

Friction & Parallel Coplanar Forces.

Friction or Frictional Force.

Whenever a body moves or tends to move over other body; a force opposite to the direction in which the body moves or tends to move is developed at the contact surface.

cause : surface roughness.

perfectly smooth surface, $F_f = 0$

Friction

static friction

- No relative motion

$$F_s = \mu_s F_n$$

kinetic friction

- Relative motion
- Independent of velocity

$$F_k = \mu_k F_n$$

As force increases, friction increases.

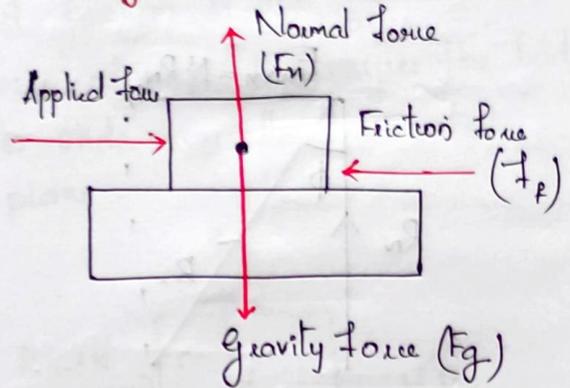
Max value of friction : Limiting friction.

Value of frictional force when motion is about to start.

- * Applied force \gg Limiting friction
 → Body moves in the direction of applied force.

- * Applied force \ll Limiting friction
 → Body remains at rest.

Free body diagram.



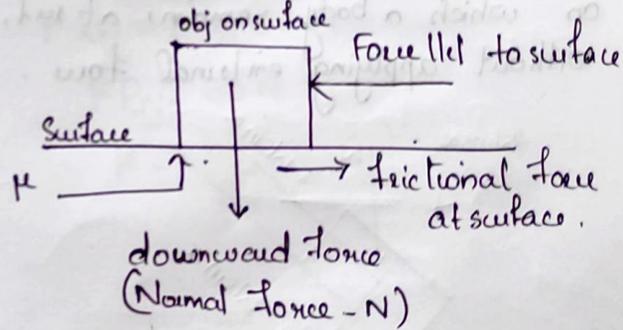
$$F_g = mg$$

$$F_n = F_g$$

$$F = F_f$$

(No motion)

Coefficient of friction (μ)



$$F_{\text{friction}} = \mu N$$

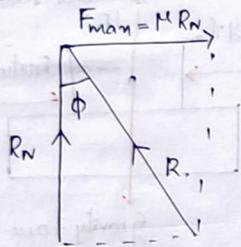
$$F_{\text{max}} \propto R_n$$

$$= \mu R_n$$

$$\mu = \frac{F_{\text{max}}}{R_n}$$

Angle of friction (ϕ)

→ Angle b/w contact surface & normal reaction

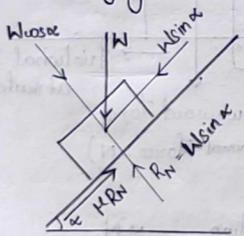


$$\tan \phi = \frac{\mu R_N}{R_N} = \mu$$

Angle of friction $\phi = \tan^{-1} \mu$

Angle of repose (α)

Maximum inclination of a plane on which a body remains at rest, without applying external force.



$$F = \mu \times R_N$$

$$\sum F_n = 0$$

$$\mu R_N - W \sin \alpha = 0$$

$$\mu R_N = W \sin \alpha$$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_N - W \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$R_N = W \cos \alpha$$

$$\mu W \cos \alpha = W \sin \alpha$$

$$\tan \alpha = \mu = \tan \phi$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \phi$$

Angle of repose = Angle of friction.

Coulomb's Laws of friction

1. The maximum friction that can be developed is independent of the area of contact.
2. At low velocity, the frictional force is independent of velocity of the contact surface.
3. The maximum frictional force is proportional to the normal reaction at the contact surface.

Other laws of friction:

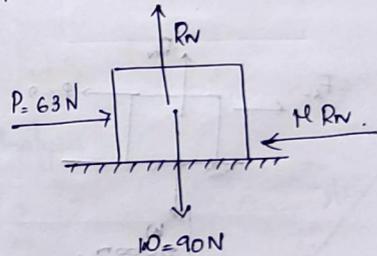
1. The force of friction always acts in a direction opposite to the direction in which the body moves or tends to move.
2. Till the limiting value is reached, the magnitude of friction is equal to the external force which tends to move the body.

3. The force of friction depends on the roughness of the surface in contact. When two perfectly smooth surfaces are in contact, frictional force is zero.

