

# Statics - TAM 211

**Lecture 5**

**September 19, 2018**

# Announcements

- ❑ Use the Blackboard Discussion Board if you have questions.
- ❑ Videos with more practice of resultant forces have been uploaded to Blackboard
- ❑ No class on Monday September 24 (Mid-Autumn Festival)



- ❑ Upcoming deadlines:

- Friday (Sept 21)
  - Written Assignment 1
  - Find on [Schedule](#)
  - You can SCAN your WA at RC
  - Submit on Blackboard
- Tuesday (9/26)
  - Prairie Learn HW2
- ~~Wednesday (9/27)~~
  - Quiz 1
  - 6-7 pm
  - Computer Lab
  - No personal calculator, must use computer

Quiz 1 must be  
rescheduled due to  
ZJU seminar speaker  
Check back for new  
day/time

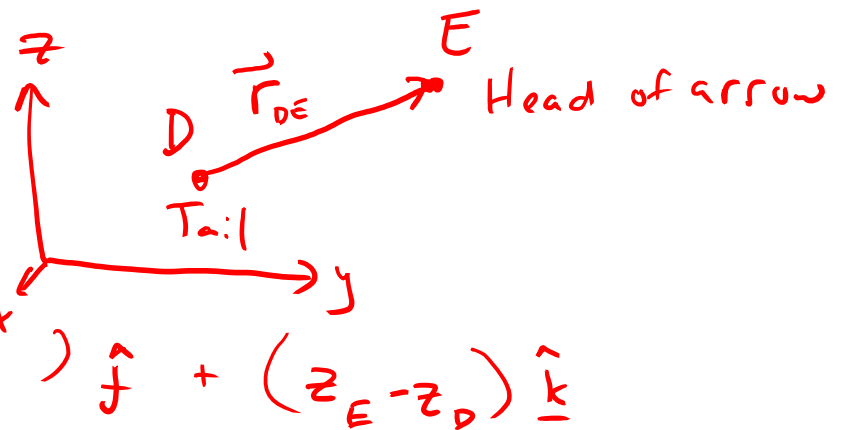


# Recap of Lecture 4

- Position vectors

$$\vec{r}_{DE} = (x_E - x_D) \hat{i} + (y_E - y_D) \hat{j} + (z_E - z_D) \hat{k}$$

↑ Tail
↑ Head



- Force vector directed along a line

$$\vec{F} = F \vec{u}$$

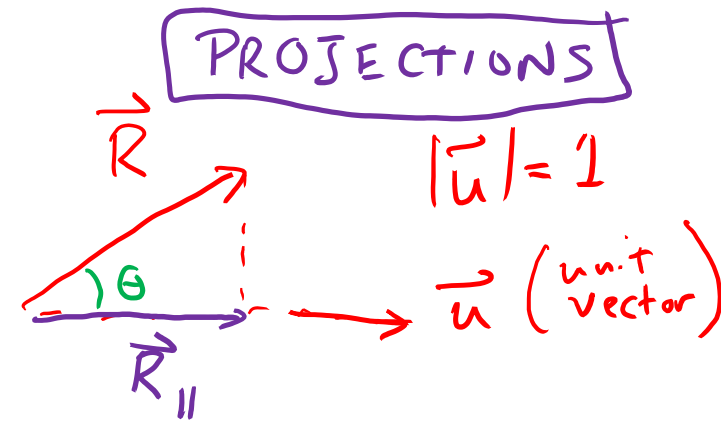
$$\vec{u} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

- Dot (scalar) product

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = C = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

$$= \sum_{i=x,y,z} (A_i B_i)$$

$$= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$



$$\vec{R}_{||} = \underbrace{(\vec{R} \cdot \vec{u})}_{|\vec{R}_{||}|} \vec{u}$$

$$|\vec{R}_{||}| = |\vec{R}| |\vec{u}| \cos \theta$$

$$= R \cos \theta$$

# Cross (or vector) product

The cross product of vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  yields the vector  $\vec{C}$ , which is written

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} \times \vec{B}$$

The magnitude of vector  $\vec{C}$  is given by:

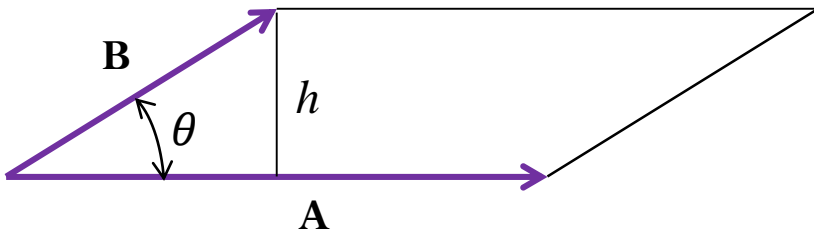
$$C = |\vec{C}| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin(\theta)$$

The vector  $\vec{C}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  (specified by the **right-hand rule**). Hence,

$$\vec{C} = \underbrace{A B \sin(\theta)}_{\text{magnitude}} \vec{u}_c$$

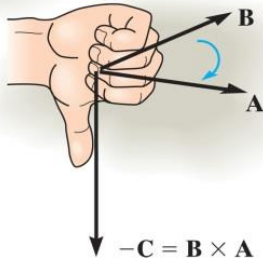
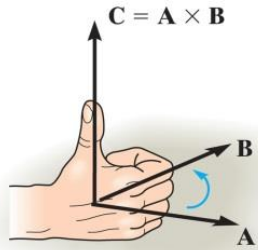
*direction of unit vector  $\vec{u}_c$*

Geometric definition of the cross product: the magnitude of the cross product is given by the area of a parallelogram



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= |\vec{A}| h = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin(\theta) \\ &= |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| \end{aligned}$$

# Cross (or vector) product



Laws of operation:

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$$

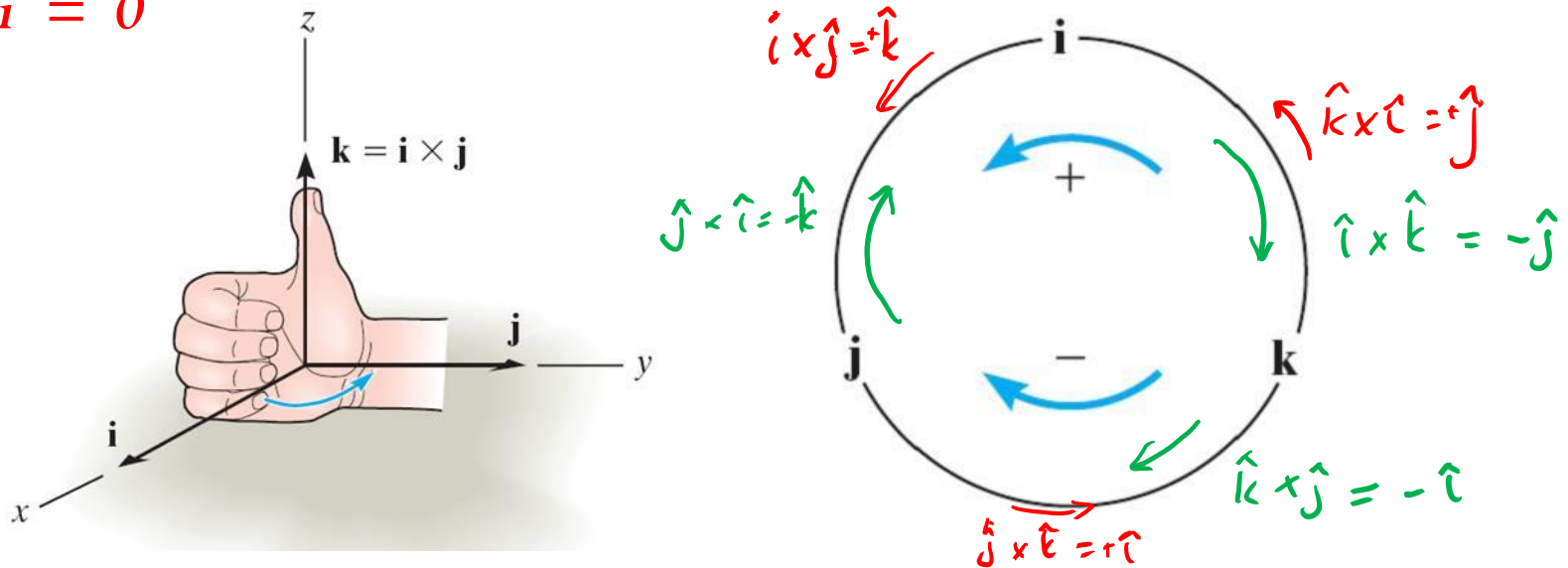
$$\alpha(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\alpha\mathbf{A}) \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} \times (\alpha\mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})\alpha$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{D}$$

