Chap. 4 Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies

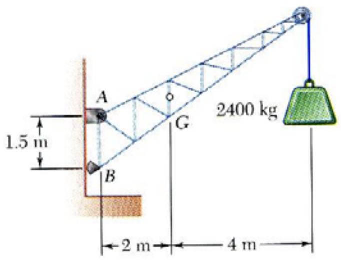
- For a rigid body, the condition of static equilibrium means that the *body under study* does not translate or rotate under the given loads that act on the body

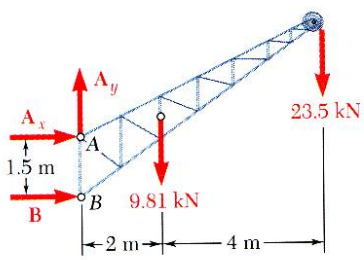
- The necessary and sufficient conditions for the static equilibrium of a body are that the forces sum to zero, and the moment about any point sum to zero:

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \quad \sum \vec{M}_O = \sum \left(\vec{r} \times \vec{F} \right) = 0$$

- Equilibrium analysis can be applied to two-dimensional or three-dimensional bodies, but the first step in any analysis is the creation of the *free body diagram*

Free-Body Diagram

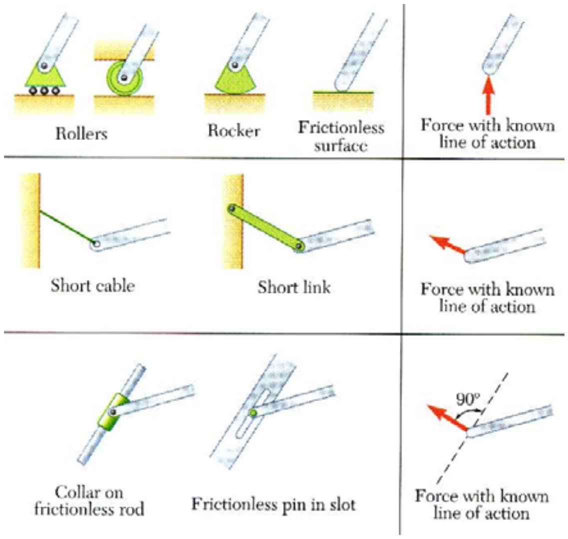




The first step in the static equilibrium analysis of a rigid body is identification of all forces acting on the body with a *free body diagram*.

- Select the body to be analyzed and detach it from the ground and all other bodies and/or supports.
- Indicate point of application, magnitude, and direction of external forces, including the rigid body weight.
- Indicate point of application and assumed direction of unknown forces from reactions of the ground and/or other bodies, such as the supports.
- Include the dimensions, which will be needed to compute the moments of the forces.

Reactions at Supports and Connections for a Two-Dimensional Structure



- Reactions equivalent to a force with known line of action.

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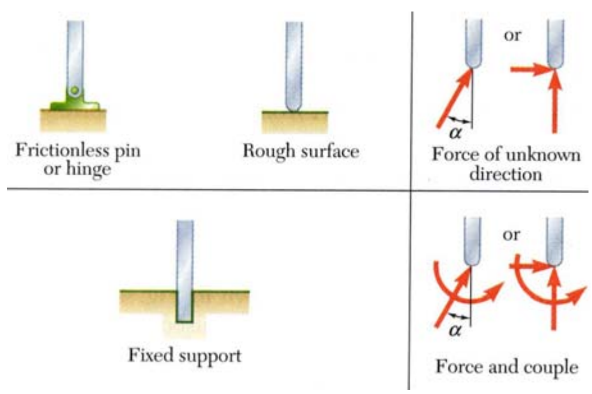
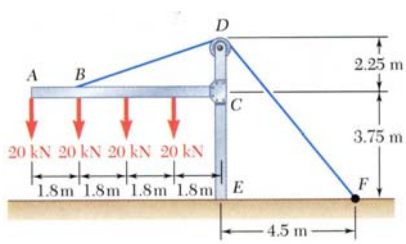
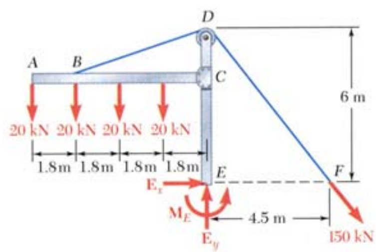


- Reactions equivalent to a force of unknown direction and magnitude.
- Reactions equivalent to a force of unknown direction and magnitude and a couple.of unknown magnitude

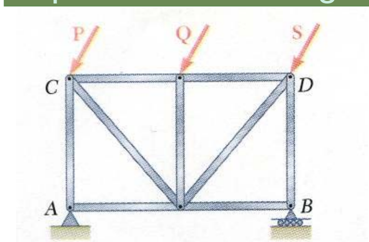
Practice



The frame shown supports part of the roof of a small building. Your goal is to draw the free body diagram (FBD) for the frame. (Neglect the weight of objects.)