Analysis of single bodies: —

- a) consider single body
- b) various forces resolve horizontally & vertically
- c) apply conditions of equilibrium.

Q: A body of weight 90N is placed on a rough horizontal plane. Determine the coefficient of friction if the horizontal force of 63N just causes the body to slide over the horizontal plane.



$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_N - W = 0$$

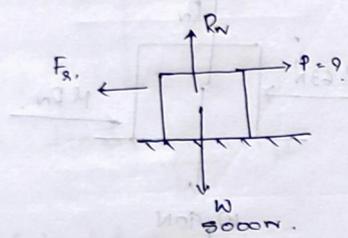
$$R_N = W = \underline{90 \text{ N}}$$

$$\mu R_N = P = 63 \text{ N}$$

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$$\mu = \frac{63}{R_N} = \frac{63}{90} = \underline{0.7}$$

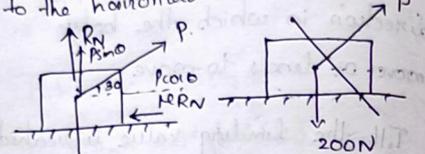
Q. A uniform wooden cube of side 1m and weighing 500N sits on its side on a horizontal plane. Find the max horizontal force can be applied at the top edge of the cube to just make it slide without overturning. The coefficient of friction is 0.25



$\sum M = 0$ (overturning)
 $FR = 0.25 \times RN$
 $\sum FV = 0 \quad RN - W = 0$
 $RN = W = 5000N$
 $\sum FH = 0 \quad P - FR = 0$
 $P = FR = 0.25 \times 5000$
 $P = 1250N$

$\sum M = 0$ abt A.
 $P \times 1 - W \times 0.5 = 0$
 $P = W \times 0.5$
 $P = 5000 \times 0.5$
 $P = 2500N$

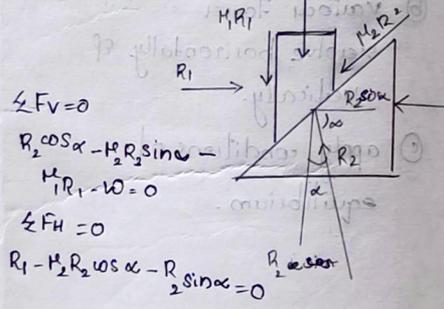
Q. A block weight 200N is placed on a rough horizontal floor. If $\mu = 0.25$ find the pull P required to move the block if P is inclined upwards at 30° to the horizontal.



$R_N + P \sin 30 - 200 = 0$
 $R_N = 200 - P \sin 30$
 $P \cos 30 - FR = 0$
 $P \cos 30 = FR = 0.25(200 - P \sin 30)$
 $P = 50.45$

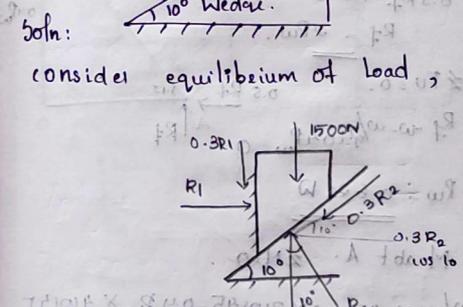
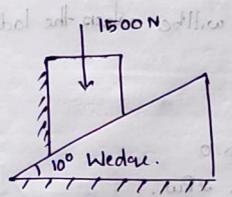
Wedge Friction

- Analysis: -
 (a) fig
 (b) main forces (W, P, RN), wedge angle
 (c) consider body
 (d) consider wedge
 (e) solve equations

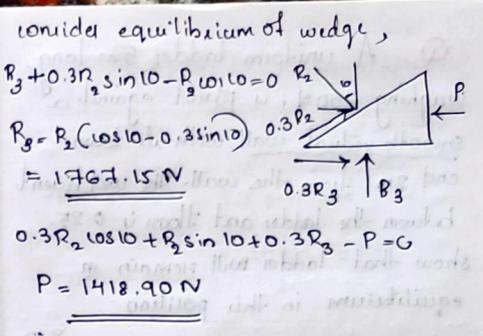


$\sum FV = 0$
 $R_2 \cos \alpha - W - FR \sin \alpha = 0$
 $FR = R_1$
 $R_1 - W - R_2 \sin \alpha = 0$
 $R_1 - R_2 \sin \alpha - R_2 \sin \alpha = 0$
 $R_1 - 2R_2 \sin \alpha = 0$

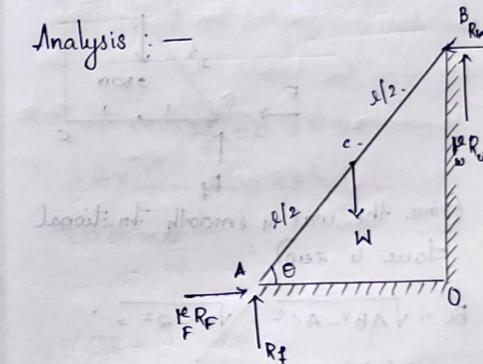
Q. Find the horizontal force P on the 10° wedge shown in the fig to raise the 1500N load. The coefficient of friction is 0.9 at all contact surfaces.



