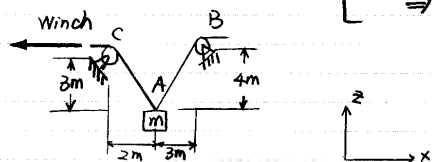


1). 4.2.3

Given:  $m = 3 \text{ kg}$ ,  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $v = 4 \text{ m/s}$  (constant) in  $\hat{k}$  direction

Find: tension in the string AB.

(b).



[note: constant  $v$   
 $\Rightarrow$  statics]

Soln:

Tension in the string is a function of time, because at different time  $t$ , the direction of the tension is different.

At this moment,

$$\vec{F}_{AB} = F \hat{\lambda}_{AB} = F_A \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}}{5}$$

$$\vec{F}_{AC} = F \hat{\lambda}_{AC} = F_{AC} \frac{-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} \quad (\vec{a} = \vec{0})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{AB} + \vec{F}_{AC} - mg \hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (F_{AB} \frac{3}{5} - F_{AC} \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}) \hat{i} + (\frac{4}{5} F_{AB} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} F_{AC} - mg) \hat{k} = \vec{0} \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \cdot \hat{i} = \frac{3}{5} F_{AB} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} F_{AC} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AC} = \frac{3}{10} \sqrt{13} F_{AB}$$

$$(1) \cdot \hat{k} = \frac{4}{5} F_{AB} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} F_{AC} - mg = 0$$

plugging  $F_{AC}$  into (1)  $\cdot \hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{5} F_{AB} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \frac{3}{10} \sqrt{13} F_{AB} = mg$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = \frac{10}{17} mg$$

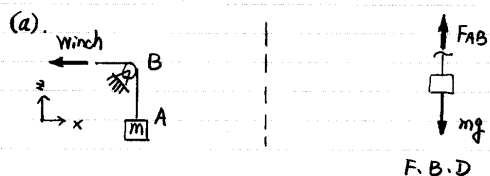
$$= \frac{10}{17} 3 (10) \text{ N}$$

$$= 17.6 \text{ N}$$

Alt. method:

(1)  $\cdot \hat{j} \times \hat{\lambda}_{AB}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  one eqn. for just  $F_{AC}$

Cont. 4.2.3.

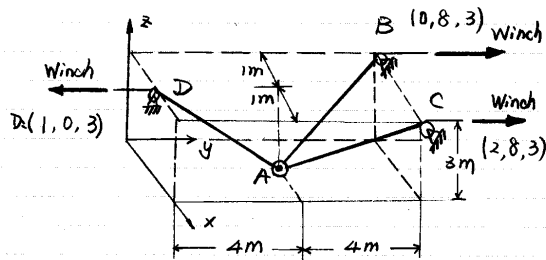


Soln:

$$\sum \vec{F} = F_{AB} \hat{k} - mg \hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

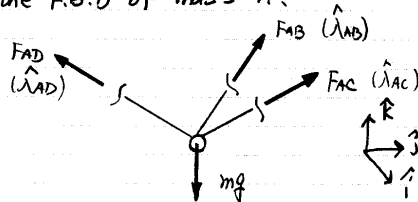
$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = mg = 30 \text{ N}$$

(c)



Soln:

Draw the F.B.D of mass A:



$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} \quad (\vec{a} = \vec{0})$$

• Finding  $F_{AB}$ ,  $F_{AC}$  and  $F_{AD}$

$$\vec{r}_A = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} \quad ; \quad \vec{r}_B = 8\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r}_C = 2\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \quad ; \quad \vec{r}_D = \hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{AB} = \frac{\vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A}{|\vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A|} = \frac{8\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} - (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j})}{\sqrt{1 + 4^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{AC} = \frac{\vec{r}_C - \vec{r}_A}{|\vec{r}_C - \vec{r}_A|} = \frac{\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{26}}$$

Cont. 4.2.3 (c)

$$\hat{\lambda}_{AD} = \frac{\vec{r}_D - \vec{r}_A}{|\vec{r}_D - \vec{r}_A|} = \frac{-4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{5}$$