Equilibrium of a Rigid Body in Two Dimensions



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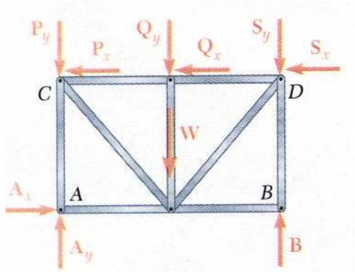


(b)

- For known forces and moments that act on a two-dimensional structure, the following are true:

  $F_z = 0 \quad M_x = M_y = 0 \quad M_z = M_O$

- Equations of equilibrium become

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

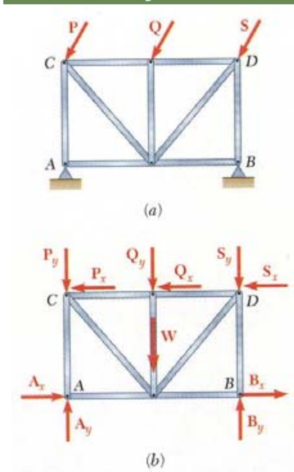
  where *A* can be any point in the plane of the body.

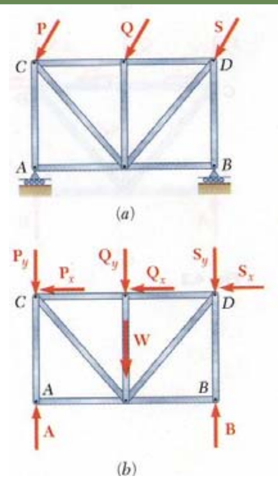
- The 3 equations can be solved for no more than 3 unknowns.

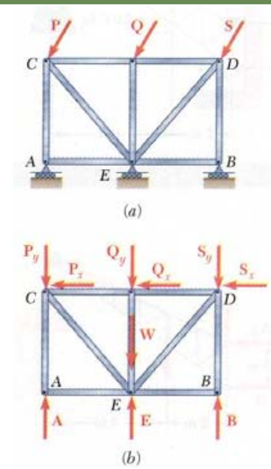
- The 3 equations cannot be augmented with additional equations, but they can be replaced

  $\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum M_A = 0 \quad \sum M_B = 0$

Statically Indeterminate Reactions

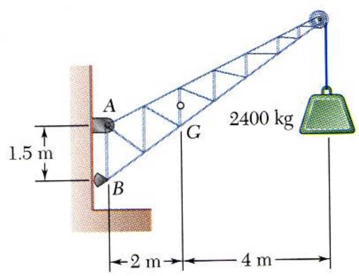


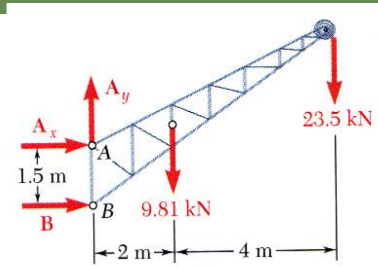




- More unknowns than equations
- Fewer unknowns than equations, partially constrained
- Equal number unknowns and equations but improperly constrained

Sample Problem 4.1





A fixed crane has a mass of 1000 kg and is used to lift a 2400 kg crate. It is held in place by a pin at *A* and a rocker at *B*. The center of gravity of the crane is located at *G*.

Determine the components of the reactions at *A* and *B*.