$R_1 - 0.3R_2 \cos 10 - R_2 \sin 10 = 0$
 $R_1 = R_2 (0.3 \cos 10 + \sin 10)$
 $R_1 = 0.47 R_2$
 $R_2 \cos 10 - 0.3R_2 \sin 10 - 1500 - 0.3R_1 = 0$
 $R_2 \cos 10 - 0.3R_2 \sin 10 - 0.3(0.47 R_2) = 1500$
 $R_2 (\cos 10 - 0.3 \sin 10 - 0.141) = 1500$
 $R_2 = 1894.63N$

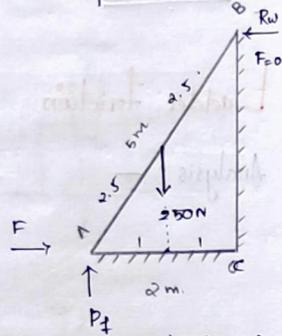


Ladder Friction



- (i) upper end B slips down \rightarrow friction is upwards.
 (ii) lower end moves away from the wall \rightarrow direction of friction force \leftarrow towards the wall.

Q. A uniform ladder 5m long weighing 250N, is placed against a smooth vertical wall with its lower end 2m from the wall. The coefficient between the ladder and floor is 0.25. Show that ladder will remain in equilibrium in this position.



(Since the wall is smooth frictional force is zero)

$$BC = \sqrt{AB^2 - AC^2} = \sqrt{5^2 - 2^2} = 4.58 \text{ m}$$

$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_f - 250 = 0$$

$$R_f = 250$$

Limiting frictional force = $0.25 \times 250 = 62.5 \text{ N}$

Moment abt B,

$$\sum M = 0$$

$$R_f \times AC - 250 \times 1 - F \times BC = 0$$

$$F = 54.59 \text{ N}$$

Q. A uniform ladder of 4m length rests against a wall which it makes an angle 45° as shown in fig. The coefficient of friction b/w the ladder and the wall is 0.4 & that between the ladder and floor is 0.5. If a man whose weight is half of that of a ladder ascends it, how high will be when the ladder slips?

Soln:

$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$0.5 R_f - R_w = 0$$

$$R_f = 2 R_w$$

$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_f - w - \frac{w}{2} + 0.4 R_w = 0$$

$$R_w = 0.625 W$$

M abt A, $\sum M = 0$

$$\frac{w}{2} \times 4 \cos 45 + w \times 2 \sin 45 - 0.4 R_w \times 4 \cos 45$$

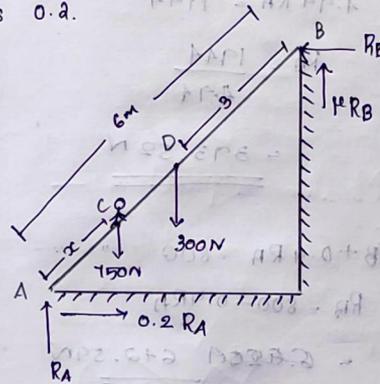
$$- R_w \times 4 \sin 45 = 0$$

$$\frac{w}{2} = 1.5$$

$$w = 3 \text{ m}$$

Tutorial

Q1. The ladder 6m long, weighing 300N is resting against a wall at an angle of 60° to the horizontal. A man weighing 750N climbs the ladder. At what position along the ladder from the bottom, does he induce slipping? The coefficient of friction for both the wall and the ground with the ladder is 0.2.