# Cross (or vector) product

The right-hand rule is a useful tool for determining the direction of the vector resulting from a cross product. Note that a vector crossed into itself is zero,

e.g.,  $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{0}$



Considering the cross product in Cartesian coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} &= (A_x \mathbf{i} + A_y \mathbf{j} + A_z \mathbf{k}) \times (B_x \mathbf{i} + B_y \mathbf{j} + B_z \mathbf{k}) \\
 &= +A_x B_x (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_x B_y (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_x B_z (\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k}) \\
 &\quad + A_y B_x (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_y B_y (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_y B_z (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k}) \\
 &\quad + A_z B_x (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i}) + A_z B_y (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j}) + A_z B_z (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k}) \\
 &= (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{i} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \mathbf{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Cross (or vector) product

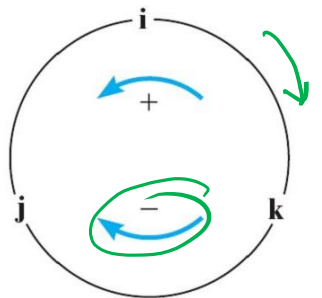
Also, the cross product can be written as a determinant.

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Each component can be determined using  $2 \times 2$  determinants.

Determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$



$$\hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

For element  $\mathbf{i}$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_y & A_z \\ B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \quad (1)$$

Remember the negative sign  $\star$

For element  $\mathbf{j}$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_z \\ B_x & B_z \end{vmatrix} = -\mathbf{j}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x) \quad (2)$$

For element  $\mathbf{k}$ :

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} \\ A_x & A_y \\ B_x & B_y \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{k}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y)\mathbf{i} - (A_x B_z - A_z B_x)\mathbf{j} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x)\mathbf{k}$$

(1) - (2) + (3)

# Chapter 3: Equilibrium of a particle



# Goals and Objectives

- Practice following general procedure for analysis.
- Introduce the concept of a free-body diagram for an object modeled as a particle.
- Solve particle equilibrium problems using the equations of equilibrium.

# General procedure for analysis

1. Read the problem carefully; write it down carefully.
2. MODEL THE PROBLEM: Draw given diagrams neatly and construct additional figures as necessary.
3. Apply principles needed.
4. Solve problem symbolically. Make sure equations are dimensionally homogeneous
5. Substitute numbers. Provide proper units *throughout*. Check significant figures. Box the final answer(s).
6. See if answer is reasonable. *check the value*

**Most effective way to learn engineering mechanics is to solve problems!**

# Equilibrium of a particle

According to Newton's first law of motion, a particle will be in **equilibrium** (that is, it will remain at rest or continue to move with constant velocity) if and only if

$$v = \text{const} \quad \checkmark \\ \Rightarrow a = 0$$

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0$$

where  $\vec{F}$  is the resultant force vector of all forces acting on a particle.