• Finding  $F_{AB}$  by using  $\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0}$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} = \vec{F}_{AB} + \vec{F}_{AC} + \vec{F}_{AD} - mg \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + F_{AC} \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) +$$

$$F_{AD} \frac{1}{5} (-4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - mg (\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (F_{AC} - F_{AB}) \hat{i} + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (4F_{AC} + 4F_{AB}) - \frac{4}{5} F_{AD}) \hat{j} + (\frac{3}{\sqrt{26}} (F_{AB} + F_{AC}) + \frac{3}{5} F_{AD} - mg) \hat{k} = \vec{0} \quad (2)$$

$$(2) \cdot \hat{i} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AC} = F_{AB} \quad (2a)$$

$$(2) \cdot \hat{j} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} (4F_{AC} + 4F_{AB}) - \frac{4}{5} F_{AD} = 0 \quad (2b)$$

plugging  $F_{AC} = F_{AB}$  into (2)  $\cdot \hat{j} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AD} = \frac{10}{126} F_{AB}$$

$$(2) \cdot \hat{k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{26}} (F_{AB} + F_{AC}) + \frac{3}{5} F_{AD} - mg = 0 \quad (2c)$$

plugging  $F_{AC} = F_{AB}$ ,  $F_{AD} = \frac{10}{126} F_{AB}$  into (2)  $\cdot \hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6}{\sqrt{26}} F_{AB} + \frac{3}{5} \frac{10}{126} F_{AB} = mg$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{12} mg$$

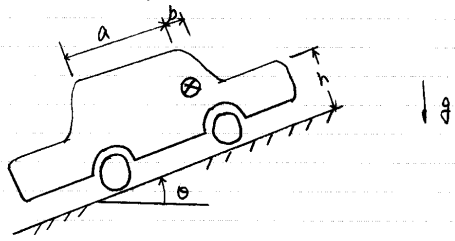
$$= \frac{\sqrt{26}}{12} 30 \text{ N}$$

$$= 12.75 \text{ N}$$

Alt. method:

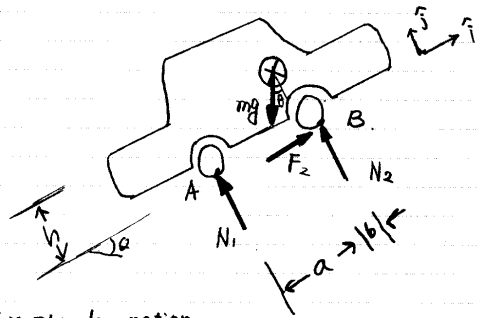
{2}  $\cdot \hat{r}_{AC} \times \hat{r}_{AD}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  one eqn. for one unknown  $F_{AB}$

2. Find the  $\mu_{min}$  for a front wheel drive car to drive steadily uphill.



Soln:

Draw the free body diagram of the car



For steady motion:

$$\begin{cases} |F_2| \leq \mu N_2 \\ \sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} \\ \sum \vec{M} = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow N_1 \hat{j} + N_2 \hat{j} + mg(-\sin\theta \hat{i} - \cos\theta \hat{j}) + F_2 \hat{i} = \vec{0} \quad (*)$$

$$(*) \cdot \hat{i} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow mg \sin\theta = F_2$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)\hat{i} \times N_2 \hat{j} + (a\hat{i} + h\hat{j}) \times (-mg \cos\theta \hat{j} - mg \sin\theta \hat{i}) = \vec{0}$$

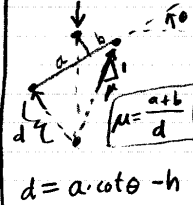
$$\Rightarrow (a+b)N_2 - a mg \cos\theta + h mg \sin\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_2 = \frac{mg(a \cos\theta - h \sin\theta)}{a+b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet F_2 < \mu N_2 &\Rightarrow \mu > \frac{F_2}{N_2} \\ \Rightarrow \mu &> \frac{mg \sin\theta (a+b)}{mg(a \cos\theta - h \sin\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{min} = \frac{(a+b) \sin\theta}{a \cos\theta - h \sin\theta}$$

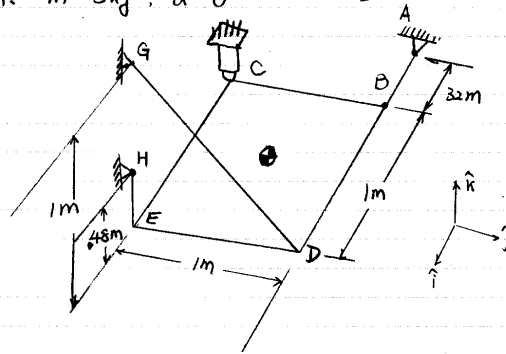
2) Alt. method:  
 $F_2 = \mu N$  at highest slope. 3-force body



$$d = a \cot\theta - h$$

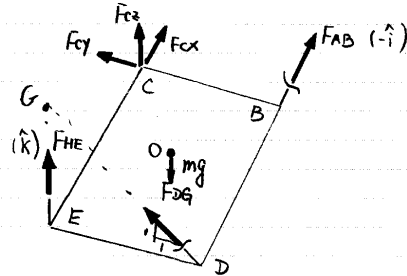
3). 4.25

Given:  $m = 5 \text{ kg}$ ,  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$