$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$0.2 R_A - R_B = 0$$

$$0.2 R_A = R_B$$

$$R_A = 5 R_B$$

$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_A + 0.2 R_B - 300 - 750 = 0$$

$$5 R_B + 0.2 R_B = 1050$$

$$5.2 R_B = 1050$$

$$R_B = \frac{1050}{5.2} = 201.9 \text{ N}$$

$$R_A = 5 R_B = 5 \times 201.9 \text{ N}$$

$$= 1009.5 \text{ N}$$

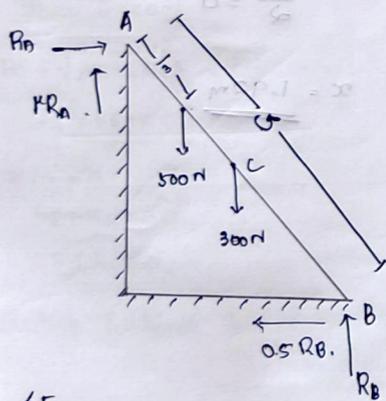
Moment about A

$$R_B \cdot 6 \sin 60 + 0.2 R_B \times 6 \cos 60 - 300 \times 3 \cos 60 - 750 \times x \cos 60 = 0$$

$$201.92 \times 6 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 0.2 \times 201.92 \times 6 \times \frac{1}{2} - 300 \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2} - 750 \times \frac{x}{2} = 0$$

$$x = 1.92 \text{ m}$$

Q.2. A ladder of length 5m and weight 300N is placed against a vertical wall with which it makes an angle of 45° . The coefficient of friction between the floor and the ladder is 0.5 and that between the ladder is 0.4. In addition to its own weight, the ladder has to support a man of weight 500N at 1m from the top along the ladder. Determine the minimum horizontal force 'P' to be applied at the floor level to prevent the ladder from slipping.



$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$R_B + 0.4R_A - 300 - 500 = 0$$

$$R_B + 0.4R_A = 800 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\sum F_x = 0$$

$$R_A - 0.5R_B - P = 0$$

$$R_A - 0.5R_B = P \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Moments about B} = 0$$

$$\sum M = 0$$

$$R_A \cdot 5 \cos 45 + 0.4R_A \cdot 5 \cos 45$$

$$300 \times 2.5 \cos 45 - 500 \times 4 \cos 45 = 0$$

$$R_A (5 \cos 45 + 4 \cos 45) - 530 - 1414 = 0$$

$$4.94 R_A = 1414 + 530$$

$$4.94 R_A = 1944$$

$$R_A = \frac{1944}{4.94}$$

$$= 393.52 \text{ N}$$

$$R_B + 0.4R_A = 800$$

$$R_B = 800 - 0.4R_A$$

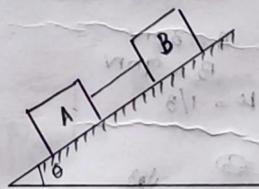
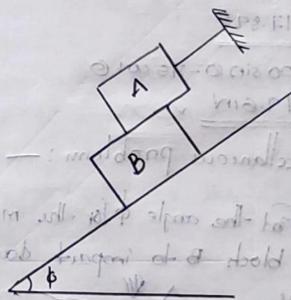
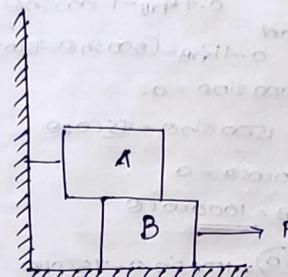
$$= 800 - 0.4 \times 393.52$$

$$P = R_A - 0.5R_B$$

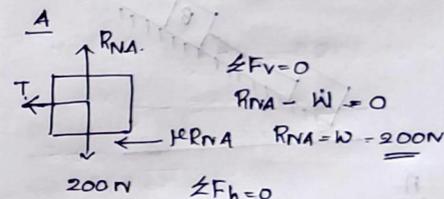
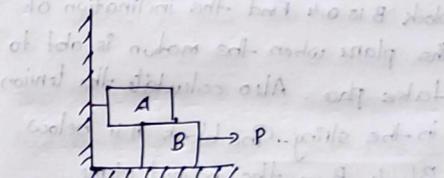
$$= 393.52 - 0.5 \times 642.59$$

$$= 72.225 \text{ N}$$

Analysis of friction in connected bodies.



Q. Block A shown in figure. weights 200N and block B weight 300N. Find the force P required to move block B. Assume the coefficient of friction for all surfaces as 0.3.



