelogram  $DAEF$ ,  $\overline{AF}$  given the new resultant,

In  $\triangle CAF$ ,  $CA = CF$  (each representing  $R$  in magnitude)

$$\therefore \angle CAF = \angle CFA = \angle PAF \text{ (Alternate angles).}$$

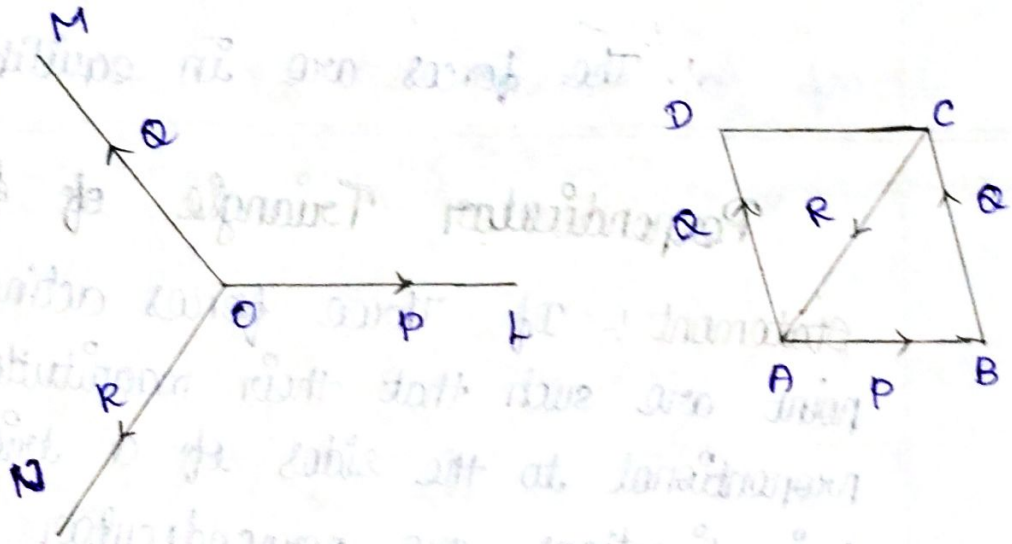


∴  $\angle CAF = \angle FAE$   
 $\Rightarrow$  AF bisects  $\angle CAB$   
 (bisects)

$$\therefore \angle CAF = \angle FAE = \frac{\phi}{2}$$

## Triangle of Forces

If three forces acting at a point can be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of a triangle taken in order, they will be in equilibrium.



Let the forces P, Q, R act at a point O and be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides AB, BC, CA of the triangle ABC. We have to prove that they will be in equilibrium.

Complete the Parallelogram BADC as AD is equal and parallel to BC, AD also represents Q in magnitude and direction.

$$P+Q = \overline{AB} + \overline{AD} = \overline{AC} \text{ (by Parallelogram Law)}$$

This shows that the resultant of the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  at  $O$  is represented in magnitude and direction by  $AC$

The third force  $R$  acts at  $O$  and it is represented in magnitude and direction

by  $CA$ . Hence  $P+Q+R = \overline{AC}$  at  $O$  +  $\overline{CA}$  at  $O$   
 $= \overline{AC} - \overline{AC}$

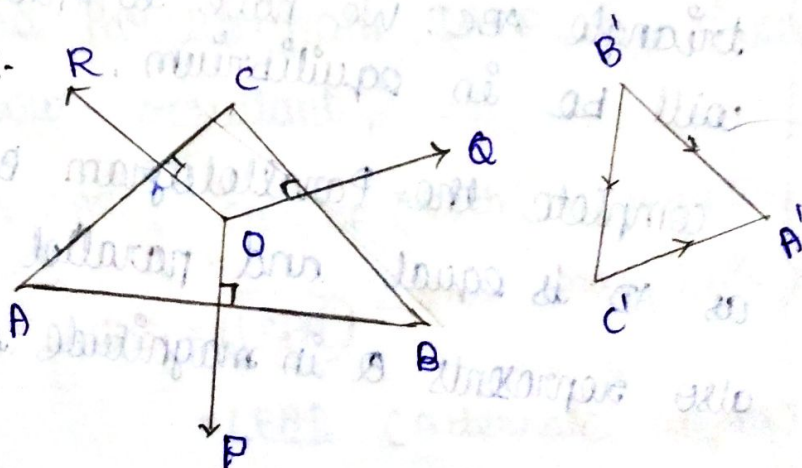
$= 0$  [as the two vectors at  $O$  are equal and opposite.]

$\therefore$  The forces are in equilibrium.

### Perpendicular Triangle of forces

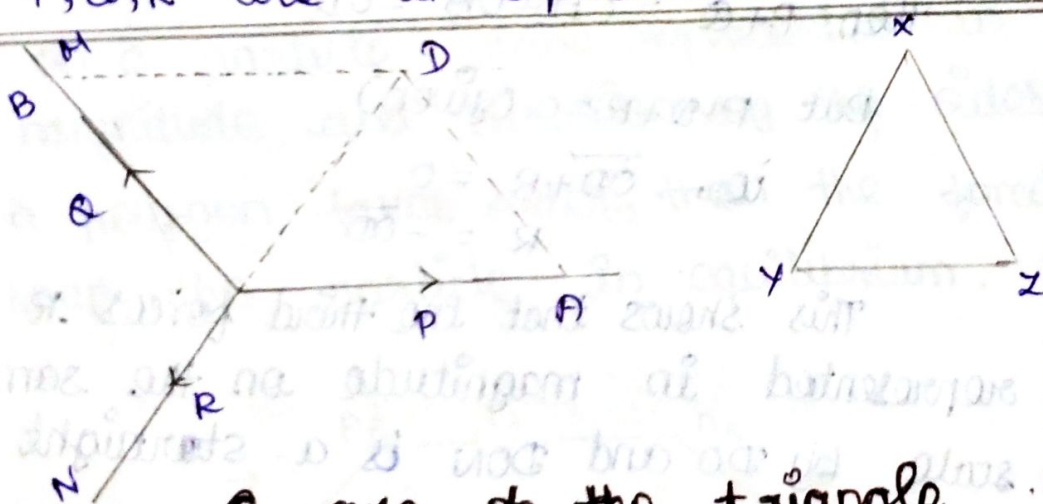
Statement :- If Three forces acting at a point are such that their magnitudes are proportional to the sides of a triangle and their directions are perpendicular to the corresponding sides, all inwards or all outwards, then also the forces will be in equilibrium.