**3-Dimensional forces:** equilibrium requires

$$\sum \vec{F} = \sum F_x \hat{i} + \sum F_y \hat{j} + \sum F_z \hat{k} = 0 \Rightarrow$$



only magnitudes

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\sum F_z = 0$$

3 eqns to use

# Equilibrium of a particle (cont)

**Coplanar forces:** if all forces are acting in a single plane, such as the “xy” plane, then the equilibrium condition becomes

$$\sum \vec{F} = \sum F_x \hat{i} + \sum F_y \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum F_x = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$



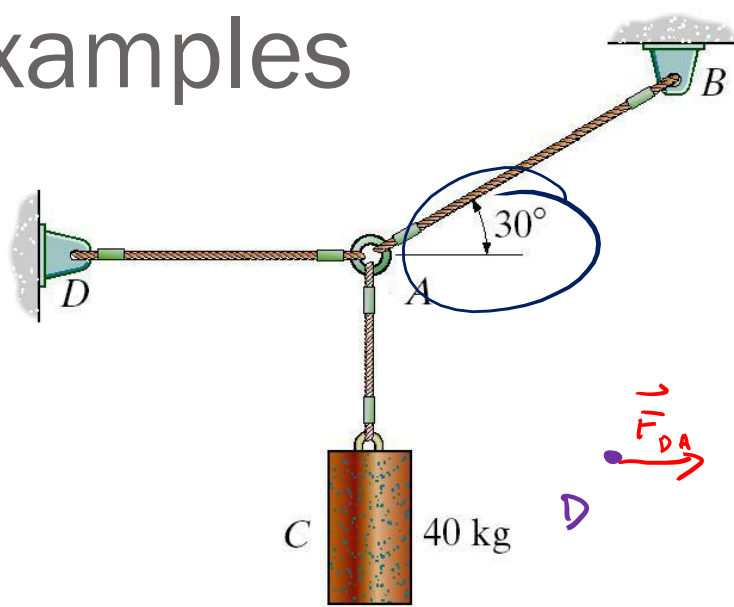
ONLY HAVE 2 EQNS

# Free body diagram

Drawing of a body, or part of a body, on which all forces acting on the body are shown.

- Key to writing the equations of equilibrium.
  - Can draw for any object/subsystem of system. Pick the most appropriate object. (Equal & opposite forces on interacting bodies.)
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- Draw Outlined Shape: image object free of its surroundings
    - Sometimes may collapse large object into point mass
  - Establish x, y, z axes in any suitable orientation
    - Show positive directions for translation and rotation
  - Show all forces acting on the object at points of application
  - Write out equations of equilibrium (EoE) for the appropriate body (bodies)
  - Label all known and unknown forces
  - Sense (“direction”) of unknown force can be assumed. If solution is negative, then the sense is reverse of that shown on FBD

# Examples



Find the tension in the cables for a given mass.

Four points A, B, C, D  $\rightarrow$  Four FBD

@ Pt. A:

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} -F_{AD} + F_{AB} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} -F_{AC} + F_{AB} \sin \theta = 0$$

3 unknowns, 2 eqns  
 $\Rightarrow$  Indeterminate Problem

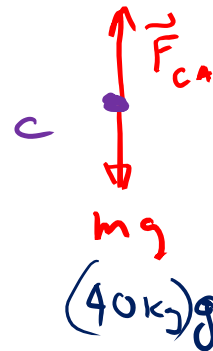
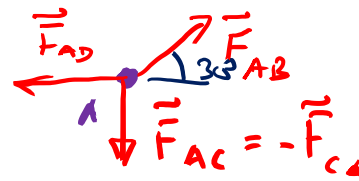
@ Pt. C:

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

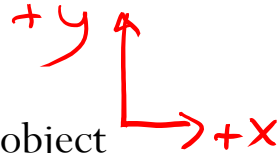
$$\textcircled{3} F_{CA} - mg = 0$$

1 unknown, 1 eqn

$$\textcircled{4} \text{ Note that } F_{CA} = -F_{AC} \text{ 1 eqn}$$



- Draw Outlined Shape
- Establish x, y, z axes
- Show all forces acting on object
- write eqns
- Label known and unknown forces
- Assume sense of unknown force



$\therefore$  Have total of 4 unknowns ( $F_{AB}, F_{AC}, F_{AD}, F_{CA}$ )  
& eqns (1-4)

$\Rightarrow$  Determinate Problem

A determinate problem means that it is possible to determine (or solve) for all unknowns.

Determinate :  $\# \text{ unknowns} = \# \text{ eqns}$

Indeterminate (cannot solve for all unkn):  
 $\# \text{ unknowns} > \# \text{ eqns}$