## CHAPTER 2 SECTION B.

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Many problems in real-life involve 3-Dimensional Space.

How will you represent each of the cable forces in Cartesian vector form?



### **3D Rectangular Components**



## Direction angles & direction cosines

 $\alpha(\theta_x)$  = angle between *x*-axis and **F** 

 $\beta(\theta_{y})$  = angle between y-axis and **F** 

 $\gamma(\theta_z)$  = angle between z-axis and **F** 

### Components



$$F_x = F \cos \theta_x \qquad F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

$$F_y = F \cos \theta_y$$
  $\mathbf{F} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} + F_z \mathbf{k}$ 

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$$F_z = F \cos \theta_z$$
  $\mathbf{F} = F(\mathbf{i} \cos \theta_x + \mathbf{j} \cos \theta_y + \mathbf{k} \cos \theta_z)$ 

 $l=\cos\theta_x$ ,  $m=\cos\theta_z$ ,  $n=\cos\theta_z$  $\mathbf{F} = F(l\mathbf{i} + m\mathbf{j} + n\mathbf{k})$ 

$$1^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Specification by two angles that orient the line of action of the force



Relative Position Vectors: The position of a point B relativeto another point A: $B(x_B, y_B, z_B)_{head}$  $A(x_A, y_A, z_A)_{tail}$ 

$$\mathbf{r} = (x_B - x_A) \mathbf{i} + (y_B - y_A) \mathbf{j} + (z_B - z_A) \mathbf{k}$$



Position vector components = coordinates of head - coordinates of tail.

Specification by two points on the line of action of the force



$$\mathbf{F} = F\mathbf{n}_F = F\frac{\overrightarrow{AB}}{\overrightarrow{AB}} = F\frac{(x_2 - x_1)\mathbf{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\mathbf{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}}$$

• Unit vector  $\mathbf{n} = \cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + \cos \gamma \mathbf{k}$ 

$$\mathbf{F} = F (\cos \alpha \mathbf{i} + \cos \beta \mathbf{j} + \cos \gamma \mathbf{k})$$

### Force vectors directed along a line

Many of the structural members we will deal with will support forces that are <u>directed along the axis of the</u> <u>member</u> (e.g., cables, ropes, bars, often times columns, ...). Thus, by knowing the orientation of the member (position vector), we can conveniently express its force in vector form.

Procedure:

- 1) Determine the position vector  $\mathbf{l}$  for the member.
- 2) Compute a unit vector along the axis of the member  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r}/r$ .
- 3) The member's force vector is then  $\mathbf{F} = F\mathbf{n}$ .

## Dot or scalar product

The dot product of vectors *P* and *Q* is defined as

$$\vec{P}\cdot\vec{Q}=PQ\cos\theta$$

Angle  $\theta$  is the smallest angle between the two vectors and is always in a range of  $0^{\circ}$  to  $180^{\circ}$ .

### **Dot Product Characteristics:**

1. The result of the dot product is a scalar (a positive or negative number).

2. The units of the dot product will be the product of the units of the **A** and **B** vectors.

#### Properties;

*i* • *j* =0; *j* • **k**=0; *i* • *k*= 0

# $P \bullet Q = (Px i + Py j + Pz k) \bullet (Qx i + Qy j + Qz k)$ = Px Qx + PyQy + PzQz

### The projection of the force along an axis



$$\vec{F}_{AB} = F_{AB} \vec{n}_{AB}$$
  $F_{AB} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}_{AB}$ 

### Angle between two vectors



### **EXAMPLES FORCE SYSTEMS** Three-Dimensional Force Systems-1

A pole is subjected to a force **F** which has components  $F_x=1.5$  kN and  $F_z=1.25$  kN. If  $\beta = 75^\circ$ , determine the magnitudes of **F** and  $F_v$ .

Answer: F = 2.02 kN $F_v = 0.523 \text{ kN}$ 



Determine the magnitude and direction angles for the resultant force.

A:  $R_x = 348 \text{ N}$   $R_y = 75 \text{ N}$   $R_z = -97 \text{ N}$   $\alpha = 19.4^\circ$   $\beta = 78.3^\circ$  $\gamma = 105^\circ$ 





Determine the *x*,*y* and *z* components of the force vector shown. Also, determine the direction angles.



A: 
$$\mathbf{F} = (220\mathbf{i} + 544\mathbf{j} + 127\mathbf{k}) \text{ N}, \ \alpha = 68.5^{\circ}, \ \beta = 25.0^{\circ}, \ \gamma = 77.8^{\circ}$$

The magnitude of the projection of the force along the pole OA.



$$r_{OA} = \{2 \mathbf{i} + 2 \mathbf{j} - 1 \mathbf{k}\} \mathbf{m}$$
  
 $r_{OA} = (2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2)^{1/2} = 3 \mathbf{m}$   
 $\mathbf{n}_{OA} = 2/3 \mathbf{i} + 2/3 \mathbf{j} - 1/3 \mathbf{k}$   
 $\mathbf{F} = \{2 \mathbf{i} + 4 \mathbf{j} + 10 \mathbf{k}\} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{N}$ 

$$F_{OA} = \mathbf{F} \bullet \mathbf{n}_{OA}$$
  
= (2)(2/3) + (4)(2/3) + (10)(-1/3) = -2/3 kN

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Determine the magnitude of the component of the force **F** along the *Aa* axis.



Answer  $F_{Aa} = 36.0 \text{ N}$