Proof :-



Let the forces  $P, Q, R$  meet at  $O$ .  $ABC$  is a triangle such that magnitudes of  $P, Q, R$  are proportional to the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively of  $\triangle ABC$  and their directions are perpendicular to the corresponding sides outwards. We have to prove that they will be in equilibrium. If we rotate the  $\triangle ABC$  through  $90^\circ$  in its own plane, we will get a new triangle  $A', B', C'$  whose sides are parallel to the given forces and represent the forces both in magnitude and direction.

Hence by the triangle of forces  $P, Q, R$  are in equilibrium.



### Converse of the triangle of forces :-

Statement :- If three forces acting at a point are in equilibrium, then any triangle drawn so as to have its sides parallel to the directions of the forces shall represent them in magnitude also

Let the three forces  $P, Q, R$  acting at  $O$  along the direction  $OX, OY$  and  $OZ$  keep it in equilibrium.  $XYZ$  is a triangle such that the sides  $YZ, ZX$  and  $XY$  are parallel to the direction of  $P, Q, R$  respectively. We have to prove that the sides of  $\triangle XYZ$  are proportional to the magnitudes of  $P, Q$  and  $R$  given that  $P+Q+R=0$

Along  $OX$ , cut off  $OA$  to represent the magnitude of  $P$  on some scale

$$\text{i.e., } \overline{OA} = P$$

On the same scale, make  $\overline{OB} = Q$

To get the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$ , complete the parallelogram  $OACB$

$$\text{Then } P+Q = \overline{OA} + \overline{OB} = \overline{OD}$$

$$\text{But } P+Q+R=0 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \overline{OD} + R = 0$$

$$R = -\overline{OD}$$

This shows that the third force  $R$  is represented in magnitude on the same scale by  $DO$  and  $DOA$  is a straight line.

Hence the three forces  $P, Q$  and  $R$  are parallel and proportional to the sides of the triangle  $OACB$

Now any triangle like  $XYZ$  whose sides are parallel to the direction of

P, Q and R will be similar to  $\triangle OAD$  and

hence

$$\frac{YZ}{OA} = \frac{ZX}{AD} = \frac{XY}{DO}$$

But

$$\frac{P}{OA} = \frac{Q}{OB} = \frac{R}{DO}$$

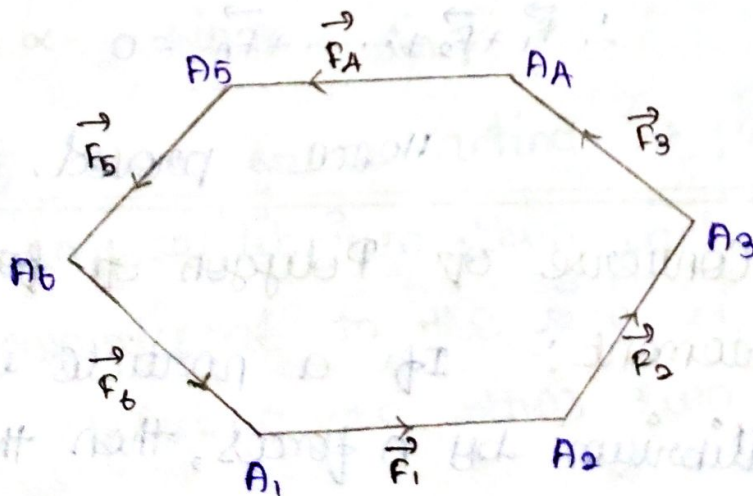
$$\frac{XY}{P} = \frac{ZX}{Q} = \frac{YZ}{R}$$

ie., The sides of  $\triangle XYZ$  will be proportional to P, Q, R.

## Polygon of forces

Statement :-

If several coplane forces, acting on a particle can be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of a polygon taken order, then the forces keep the particle in equilibrium.



Let the given forces be  $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2, \vec{F}_3, \dots, \vec{F}_n$  acting on a particle can be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides

$A_1A_2, A_2A_3, A_3A_4, \dots, A_{n-1}A_n, A_nA_1$  of the polygon  $A_1A_2A_3 \dots A_n$ .

To Prove that the forces keep the Particle in equilibrium.

Comprehending the forces by vector

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = \overline{A_1A_2} + \overline{A_2A_3} \\ = \overline{A_1A_3}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 = \overline{A_1A_3} + \overline{A_3A_4} \\ = \overline{A_1A_4}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots + \vec{F}_{n-1} = \overline{A_1A_{n-1}} + \overline{A_{n-1}A_n} \\ = \overline{A_1A_n} \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots + \vec{F}_n = \overline{A_1A_n} \text{ at } O + \overline{A_nA_1} \text{ at } O \\ = \overline{A_1A_n} - \overline{A_nA_1} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \dots + \vec{F}_n = 0$$

Hence proved.

Converse of Polygon of forces:

Statement:- If a particle is kept in equilibrium by  $n$  forces, then they can be represented by the sides of a  $n$ -sided polygon.

Same Diagram

Proof :-

In Particular consider 6 forces  $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2, \vec{F}_3, \dots, \vec{F}_6$  which can be kept in equilibrium.

$$\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 + \vec{F}_4 + \vec{F}_5 + \vec{F}_6 = 0$$

Take AB as  $\vec{F}_1$ , BC as  $\vec{F}_2$ , CD as  $\vec{F}_3$ ,  
DB as  $\vec{F}_4$ , EF as  $\vec{F}_5$ , FA as  $\vec{F}_6$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CD} + \vec{DE} + \vec{EF} + \vec{FA} = 0$$

Hence the proved.