- Determine *B* $\sum M_A = 0: \quad +B(1.5\text{m}) - 9.81\,\text{kN}(2\text{m}) - 23.5\,\text{kN}(6\text{m}) = 0$

$$\boxed{B = +107.1\,\text{kN}}$$

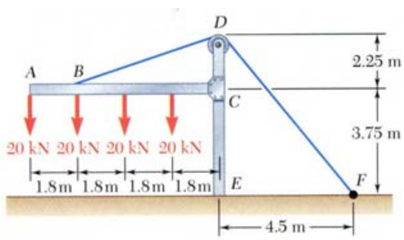
- Determine the reactions at *A*

$$\sum F_x = 0: \quad A_x + B = 0 \qquad \boxed{A_x = -107.1\,\text{kN}}$$

$$\sum F_y = 0: \quad A_y - 9.81\,\text{kN} - 23.5\,\text{kN} = 0$$

$$\boxed{A_y = +33.3\,\text{kN}}$$

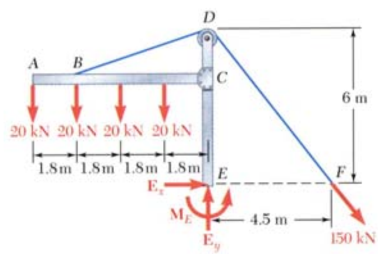
Sample Problem 4.4



The frame supports part of the roof of a small building. The tension in the cable is 150 kN.

Determine the reaction at the fixed end *E*.

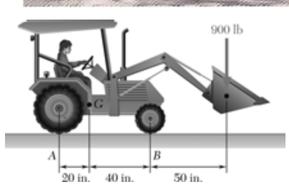
$$\sum F_x = 0: \quad E_x + \frac{4.5}{7.5}(150\,\text{kN}) = 0$$

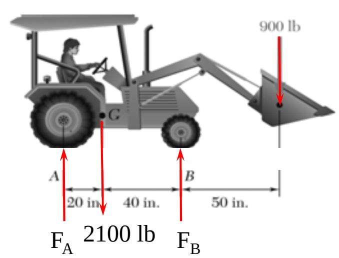


$$\sum F_y = 0: E_y - 4(20\,\text{kN}) - \cos 36.9^o (150\,\text{kN}) = 0$$

$$\sum M_E = 0: \quad +20\,\text{kN}(7.2\,\text{m}) + 20\,\text{kN}(5.4\,\text{m}) + 20\,\text{kN}(3.6\,\text{m}) + 20\,\text{kN}(1.8\,\text{m}) - \frac{6}{7.5}(150\,\text{kN})4.5\,\text{m} + M_E = 0$$

Practice





A 2100-lb tractor is used to lift 900 lb of gravel. Determine the reaction at each of the two rear wheels and two front wheels

$$\sum M_B = 0.$$

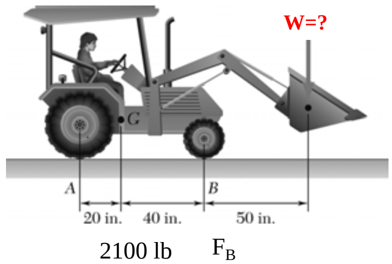
$-F_A$ (60 in.)+2100lb (40 in.)-900 lb (50 in.)=0

F_A=650 lb, so the reaction *at each wheel* is 325 lb

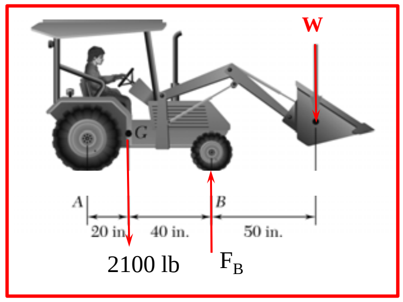
$\Sigma F_y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \; F_B = 2350$ lb,

or 1175 lb at each front wheel

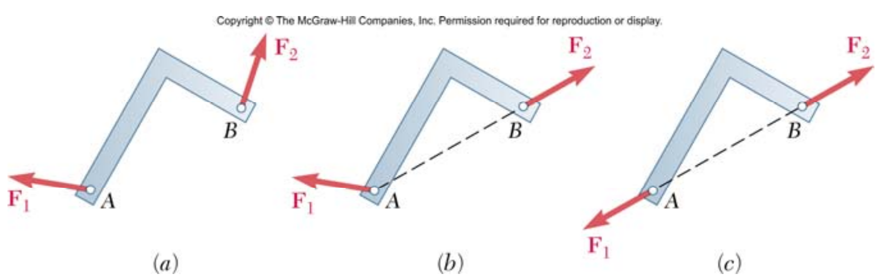
What if…?