Find:

a). Draw a FBD of the shelf



b). Yes. Take the moment about axis CD, then all the reactions but FHE will have zero moment about it.

$$\sum M_{CD} = FHE d = 0 \Rightarrow FHE = 0$$

if there's more, it will be given in d)

c). Write down the equation for force equilibrium

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

Cont. 4.25 c)

$$\sum \vec{F} = -mg \hat{k} + \vec{F}_{AB} + \vec{F}_{DG} + \vec{F}_{HE} + \vec{F}_c$$

$$\vec{F}_{AB} = F_{AB}(-\hat{i})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{DG} &= F_{DG} (\vec{r}_G - \vec{r}_D) / |\vec{r}_G - \vec{r}_D| \\ &= F_{DG} \frac{-\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} (-\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{F}_{HE} = F_{HE} \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{F} = (-F_{AB} - F_{cx}) \hat{i} + (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} - F_{cy}) \hat{j} + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{HE} + F_{cz} - mg) \hat{k}$$

d). Write down  $\sum \vec{M}_{cm} = \vec{0}$

let  $cm = 0$  point

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum \vec{M}_{cm} &= \sum \vec{M}_0 \\ &= \vec{r}_{OB} \times \vec{F}_{AB} + \vec{r}_{OD} \times \vec{F}_{DG} + \vec{r}_{OE} \times \vec{F}_{EH} + \vec{r}_{OC} \times \vec{F}_c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{r}_{OB} = -0.5 \hat{i} + 0.5 \hat{j} \\ \vec{r}_{OC} = -0.5 \hat{i} - 0.5 \hat{j} \\ \vec{r}_{OD} = 0.5 \hat{i} + 0.5 \hat{j} \\ \vec{r}_{OE} = 0.5 \hat{i} - 0.5 \hat{j} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \vec{M}_0 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ -F_{AB} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F_{EH} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -0.5 & -0.5 & 0 \\ -F_{cx} & -F_{cy} & F_{cz} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.5 F_{AB} \hat{k}) + (0.5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} \hat{i} - 0.5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} \hat{j} - \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} \hat{k}) \\ &+ (-0.5 F_{EH} \hat{i} - 0.5 F_{EH} \hat{j}) + (-0.5 F_{cz} \hat{i} + 0.5 F_{cz} \hat{j} + (0.5 F_{cy} - 0.5 F_{cx}) \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.5 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} - F_{EH} - F_{cz} \right) \hat{i} + \\ &0.5 \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} - F_{EH} + F_{cz} \right) \hat{j} + \\ &0.5 \left( F_{AB} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{cy} - F_{cx} \right) \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

e). turn c and d into 6 eqns in 6 unknowns.

• Three eqns from  $\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0}$

$$\sum F_x = \hat{i} \cdot \sum \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = -F_{Cx} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_y = \hat{j} \cdot \sum \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} = -F_{Cy} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum F_z = \hat{k} \cdot \sum \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{HE} + F_{Cz} - mg = 0 \quad (3)$$

• Three eqns from  $\sum \vec{M}_0 = \vec{0}$

$$\sum M_x = \hat{i} \cdot \sum \vec{M}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} - F_{EH} - F_{Cz} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\sum M_y = \hat{j} \cdot \sum \vec{M}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{EH} - F_{Cz} = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\sum M_z = \hat{k} \cdot \sum \vec{M}_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{Cy} - F_{Cx} = 0 \quad (6)$$

• The six eqns are:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_{AB} = -F_{Cx} \quad (1) \\ F_{DG} = -\sqrt{2} F_{Cy} \quad (2) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{HE} + F_{Cz} - mg = 0 \quad (3) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} - F_{EH} - F_{Cz} = 0 \quad (4) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{EH} - F_{Cz} = 0 \quad (5) \\ F_{AB} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} + F_{Cy} - F_{Cx} = 0 \quad (6) \end{array} \right.$$

f). Solve this eqn by hand

$$(3) + (4) = \sqrt{2} F_{DG} - mg = 0 \Rightarrow F_{DG} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} mg$$

$$(4) - (5) = -2F_{EH} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{EH} = 0$$

put  $F_{EH}$ ,  $F_{DG}$  back into (4)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{mg}{2} = F_{Cz}$$

Cont. f)

put  $F_{DG} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} mg$  into (2)

$$\Rightarrow F_{Cy} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} F_{DG} = -\frac{1}{2} mg$$

put  $F_{AB} = -F_{Cx}$  (1) and  $F_{Cy}$ ,  $F_{DG}$  into (6)