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### Lami's Theorem

Statement :-

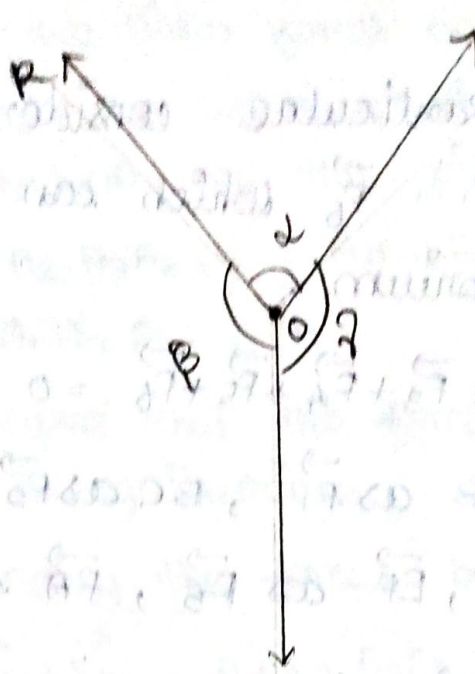
If a particle is in equilibrium under the action of forces  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{Q}$  and  $\vec{R}$  then to show that

$$\frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{Q}{\sin \beta} = \frac{R}{\sin \gamma}$$

If three forces acting at a point are in equilibrium then each force is proportional to the sine of the angle between the other two sides.

$$\frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{Q}{\sin \beta} = \frac{R}{\sin \gamma}$$

Proof :-



Let  $\alpha$  be the angle between  $\vec{R}$  and  $\vec{Q}$

Let  $\beta$  be the angle between  $\vec{R}$  and  $\vec{P}$

Let  $\gamma$  be the angle between  $\vec{P}$  and  $\vec{Q}$

Since the three forces  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{Q}$  and  $\vec{R}$  acting at a point are in equilibrium,  $\vec{P} + \vec{Q} + \vec{R} = 0$

Multiply vectorially by  $\vec{P}$ , we get

$$(\vec{P} + \vec{Q} + \vec{R}) \times \vec{P} = 0$$

$$\vec{P} \times \vec{P} + \vec{Q} \times \vec{P} + \vec{R} \times \vec{P} = 0$$

Let  $\hat{n}$  be the unit vector  $\perp r$ , to three forces such that  $\vec{P}, \vec{Q}, \hat{n}$  form a right handed triad.

$$0 + QP \sin \gamma (-\hat{n}) + RP \sin \beta (\hat{n}) = 0$$

$$-QP \sin \gamma \hat{n} + RP \sin \beta \hat{n} = 0$$

$$R \sin \beta \hat{n} = QP \sin \gamma \hat{n}$$

$$R \sin \beta = Q \sin \gamma$$

$$\frac{R}{\sin \gamma} = \frac{Q}{\sin \beta} \rightarrow \textcircled{0}$$



Again multiply eqn (1) vectorially by  $\vec{Q}$ , we get

$$(\vec{P} + \vec{Q} + \vec{R}) \times \vec{Q} = 0$$

$$\vec{P} \times \vec{Q} + \vec{Q} \times \vec{Q} + \vec{R} \times \vec{Q} = 0$$

$$PQ \sin \gamma \hat{n} + 0 + RQ \sin \alpha (\hat{n}) = 0$$

$$PQ \sin \gamma \hat{n} - RQ \sin \alpha \hat{n} = 0$$

$$P \sin \gamma \hat{n} = R \sin \alpha \hat{n}$$

$$P \sin \gamma = R \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R}{\sin \gamma} \rightarrow (3)$$

From eqn (2) and (3), we get

$$\frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{Q}{\sin \beta} = \frac{R}{\sin \gamma}$$

Transmissibility of a force :-

Two forces equal in magnitude and direction acting on a rigid body along the same line but at different point are equivalent. So, a force can be transmit without altering its effect on the rigid body, to any other point on its line of action. This is known as the principle of transmissibility of force on a rigid body.



Let  $\hat{e}$  be the unit vector in the direction of  $\overline{A_1A_2}$  introduce a force,  $P\hat{e}$  at  $A_1$ , and a force  $P\hat{e}$  at  $A_2$ . Since, These two forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction and act along the same line, their introduction will not affect the effect of the given two forces. Let

$$\overline{A_1B_1} = F_1\hat{e} \quad \overline{A_2B_2} = F_2\hat{e} \quad \overline{A_1C_1} = -P\hat{e} \quad \overline{A_2C_2} = P\hat{e}$$

Complete the Parallelograms  $A_1B_1D_1C_1$  and  $A_2B_2D_2C_2$ . Then the resultant of the two forces  $F_1\hat{e}$  and  $-P\hat{e}$  acting at  $A_1$  is

$$\overline{A_1D_1} = F_1\hat{e} - P\hat{e}$$

and the resultant of the forces  $F_2\hat{e}$  and  $P\hat{e}$  acting at  $A_2$  is

$$\overline{A_2D_2} = F_2\hat{e} + P\hat{e}$$

If the  $\overline{A_1D_1}$  and  $\overline{A_2D_2}$  intersect at resultant is

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{A_1D_1} + \overline{A_2D_2} &= (F_1\hat{e} - P\hat{e}) + (F_2\hat{e} + P\hat{e}) \\ &= (F_1 + F_2)\hat{e} \end{aligned}$$

acting at  $O$ , Note that this resultant is parallel to the original forces.