$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_{NB} - W = 0$$

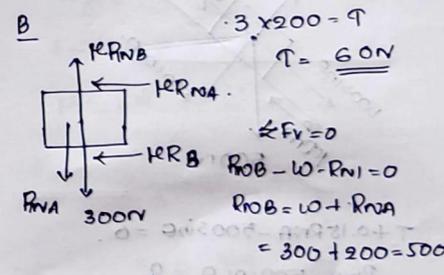
$$R_{NB} = W = 200 \text{ N}$$

$$\sum F_h = 0$$

$$\mu R_{NB} - T = 0$$

$$0.3 \times 200 = T$$

$$T = 60 \text{ N}$$



$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_{NB} - W - R_{NA} = 0$$

$$R_{NB} = W + R_{NA}$$

$$= 300 + 200 = 500 \text{ N}$$

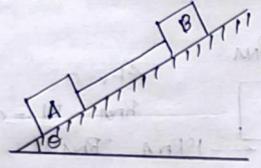
$$\sum F_h = 0$$

$$P - \mu R_{NB} - \mu R_{NA} = 0$$

$$P = \mu R_{NB} + \mu R_{NA}$$

$$= 0.3 \times 500 + 0.3 \times 200 = 210 \text{ N}$$

Q: Two blocks A and B of weights 500N and 1000N are placed on an inclined plane. The blocks are connected by a string parallel to the inclined plane. The coefficient of friction between the inclined plane and block A is 0.15 and that for block B is 0.4. Find the inclination of the plane when the motion is about to take place. Also calculate the tension in the string. The block A is below block B on the inclined plane.



$\sum F_y = 0$
 $R_{NB} - 30 \cos 30 = 0$
 $R_{NB} = 30 \cos 30 \rightarrow (1)$
 $T = \frac{10}{3} \cos 30 + 30 \sin 30 \rightarrow (2)$

$\sum F_n = 0$
 $T - R_{NB} - 30 \sin 30 = 0$
 $T = \frac{R_{NB}}{3} + 30 \sin 30 \rightarrow (3)$

$\sum F_y = 0$
 $R_{NB} - R_{NB} - 90 \cos \theta = 0$
 $R_{NB} = 120 \cos \theta \rightarrow (4)$

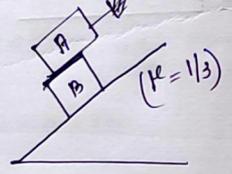
$\sum F_n = 0$
 $R_{NB} + R_{NB} - 90 \sin \theta = 0$
 $2R_{NB} = 90 \sin \theta$
 $R_{NB} = 45 \sin \theta$

$45 \sin \theta = 120 \cos \theta$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{120}{45} = \frac{8}{3}$
 $\theta = 69.01^\circ$

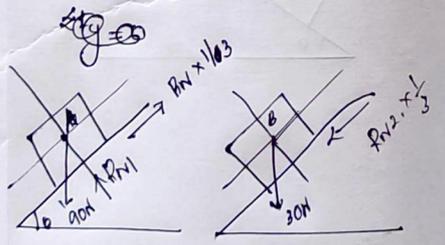
$T = 500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$
 $T = 79.61 \text{ N}$

Miscellaneous problem: -

Q. Find the angle ϕ for the motion of block B to impart down the plane.



$A = 30 \text{ N}$
 $B = 90 \text{ N}$
 $\mu = 1/3$



$T + 0.15 R_{NA} - 500 \sin \theta = 0$
 $R_{NA} - 500 \cos \theta = 0$
 $R_{NA} = 500 \cos \theta$

$T + 0.15 \times 500 \cos \theta - 500 \sin \theta = 0$
 $T = 500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$

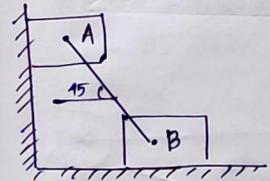
$\sum F_y = 0$
 $R_{NB} - 1000 = 0$
 $R_{NB} = 1000$

$0.4 R_{NB} - T - 1000 \sin \theta = 0$
 $0.4 R_{NB} - (500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta) - 1000 \sin \theta = 0$
 $0.4 R_{NB} = 1500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$
 $R_{NB} - 1000 \cos \theta = 0$
 $R_{NB} = 1000 \cos \theta$

$0.4(1000 \cos \theta) = 1500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$
 $400 \cos \theta = 1500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$
 $475 \cos \theta = 1500 \sin \theta$
 $\theta = 17.59^\circ$

$T = 500 \sin \theta - 75 \cos \theta$
 $T = 79.61 \text{ N}$

Q. Two identical blocks A and B of weight w are supported by a rigid bar inclined 45° with the horizontal as shown in fig. If the blocks are in limiting equilibrium, find the coefficient of friction, assuming it to be the same at the floor and the wall.