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} mg - \frac{1}{2} mg - 2F_{Cx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{Cx} = -\frac{1}{2} mg$$

$$F_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

$\Rightarrow$  soln is

$$\begin{array}{l} F_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} mg = 25 \text{ N} \\ F_{HE} = 0 \\ F_{DG} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} mg = 35.4 \text{ N} \\ F_{Cx} = -\frac{1}{2} mg = -25 \text{ N} \\ F_{Cy} = -\frac{1}{2} mg = -25 \text{ N} \\ F_{Cz} = \frac{1}{2} mg = 25 \text{ N} \end{array}$$

g). Solve  $T_{EH}$  by one eqn

Already did in b):

$$\sum M_{cd} = d F_{EH} = 0 \quad d: \text{distance between } F_{EH} \text{ and line } cd$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{EH} = 0$$

h). How many of the reactions can be found from one eqn. without knowing others?

Soln:

• Finding  $F_{EH}$ :

$$\sum M_{cd} = 0 \Rightarrow F_{EH} = 0$$

• Finding  $F_{DG}$ :

$$\sum M_{ce} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 (F_{DG} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) - mg(0.5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{DG} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} mg$$

• Finding  $F_{AB}$ :

$$\sum M_{ce} = 0$$

$$\sum \hat{\lambda}_{CG} \cdot \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \cdot \left[ (\hat{j} \times F_{AB} (-\hat{i})) + (0.5\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{j}) \times mg(\hat{k}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \cdot [ F_{AB} \hat{k} + 0.5 mg \hat{j} - 0.5 mg \hat{i} ]$$

$$= -\frac{0.5}{\sqrt{2}} mg + F_{AB} / \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

• Finding  $F_{Cz}$

$$\sum M_{ED} = 0 \quad (F_{AB}, F_{DG}, F_{HE}, F_{Cx}, F_{Cy} \text{ don't have moment on this line})$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$F_{Cz} (1) - mg(0.5) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$F_{Cz} = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

• Find  $F_{Cy}$

$$\sum M_{GG'} = 0 \quad GG' \text{ is on } i \text{ direction}$$

then

$F_{Cz}$ ,  $F_{HE}$ ,  $F_{DG}$  will pass through  $GG'$  and  $F_{AB}$ ,  $F_{Cx}$  are parallel to  $GG'$   
 $\Rightarrow$  only  $-mg(\hat{k})$  and  $F_{Cy}$  will be left.

$$F_{Cy} (1m) - mg(0.5)m = 0$$

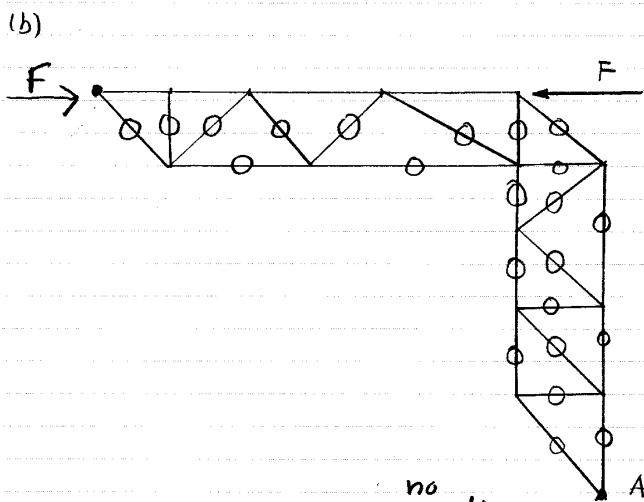
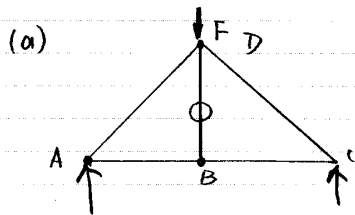
$\Rightarrow$

$$F_{Cy} = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

All of these five forces should be the same as those of in e).

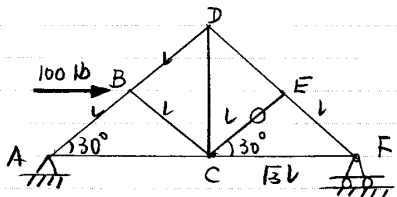
(No-one has yet found 1 eq. for the one unknown  $F_{Cx}$ )

4). Find the zero-force members.



Start from A to find.