Point of intersection of the resultant with  $A_1A_2$ . From the similar triangles

$$\Delta OXA_1, \Delta A_1B_1D$$

$$\frac{OX}{XA_1} = \frac{F_1}{P}$$

Also from the similar triangles  $\Delta OXA_2$

$$\Delta A_2B_2D_2$$

$$\frac{OX}{XA_2} = \frac{F_2}{P}$$

Dividing (2) by (1), we get

$$\frac{XA_1}{XA_2} = \frac{F_2}{F_1}$$

That is the line of action of a resultant divides internally  $A_1A_2$  in the ratio  $F_2 : F_1$

Note: In Sums this result may be used in the form

$$F_1 \times XA_1 = F_2 \times XA_2$$

Position vector of  $x$ :-

Let the position vectors of  $A_1, A_2$  be  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2$  since  $x$  divides  $A_1A_2$  internally in the ratio of  $F_2 : F_1$ . The position vector of

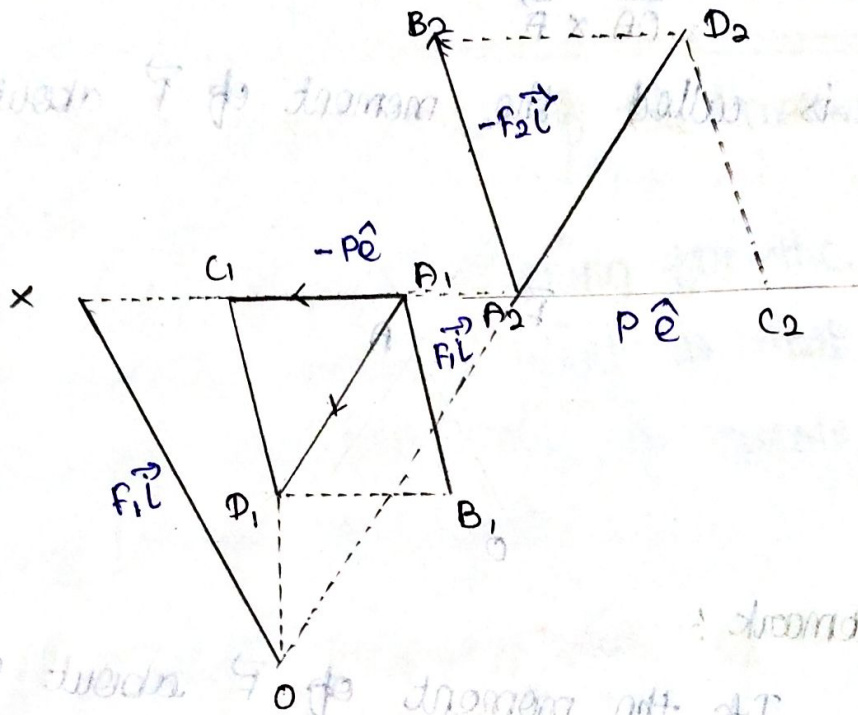
$$x \text{ is } \frac{F_1 \vec{r}_1 + F_2 \vec{r}_2}{F_1 + F_2}$$

Case (ii) :- Let the given forces be unlike

Parallel forces  $F_1 \vec{i}$  and  $F_2 (-\vec{i})$  ( $F_1 > F_2$ )

acting at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively. If we

apply the procedure followed in case (i) we see that the steps of case (i) respect with the only difference that instead of  $F_2$  they have  $-F_2$ .



Then we get the resultant of the forces  $F_1$  and  $-F_2$  acting at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is  $\{F_1 + (-F_2)\}$  acting at the point which divides

$A_1A_2$  in the ratio of  $(-F_2) : F_1$  that is at the point which divides  $A_1A_2$  externally in the ratio of  $F_2 : F_1$ .

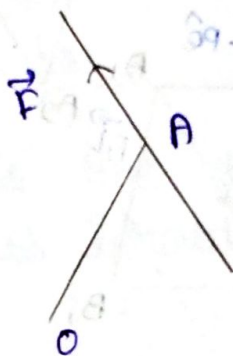
## Moment of a force:-

Let  $\vec{F}$  be a force and  $A$  be a point on its line of action.

Let  $O$  be a point in space. Then the vector,

$$\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}$$

is called the moment of  $\vec{F}$  about  $O$ .



Remark :-

If the moment of  $\vec{F}$  about  $A$  is zero either

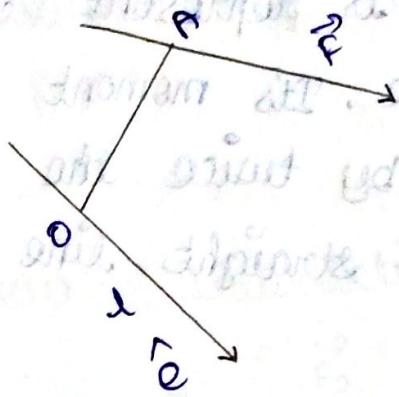
(i)  $\vec{F} = 0$  (or)

(ii) The line of action of  $\vec{F}$  passes through  $A$ .

## Moment of a force about a line:-

Let  $\vec{F}$  be a force and  $A$  be a point on its line of action. Let  $l$  be a directed line through a point  $O$ . The direction of the line being specified by  $\hat{e}$ .

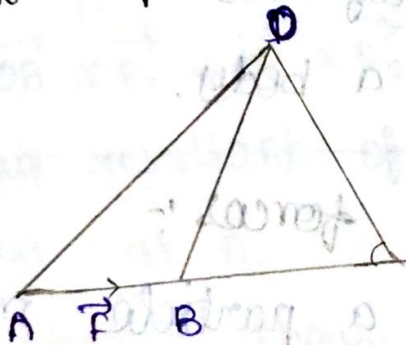
Then the scalar triple product  $(\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{e}$  is called the moment of the force  $\vec{F}$  about  $l$ .



Physical significance of the moment of a force:

The physical meaning for the moment of a force about a point is that it measures the tendency to rotate the body about the point.

Geometrical representation of a moment:



Let a force  $F$  acting a body represented in magnitude, direction and the line of acting by the line  $AB$ .

Let  $O$  be any given point and  $ON$ ,

the  $\perp r$  from  $O$  on  $AB$  the moment of force  $F$  about  $O$ .

$$= \vec{F} \times ON$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \times AB \times ON \right] = 2 \times \text{Area } \triangle AOB$$

If a force is represented completely by a straight line. Its moment about any point is given by twice the area of the triangle which straight line subtends at the point.

**Rigid Body :-**

A system of particles is such that the distance any two of them is always constant is called rigid body.

**Applied forces :-**

Force applied on a body by the external agencies are called applied forces on a body.