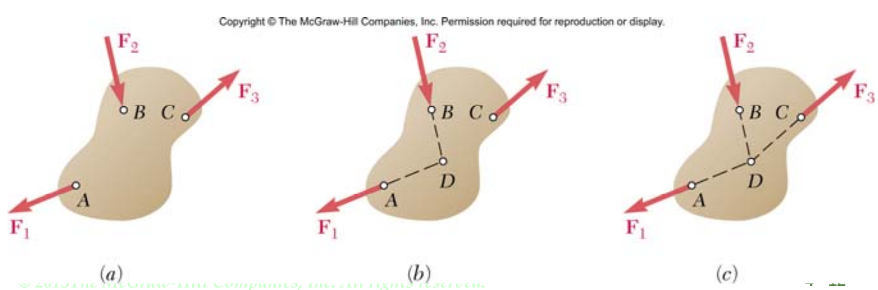


- Now suppose we have a different problem: How much gravel can this tractor carry before it tips over?

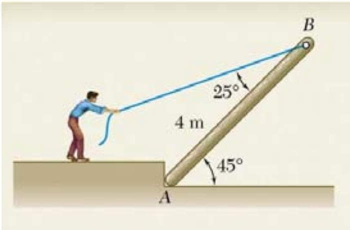


Equilibrium of a Two- or Three-Force Body

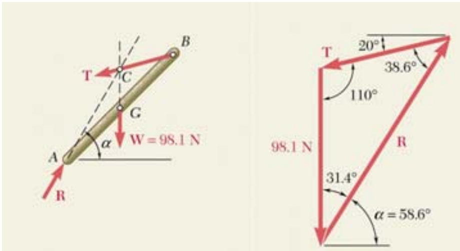




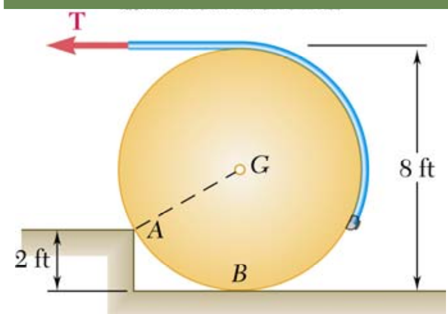
Sample Problem 4.6



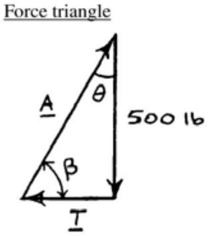
A man raises a 10-kg joist, of length 4 m, by pulling on a rope. Find the tension T in the rope and the reaction at A.



Problem 4.64



A 500-lb cylindrical tank, 8 ft in diameter, is to be raised over a 2-ft obstruction. A cable is wrapped around the tank and pulled horizontally as shown. Knowing that the corner of the obstruction at A is rough, find the required tension in the cable and the reaction at A.



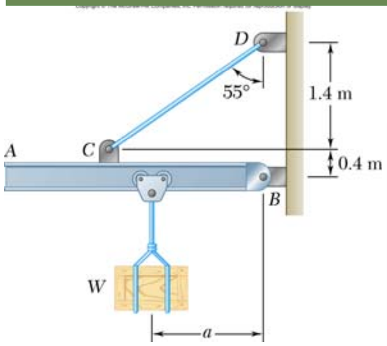
$$\cos\alpha = \frac{GD}{AG} = \frac{2\text{ ft}}{4\text{ ft}} = 0.5 \qquad \alpha = 60^\circ$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2}\alpha = 30^\circ \qquad (\beta = 60^\circ)$$

$$T = (500\text{ lb})\tan 30^\circ \qquad T = 289\text{ lb}$$

$$A = \frac{500\text{ lb}}{\cos 30^\circ} \qquad \mathbf{A} = 577\text{ lb} \measuredangle 60.0^\circ$$

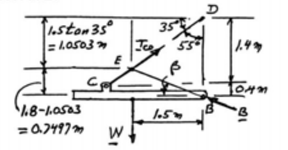
Problem 4.73



A 50-kg crate is attached to the trolley-beam system shown. Knowing that $a = 1.5\ m$, determine (a) the tension in cable CD, (b) the reaction at B.