$\sum F_n = 0$
 $R_{NA} - 90 \cos 45 = 0$
 $R_{NA} = 90 \cos 45$

$\sum F_v = 0$
 $R_{NA} + 5 \sin 45 - w = 0$
 $90 \times 0.707 + 0.9075 = w$
 $0.7075 (1 + \mu) = w \rightarrow (1)$

$\sum F_v = 0$
 $R_{NB} - w - 5 \sin 45 = 0$
 $R_{NB} = w + 0.7075 w$

$\sum F_b = 0$
 $5 \cos 45 - \mu R_{NB} = 0$
 $5 \cos 45 - \mu (w + 0.7075 w) = 0$
 $0.7075 - \mu \cdot 0.7075 = \mu w$
 $0.7075 (1 - \mu) = \mu w \rightarrow (2)$

$\frac{0.7075 (1 - \mu)}{0.7075 (1 + \mu)} = \frac{\mu w}{w}$
 $1 - \mu = \mu (1 + \mu)$
 $1 - \mu = \mu + \mu^2$
 $\mu^2 + 2\mu - 1 = 0$
 $\mu = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{-2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2}$
 $\mu = 0.414$

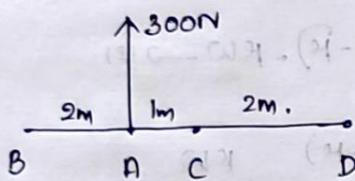
Parallel Coplanar Forces.

Forces whose line of action are parallel to each other.

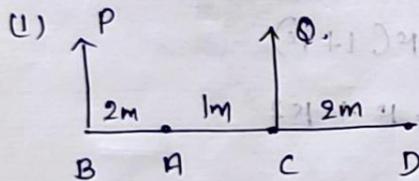
Q10 Resolve the force of 300N as shown in fig into two parallel components

(i) at B & C

(ii) at C & D



Soln:



Moment at B due to 300N

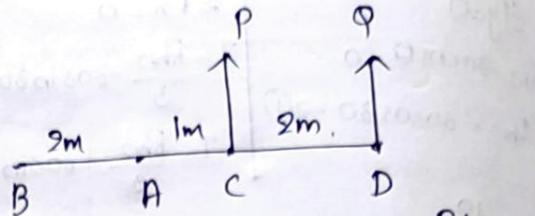
$$= 300 \times 2 = \underline{\underline{600 \text{ Nm}}}$$

$$P \times 0 + Q \times 3 = 600$$

$$Q = \underline{\underline{200 \text{ N}}}$$

$$P + Q = 300$$

$$P = \underline{\underline{100 \text{ N}}}$$



Moment at D due to 300N

$$= 300 \times 3 = 900$$

$$P \times 2 + Q \times 0 = 900$$

$$P = \underline{\underline{450}}$$

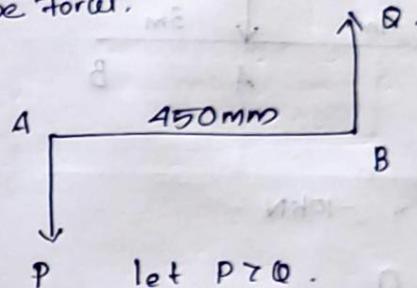
$$P + Q = 300$$

$$450 + Q = 300$$

$$Q = 300 - 450$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-150 \text{ N}}}$$

Q11. Two unlike parallel forces are acting at a distance of 450 mm from each other. The forces are equivalent to a single force of 900 N, which acts at a distance of 200 mm from the greater of the two forces. Find the magnitude of the forces.



$$P - Q = 900 \rightarrow (1)$$

Moment of P abt B must be equal to moment of 900N abt B.

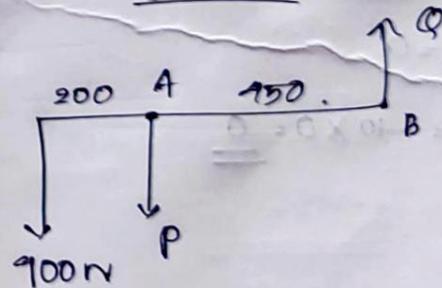
$$P \times 450 = 900 \times 150$$

$$P = \underline{\underline{1300 \text{ N}}}$$

$$1300 - Q = 900$$

$$1300 - 900 = Q$$

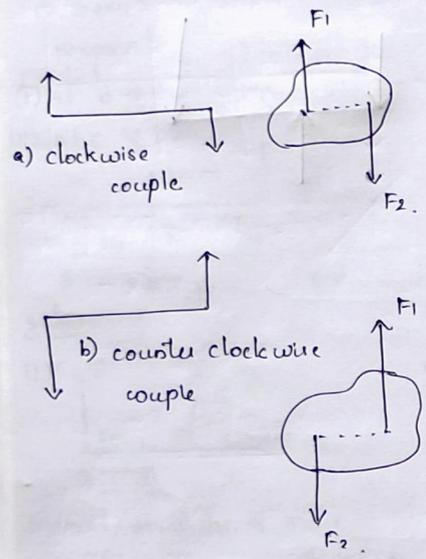
$$Q = \underline{\underline{400 \text{ N}}}$$



Couple.