**Effective forces :-**

If a particle, mass  $m$  has an acceleration  $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}$  then a quantity  $m\ddot{\mathbf{r}}$  is called effective forces.

**Varignon's Theorem :-**

**Statement :-**

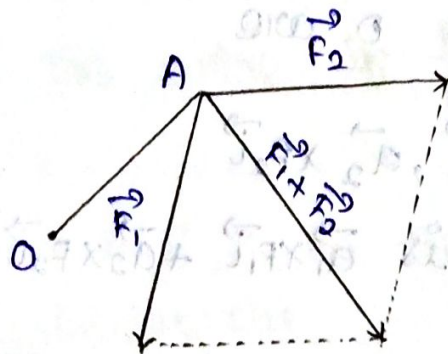
(The sum of the moments of two intersecting or parallel forces, about any point is equal to the moment of



the resultant of the forces about the same point).

Proof:

Case (i): Intersecting forces



Let the lines of action of the forces  $\vec{F}_1$  and  $\vec{F}_2$  intersect at A. Then the moment of  $\vec{F}_1$  and  $\vec{F}_2$  about any point

O are  $\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_1$  and  $\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_2$  and their sum is

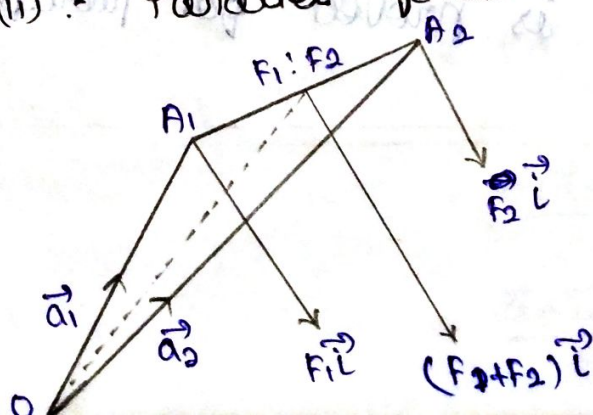
$$\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_2$$

But the resultant of  $\vec{F}_1$  and  $\vec{F}_2$  is  $\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2$  acting at A.

So its moment about O is  $\vec{OA} \times (\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2)$

Since  $\vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{OA} \times \vec{F}_2 = \vec{OA} \times (\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2)$ , the theorem is proved for intersecting forces.

Case (ii): Parallel forces



Let the Parallel forces be  $F_1 = F_1 \vec{l}$  and  $F_2 = F_2 \vec{l}$  acting at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively.

Let  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2$  be the position vectors of with respect to  $O$ . Then the moments of  $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2$  about  $O$  are

$$\vec{a}_1 \times F_1 \vec{l}, \vec{a}_2 \times F_2 \vec{l}$$

Their sum is  $\vec{a}_1 \times F_1 \vec{l} + \vec{a}_2 \times F_2 \vec{l} = (F_1 \vec{a}_1 + F_2 \vec{a}_2) \vec{l}$

But the resultant of  $F_1 \vec{l}$  and  $F_2 \vec{l}$  is  $(F_1 + F_2) \vec{l}$  acting at  $x$  where  $x$  divides  $A_1 A_2$  internally in the ratio  $F_2 : F_1$

So, the Position vector of  $x$  is  $\frac{F_1 \vec{a}_1 + F_2 \vec{a}_2}{F_1 + F_2}$

So, the moment of the resultant about  $O$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{Ox} \times (F_1 + F_2) \vec{l} &= \frac{F_1 \vec{a}_1 + F_2 \vec{a}_2}{F_1 + F_2} \times (F_1 + F_2) \vec{l} \\ &= (F_1 \vec{a}_1 + F_2 \vec{a}_2) \vec{l} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  From eqn ① and ② the theorem is proved for parallel forces.

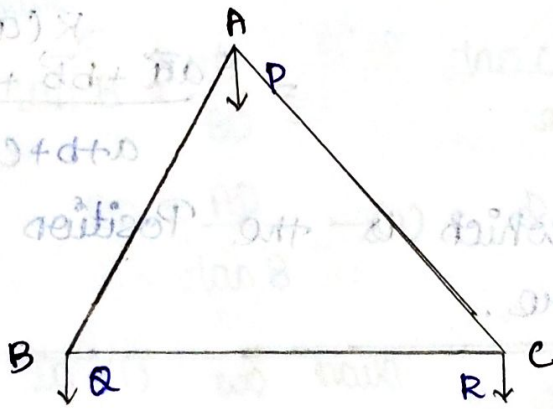
Q. Three like Parallel forces  $P, Q, R$  act at the vertices of a triangle  $ABC$  so that, the resultant passes through

(i) The centroid if  $P = Q = R$ .

(ii) The centre if  $\frac{P}{a} = \frac{Q}{b} = \frac{R}{c}$

Soln:

Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  be the Position vectors of  $A, B, C$  respectively



circumcentre

The resultant passes through the point whose position vector

$$r = \frac{P\vec{a} + Q\vec{b} + R\vec{c}}{P+Q+R} \rightarrow \text{O}$$

(i) Given that  $P = Q = R$  (say =  $P$ )

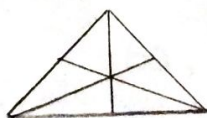
$\therefore$  eqn (i) becomes

$$\text{Position vector} = \frac{P\vec{a} + Q\vec{b} + R\vec{c}}{P+P+P}$$

$$= \frac{P\vec{a} + Q\vec{b} + R\vec{c}}{3P}$$

$$= \frac{P(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})}{3P}$$

$$= \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3}$$



centroid

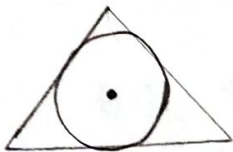
which is the position vectors of the centroid.