Three-force body: **W** and $\mathbf{T}_{CD}$ intersect at E.

$$\tan\beta = \frac{0.7497\ \text{m}}{1.5\ \text{m}}$$
$$\beta = 26.556°$$

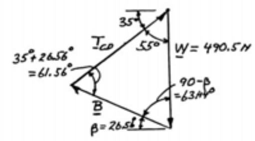


$$W = (50\ \text{kg})\ 9.81\ \text{m/s}^2$$
$$= 490.50\ \text{N}$$

$$\frac{490.50\ \text{N}}{\sin 61.556°} = \frac{T_{CD}}{\sin 63.444°} = \frac{B}{\sin 55°}$$
$$T_{CD} = 498.99\ \text{N}$$
$$B = 456.96\ \text{N}$$

$$T_{CD} = 499\ \text{N} \blacktriangleleft$$
$$\mathbf{B} = 457\ \text{N} \measuredangle 26.6° \blacktriangleleft$$

Force triangle



Equilibrium of a Rigid Body in Three Dimensions

- Six scalar equations are required to express the conditions for the equilibrium of a rigid body in the general three dimensional case.

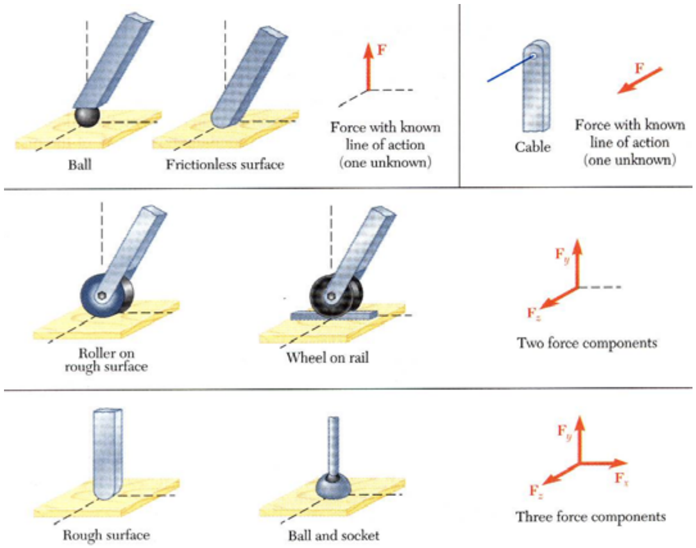
$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0$$
$$\sum M_x = 0 \quad \sum M_y = 0 \quad \sum M_z = 0$$

- These equations can be solved for no more than 6 unknowns which generally represent reactions at supports or connections or unknown applied forces.

- The scalar equations are conveniently obtained by applying the vector forms of the conditions for equilibrium,

$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 \quad \sum \vec{M}_O = \sum\left(\vec{r} \times \vec{F}\right) = 0$$

Reactions at Supports and Connections for a Three-Dimensional Structure



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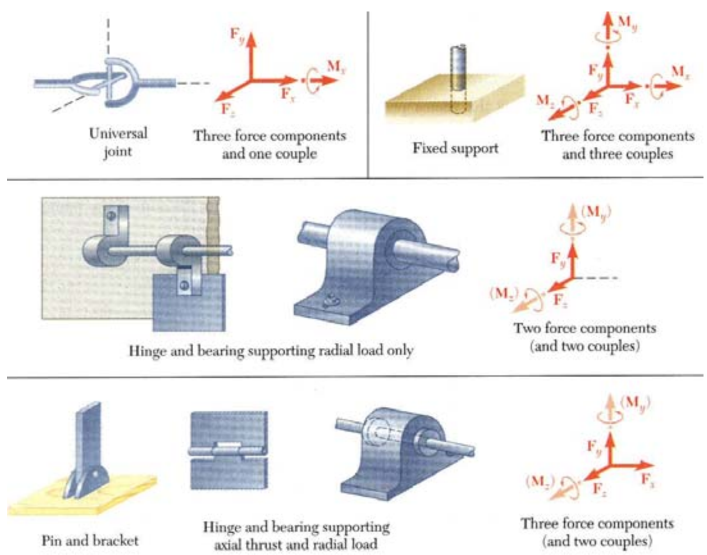
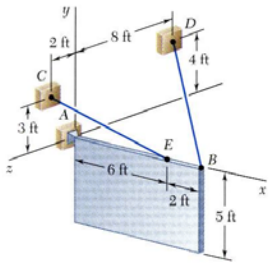
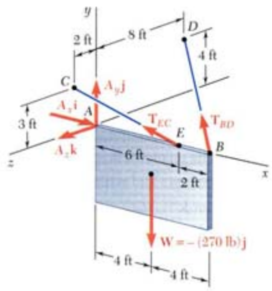


Sample Problem 4.8





$$\vec{T}_{BD} = T_{BD}\frac{-8\vec{i}+4\vec{j}-8\vec{k}}{12}$$

$$\vec{T}_{EC} = T_{EC}\frac{-6\vec{i}+3\vec{j}+2\vec{k}}{7}$$

A sign of uniform density weighs 270 lb and is supported by a ball-and-socket joint at *A* and by two cables.