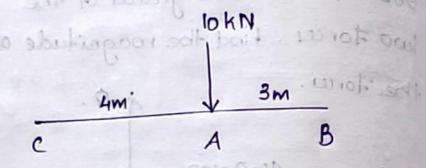
Two forces having the same magnitude, parallel line of action and opposite in direction forms a couple.

Resultant of these forces is zero.



Q. Replace the force acting at A by a force and couple

- (i) at B
- (ii) at C



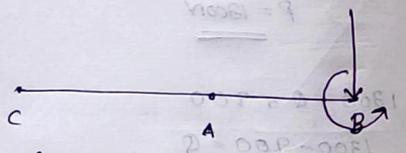
A

$$\sum F_V = -10 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$\sum M_B = -10 \times 3 = -30 \text{ kNm}$$

$= 30 \text{ kNm}$
 $= \text{counter clock wise}$



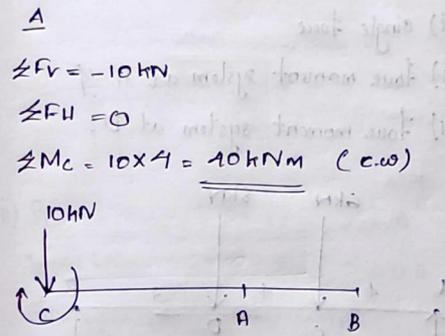
B

$$\sum F_V = -10 \text{ kN}$$

$$\sum F_H = 0$$

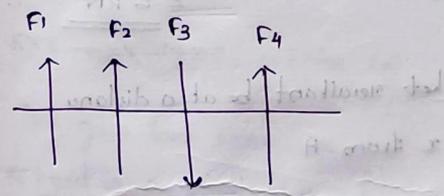
$$\sum M_B = 10 \times 0 = 0$$

a counter clock wise moment of magnitude 30kNm should be applied at B.



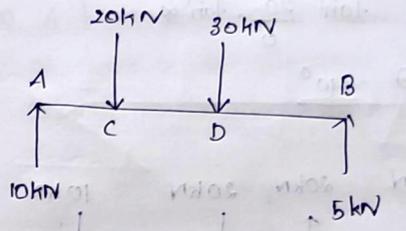
Resultant of Parallel forces.

Since all forces are parallel, the resultant will be the algebraic sum of the forces.



$$R = F_1 + F_2 - F_3 + F_4$$

Q. Calculate the resultant of the force system of parallel forces as shown in figure.

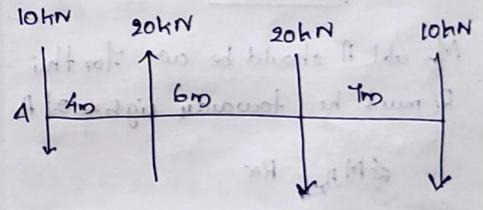


$$R = 10 - 20 - 30 + 5$$

$$= -35 \text{ kN}$$

$$= 35 \text{ kN } \downarrow$$

Q. Determine the resultant of the system of forces shown in fig



$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$\sum F_V = -10 + 20 - 20 - 10 = -20 \text{ kN}$$

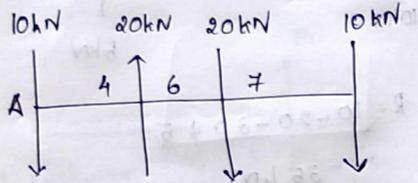
$$R = \sqrt{(F_H)^2 + (F_V)^2} = \sqrt{0 + (20)^2}$$

$$= 20 \text{ kN}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sum F_v}{\sum F_H}$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \frac{20}{0} = \tan^{-1} \infty$$

$$\theta = \underline{\underline{90^\circ}}$$



$$\sum M_A = 10 \times 0 - 20 \times 4 + 20 \times 10 +$$

$$10 \times 17$$

$$= -80 + 200 + 170$$

$$= \underline{\underline{290 \text{ kNm (CW)}}}$$

M_R abt A should be cw for this R must be towards right of A.

$$\sum M_A = R x$$

$$x = \frac{\sum M_A}{R} = \frac{290}{20} = \underline{\underline{14.5}}$$

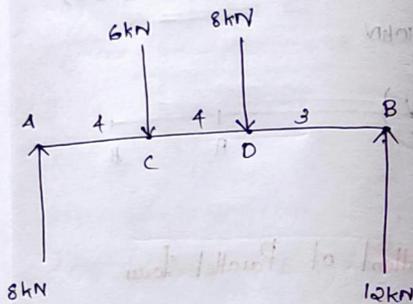
$$x = \underline{\underline{14.5}}$$

Q. A rigid bar AB is acted upon by forces as shown in fig. Reduce the force system to

(i) single force

(ii) force moment system at A

(iii) force moment system at D.