(ii) Given that  $\frac{P}{a} = \frac{Q}{b} = \frac{R}{c} = k$  (say)

$$P = ak ; Q = bk ; R = ck$$

using this in eqn (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Position vector} &= \frac{ak\vec{a} + bk\vec{b} + ck\vec{c}}{k(a+b+c)} \\ &= \frac{k(a\vec{a} + b\vec{b} + c\vec{c})}{k(a+b+c)} \\ &= \frac{a\vec{a} + b\vec{b} + c\vec{c}}{a+b+c} \end{aligned}$$



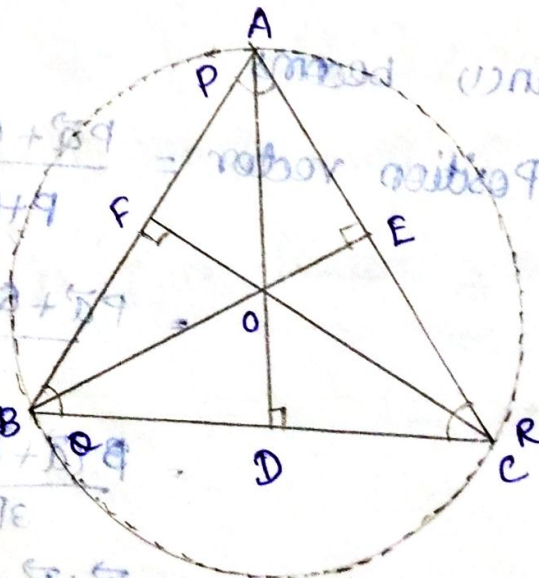
in centre

which is the Position vector of the incentre.

② Three like parallel forces  $P, Q, R$  act at the vertices of a triangle  $ABC$ . If their resultant passes through the orthocentre

$O$ . Show that  $\frac{P}{\tan A} = \frac{Q}{\tan B} = \frac{R}{\tan C}$

Soln:-



Let AD be the altitudes, though A  
 Now P act at A.

The resultant of Q, R should act at  
 D such that

$$Q \times BD = DC \times R$$

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{R}{Q} \rightarrow (1)$$

Consider the triangle  $\triangle ABD$ ,  $\triangle ADC$   
 we have

$$\tan B = \frac{AD}{BD} \quad \tan C = \frac{AD}{DC}$$

$$BD = \frac{AD}{\tan B} \rightarrow (2) \quad DC = \frac{AD}{\tan C} \rightarrow (3)$$

(2), (3) in (1) we have

$$\frac{AD}{\tan B} \times \frac{\tan C}{AD} = \frac{R}{Q}$$

$$\frac{\tan C}{\tan B} = \frac{R}{Q}$$

$$\frac{Q}{\tan B} = \frac{R}{\tan C} \rightarrow (4)$$

Let BE be the altitudes, they

B, Now Q act at B.

So, the resultant of R, P should  
 act at E such that

$$R \times CE = EA \times P$$

$$\frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{P}{R} \rightarrow (5)$$

consider the triangle  $\Delta BCE$ ,  $\Delta BAE$   
we have

$$\tan C = \frac{BE}{CE} \Rightarrow CE = \frac{BE}{\tan C}$$

$$\tan A = \frac{BE}{EA} \Rightarrow EA = \frac{BE}{\tan A}$$

(5) becomes

$$\frac{BE}{\tan C} \times \frac{\tan A}{BE} = \frac{P}{R}$$

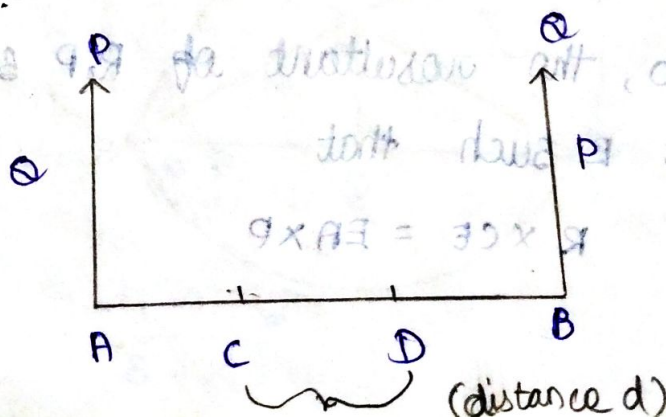
$$\frac{\tan A}{\tan C} = \frac{P}{R} \Rightarrow \frac{P}{\tan A} = \frac{R}{\tan C} \rightarrow (6)$$

from (4), (6)

$$\frac{P}{\tan A} = \frac{Q}{\tan B} = \frac{R}{\tan C}$$

3). If two like parallel forces of magnitude  $P, Q$  ( $P > Q$ ) acting on a rigid body at  $A, B$  are inter changed in position show that the line of action of the resultant is displaced through a distance  $\frac{AB(P-Q)}{P+Q}$ .

Solns:-



Let  $P, Q$  be two like parallel forces act at  $A, B$

Let ' $C$ ' be the resultant of two parallel forces. Then

$$\frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{Q}{P}$$

$$P \cdot AC = Q \cdot CB \rightarrow (1)$$

When the forces  $P, Q$  are interchanged then  $D$  is the new resultant, we have

$$\frac{AD}{DB} = \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$Q \cdot AD = P \cdot DB \rightarrow (2)$$

Let distance between ' $C$ ' and ' $D$ ' is ' $d$ '.

From (2)

$$Q \cdot (AC + CD) = P \cdot (CB - CD)$$

$$Q \cdot AC + Q \cdot CD = P \cdot CB - P \cdot CD$$

$$Q \cdot AC + Q \cdot d = P \cdot CB - P \cdot d$$

$$P \cdot d + Q \cdot d = P \cdot CB - Q \cdot AC$$

$$(P + Q) \cdot d = P \cdot CB - Q \cdot AC$$

$$= P(CB - AC) - Q(CB - CB)$$

$$= P \cdot AB - P \cdot AC - Q \cdot AB + Q \cdot CB$$

$$= P \cdot AB - Q \cdot CB - Q \cdot AB + Q \cdot CB \text{ [Using (1)]}$$

$$(P+Q) \cdot d = \sin(P-Q) AB$$

$$d = \frac{AB (P-Q)}{(P+Q)}$$

A).