Determine the tension in each cable and the reaction at *A*.

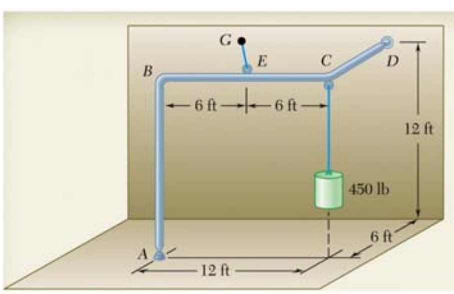
$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{r}_B \times \vec{T}_{BD} + \vec{r}_E \times \vec{T}_{EC} + (4\ \mathrm{ft})\vec{i} \times (-270\ \mathrm{lb})\vec{j} = 0$$

$$\vec{j}: \quad 5.333T_{BD} - 1.714T_{EC} = 0$$

$$\vec{k}: \quad 2.667T_{BD} + 2.571T_{EC} - 1080\,\mathrm{lb} = 0$$

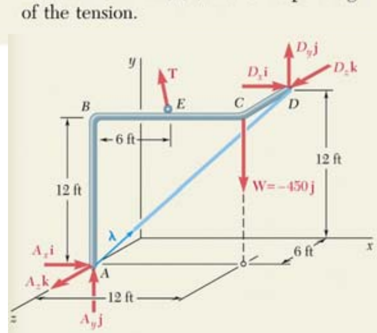
$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} T_{BD} = 101.3\,\mathrm{lb} \quad T_{EC} = 315\,\mathrm{lb} \\ \vec{A} = (338\,\mathrm{lb})\vec{i} + (101.2\,\mathrm{lb})\vec{j} - (22.5\,\mathrm{lb})\vec{k} \end{array}}$$

Sample Problem 4.10

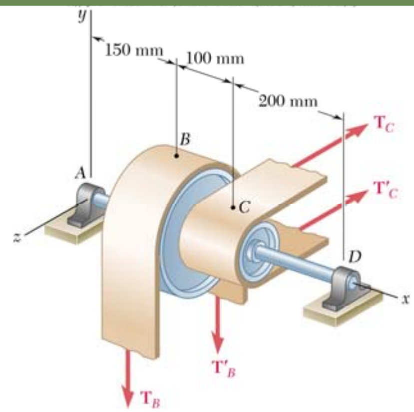


SAMPLE PROBLEM 4.10

A 450-lb load hangs from the corner *C* of a rigid piece of pipe *ABCD* which has been bent as shown. The pipe is supported by the ball-and-socket joints *A* and *D*, which are fastened, respectively, to the floor and to a vertical wall, and by a cable attached at the midpoint *E* of the portion *BC* of the pipe and at a point *G* on the wall. Determine (*a*) where *G* should be located if the tension in the cable is to be minimum, (*b*) the corresponding minimum value of the tension.

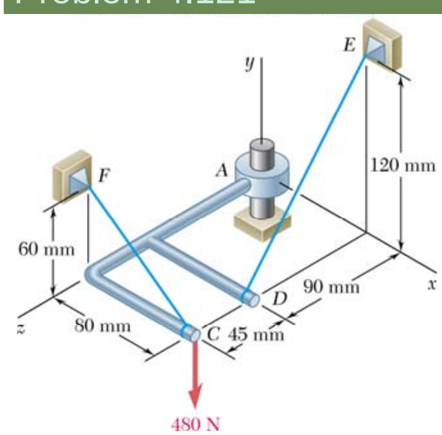


Problem 4.95



Two transmission belts pass over a double-sheaved pulley that is attached to an axle supported by bearings at *A* and *D*. The radius of the inner sheave is 125 mm and the radius of the outer sheave is 250 mm. Knowing that when the system is at rest, the tension is 90 N in both portions of belt *B* and 150 N in both portions of belt *C*, determine the reactions at *A* and *D*. Assume that the bearing at *D* does not exert any axial thrust.

Problem 4.121



The assembly shown is welded to collar *A* that fits on the vertical pin shown. The pin can exert couples about the *x* and *z* axes but does not prevent motion about or along the *y* axis. For the loading shown, determine the tension in each cable and the reaction at *A*.