5). Find all the bar forces in the truss



Soln:

We can directly tell  $F_{CE} = 0$

• Finding reactions

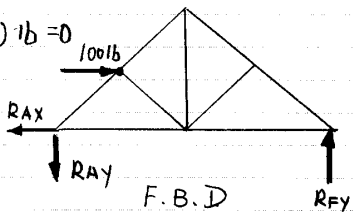
$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_F \cdot 2\sqrt{3}L - 100(\frac{1}{2}L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_F = \frac{25}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{Ax} = 100 \text{ lb}$$



$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{Ay} = R_{Fy} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

• Solving by method of joints

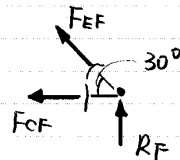
For point F:

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{FE} \sin 30^\circ + R_{Fy} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{FE} = -2R_{Fy}$$

$$= -\frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$



$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{CF} + F_{FE} \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{CF} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} F_{FE}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (-\frac{50}{\sqrt{3}}) \text{ lb}$$

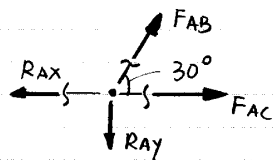
$$= 25 \text{ lb}$$

For point A:

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} \sin 30^\circ - R_{Ay} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot 2 \text{ lb} = \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$



$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AC} + F_{AB} \cos 30^\circ - R_{Ax} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AC} = 100 - \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ lb}$$

$$= 75 \text{ lb}$$

For point B:

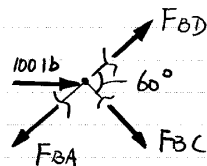
$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{BC} \cos 30^\circ + F_{BD} \cos 30^\circ + 100 - F_{BA} \cos 30^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{BC} + F_{BD} = F_{BA} - \frac{100 \cdot 2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$$= \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{200}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$$= -\frac{150}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb} \quad (1)$$



Cont. 5)

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{BD} \sin 30^\circ - F_{BC} \sin 30^\circ - F_{BA} \sin 30^\circ = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{BD} - F_{BC} = \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb} \quad (2)$$

Solving for (1) and (2) =

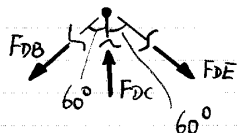
$$F_{BD} = -\frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$$F_{BC} = -\frac{100}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

For point D:

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{DC} = 2 F_{DE} \sin 30^\circ = F_{DE}$$

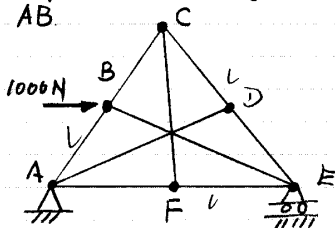


$$F_{DE} = F_{DC} = -\frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{DC} = \frac{50}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ lb}$$

$F_{AC} = 75$	lb
$F_{AB} = 50/\sqrt{3}$	lb
$F_{CB} = -100/\sqrt{3}$	lb
$F_{CF} = 25$	lb
$F_{CE} = 0$	lb
$F_{DC} = 50/\sqrt{3}$	lb
$F_{DE} = -50/\sqrt{3}$	lb
$F_{EF} = -50/\sqrt{3}$	lb
$F_{DB} = -50/\sqrt{3}$	lb

6). For the equivalent triangle, find the tension in bar AB.

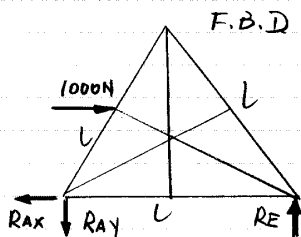


Soln:  
• Finding reactions

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_E (L) - 1000 \text{ N} \left(\frac{3}{4}L\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_E = 250\sqrt{3} \text{ N}$$



$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{AY} = R_E = 250\sqrt{3} \text{ N}$$

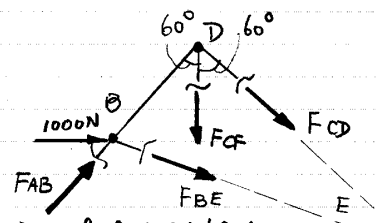
$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{AX} = 1000 \text{ N}$$

• Finding zero force member  
bar CF and bar AD

• Method of section:  
cut AB, BE, CF and CD

F.B.D.



$F_{CF} = 0$  because it's zero force member

$$\sum M_E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} |\vec{r}_{BE}| + 1000 \text{ N} \left(\frac{1}{2} |\vec{r}_{CF}|\right) = 0$$

$$|\vec{r}_{BE}| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} L$$

$$|\vec{r}_{CF}| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} L = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r}_{BE}|$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{AB} = -500 \text{ N}$$

We actually don't need to solve for reactions