ABC is a given triangle. Forces P, Q, R acting along the lines CA, OB, OC are in equilibrium. Prove that

(i)  $P:Q:R \leftarrow = a^2(b^2+c^2-a^2) : b^2(c^2+a^2-b^2)$

$$: c^2(a^2+b^2-c^2)$$

if 'O' is the circumcent of the ABC (triangle).

(ii).  $P:Q:R = \cos A/2 \cdot \cos B/2 \cdot \cos C/2$  if 'O' is the incentre of the  $\triangle ABC$ .

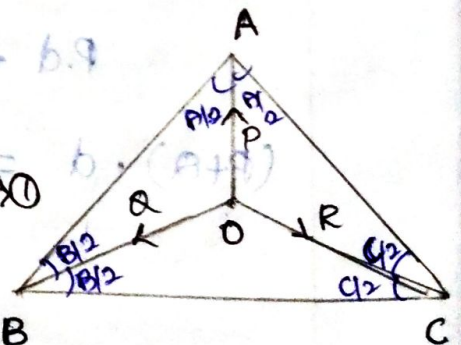
(iii).  $P:Q:R = a:b:c$  if 'O' is the ortho-centre of the  $\triangle ABC$

(iv)  $P:Q:R = OA:OB:OC$  if 'O' is the centroid of the  $\triangle ABC$ .

Soln:-

(i). By Lami's theorem,

$$\frac{P}{\sin \angle BOC} = \frac{Q}{\sin \angle COA} = \frac{R}{\sin \angle AOB}$$



When 'O' is the circumcentre of the triangle  $\triangle ABC$ , we've



$$\angle BOC = 2A, \angle COA = 2B, \angle AOB = 2C$$

(1) becomes:

$$\frac{P}{\sin 2A} = \frac{Q}{\sin 2B} = \frac{R}{\sin 2C}$$

$$\frac{P}{2 \sin A \cos A} = \frac{Q}{2 \sin B \cos B} = \frac{R}{2 \sin C \cos C} \rightarrow (2)$$

We know that

Area of the triangle

$$\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin A \Rightarrow \sin A = \frac{2 \Delta ABC}{bc}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \sin B = \frac{2 \Delta ABC}{ca}; \sin C = \frac{2 \Delta ABC}{ab}$$

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}; \cos B = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca}$$

$$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$$

\(\therefore\) equation (2) becomes

$$\frac{P}{A \frac{\Delta ABC}{bc} \left( \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} \right)} = \frac{Q}{A \frac{\Delta ABC}{ca} \left( \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ca} \right)} = \frac{R}{A \frac{\Delta ABC}{ab} \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \right)}$$

$$\frac{P b^2 c^2}{2 \Delta ABC (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)} = \frac{Q c^2 a^2}{2 \Delta ABC (c^2 + a^2 - b^2)} = \frac{R a^2 b^2}{2 \Delta ABC (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)}$$

Multiplying throughout by  $\frac{2 \Delta ABC}{a^2 b^2 c^2}$ , we get

$$\frac{P}{a^2 (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)} = \frac{Q}{b^2 (c^2 + a^2 - b^2)} = \frac{R}{c^2 (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)}$$

$$\therefore P : Q : R = a^2 (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) : b^2 (c^2 + a^2 - b^2)$$

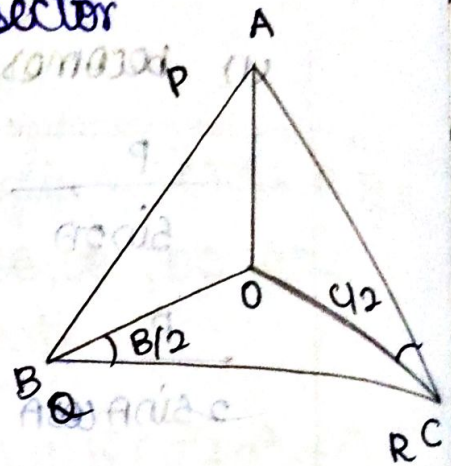
$$: c^2 (a^2 + b^2 - c^2)$$

ii) When 'O' is the incentre of  $\triangle ABC$ , we have OB, OC are the bisector of the angles  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$ .

$$\angle BOC + \angle B/2 + \angle C/2 = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle BOC = 180^\circ - B/2 - C/2$$

$$= 180^\circ - \left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right) \rightarrow (1)$$



But  $A+B+C = 180^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{B+C}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - A}{2}$

$$\frac{B+C}{2} = 90^\circ - A/2 \rightarrow (2)$$

Using (2) and (1), we get

$$\angle BOC = 180^\circ - (90^\circ - A/2)$$

$$\angle BOC = 90^\circ + A/2$$

By Lami's theorem, we have

$$\frac{P}{\sin \angle BOC} = \frac{Q}{\sin \angle COA} = \frac{R}{\sin \angle AOB} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\sin \angle BOC = \sin (90^\circ + A/2) = \cos A/2$$

$$\sin \angle COA = \cos B/2$$

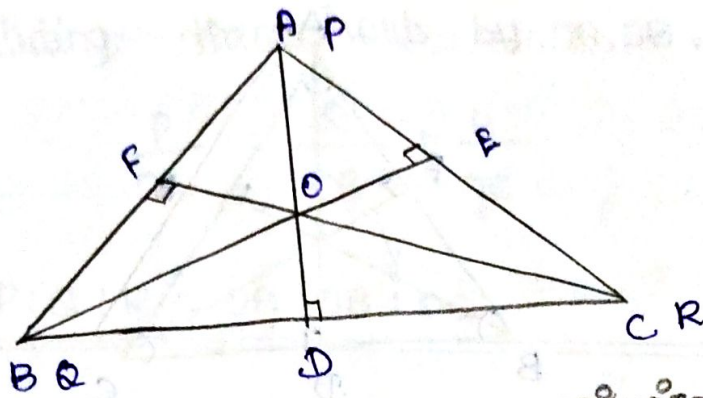
$$\sin \angle AOB = \cos C/2$$

eqn (3) becomes,

$$\frac{P}{\cos A/2} = \frac{Q}{\cos B/2} = \frac{R}{\cos C/2}$$

$$P : Q : R = (\cos A/2) : (\cos B/2) : (\cos C/2)$$

iii).



When 'O' is the <sup>(orthocenter)</sup> orthocentre of  $\triangle ABC$ , we have

$AD, BE, CF$  are the altitude quadrilateral

$AFOE$  is

$$\angle AFO + \angle OEA = 90^\circ + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle FDE + \angle A = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle FOE = 180^\circ - A$$

$$\angle BOC = \angle FOE \text{ (Vertically opposite angles).}$$

$$= 180^\circ - A$$

$$\sin \angle BOC = \sin (180^\circ - A) = \sin A$$

$$\text{Similarly } \sin \angle COA = \sin B$$

$$\sin \angle AOB = \sin C$$

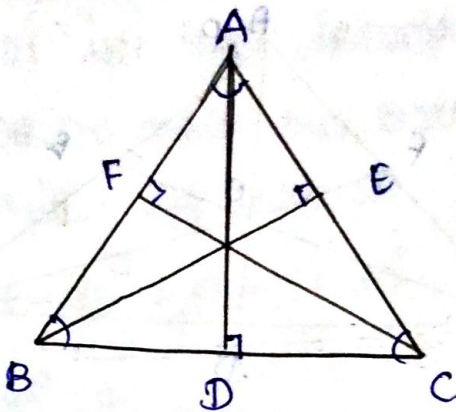
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$$\frac{P}{\sin \angle BOC} = \frac{Q}{\sin \angle COB} = \frac{R}{\sin \angle AOB}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{P}{\sin A} = \frac{Q}{\sin B} = \frac{R}{\sin C}$$

By sine Property,

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} \Rightarrow P:Q:R = a:b:c \quad \text{M.}$$



when 'O' is the centroid of  $\triangle ABC$ , we have.

AD, CF are the medians to side property, we have

$$\triangle BOC = \triangle COA = \triangle AOB = \frac{1}{3} \triangle ABC$$

$$\triangle BOC = \frac{1}{2} OB \cdot OC \cdot \sin \angle BOC$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} OB \cdot OC \cdot \sin \angle BOC$$

$$\sin \angle BOC = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\triangle ABC}{OB \cdot OC}$$

Similarly

$$\sin \angle COA = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\triangle ABC}{OC \cdot OA}$$

$$\sin \angle AOB = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\triangle ABC}{OA \cdot OB}$$

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$$P \cdot OB \cdot OC = Q \cdot OC \cdot OA = R \cdot OA \cdot OB$$

$$P : Q : R = \frac{1}{OB \cdot OC} : \frac{1}{OC \cdot OA} : \frac{1}{OA \cdot OB}$$

Dividing throughout by  $OA, OB, OC$ , we get

$$\frac{P}{OA} = \frac{Q}{OB} = \frac{R}{OC}$$

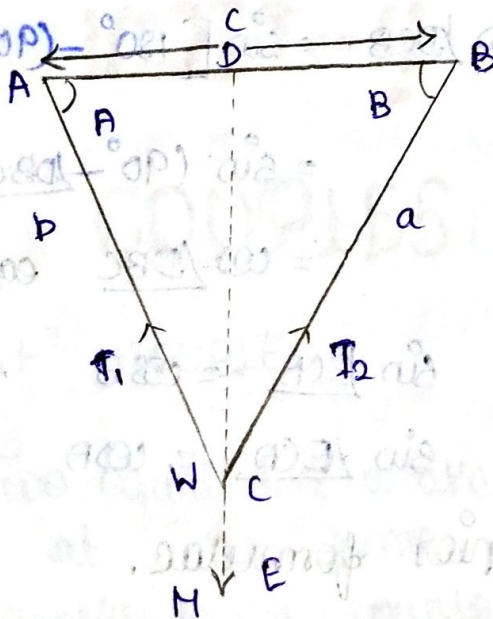
$$P:Q:R = OA:OB:OC$$

5). A and B are two fixed points on a horizontal at distance  $c$  apart.

Two light strings are AC and BC of length  $b$  and  $a$  resp. Support mass etc...

Show that the tensions of the strings are ratio  $[b(c^2 + a^2 - b^2) : a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)]$

Soln:-



Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the tension along the strings CA and CB.

Let 'W' be the weight of the mass at 'C' acting vertically downwards along CE.

Produce EC to meet AB at D.  
 since D is at rest under the action of  
 three forces namely

(i)  $T_1$  acts along CA

(ii)  $T_2$  acts along CB

(iii)  $w$  acts along CE

From Lami's theorem, we have

$$\frac{T_1}{\sin \angle ECB} = \frac{T_2}{\sin \angle ECA} \rightarrow (1) \quad \angle ECB = 180^\circ - \angle DCB$$

$$\sin \angle ECB = \sin [180^\circ - \angle DCB]$$

$$\sin \angle ECB = \sin \angle DCB \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\sin \angle DCB = \sin [180^\circ - (90^\circ + \angle DBC)]$$

$$= \sin (90^\circ - \angle DBC)$$

$$= \cos \angle DBC \quad \text{equ (2) becomes, we get}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin \angle ECB &= \cos B \\ \sin \angle ECA &= \cos A \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow (3)$$

By Napier's formulae,

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}, \quad \cos B = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} \rightarrow (4)$$

From (1),

$$\frac{T_1}{\cos B} = \frac{T_2}{\cos A} \quad \text{using (3)}$$

Put (A) in eqn (3), we get

$$\frac{T_1}{\frac{a^2+c^2-b^2}{2ac}} = \frac{T_2}{\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}}$$

$$\frac{T_1}{\frac{a^2+c^2-b^2}{a}} = \frac{T_2}{\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{b}}$$

$T_1, T_2$  are in the ratio  $\frac{a^2+c^2-b^2}{a}$ ;  $\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{b}$

Multiply in ab,

$$T_1 : T_2 = b(a^2+c^2-b^2) : a(b^2+c^2-a^2)$$