$$\sum F_y = 8 - 6 - 8 + 12 = \underline{\underline{6 \text{ kN}}}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(\sum F_H)^2 + (\sum F_V)^2} = \sqrt{0 + 36} = \underline{\underline{6 \text{ kN}}}$$

Let resultant be at a distance x from A

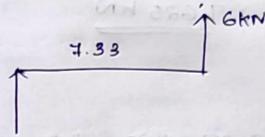
$$\sum M_B = 6 \times 4 + 8 \times 8 + -12 \times 11 = -44 \text{ kNm}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{44 \text{ kNm CCW}}}$$

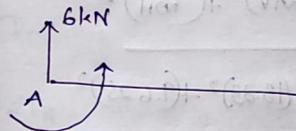
M of resultant abt A - $6 \times x$

$$6 \times x = 44$$

$$x = \frac{44}{6} = \underline{\underline{7.33}}$$



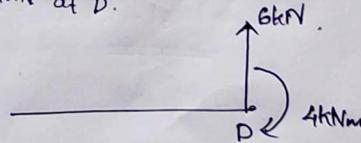
(ii) Sum of moments of forces abt A is 44 kNm. The resultant force is 6 kN upwards. \therefore the system can be reduced to a force moment system at A as



(iii) The sum of moments of forces about D is

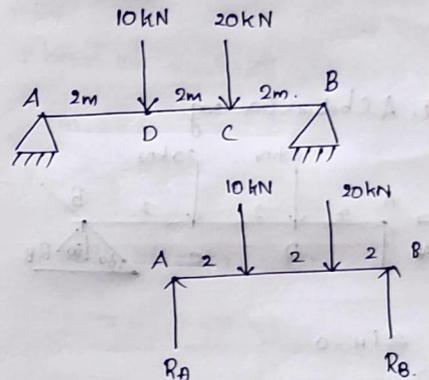
$$6 \times 8 - 6 \times 4 - 12 \times 3 = \underline{\underline{4 \text{ kNm CW}}}$$

The given force system can be reduced to a single force of 6 kN along with a CW moment of 4 kNm at D.



Simple beams subjected to concentrated vertical loads.

Q. A beam 6m long is loaded as shown in the figure calculate the reactions at A & B.



$$\sum F_v = 0$$

$$R_A - 10 - 20 + R_B = 0$$

$$R_A + R_B = 30 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$10 \times 2 + 20 \times 4 + R_B \times 6 = 0$$

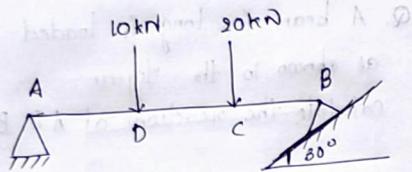
$$R_B = \frac{100}{6} = \underline{\underline{16.67 \text{ kN}}}$$

$$R_A + R_B = 30$$

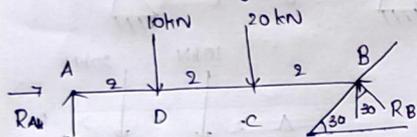
$$R_A = 30 - R_B = 30 - 16.67$$

$$= \underline{\underline{13.33 \text{ kN}}}$$

Q. A beam 6m long is located as shown in fig. calculate the reactions at A & B.



Q. A beam 6m long



$$\sum F_H = 0$$

$$R_{AH} - R_B \sin 30 = 0$$

$$R_{DH} = R_B \sin 30 \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\sum F_V = 0$$

$$R_{DV} - 10 - 20 + R_B \cos 30 = 0$$

$$R_{DV} + R_B \cos 30 = 30 \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\sum M_A = 0$$

$$10 \times 2 + 20 \times 4 - (R_B \cos 30) \times 6 = 0$$

$$20 + 80 = 6 R_B \cos 30$$

$$R_B = \frac{100}{6 \cos 30}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{19.25 \text{ kN}}}$$

From (1)

$$R_{AH} = R_B \sin 30 \\ = 19.25 \times 0.5 \\ = \underline{\underline{9.625 \text{ kN}}}$$

From (2)

$$R_{DV} + 19.25 \cos 30 = 30$$

$$R_{DV} = 30 - 19.25 \cos 30 \\ = \underline{\underline{13.33 \text{ kN}}}$$

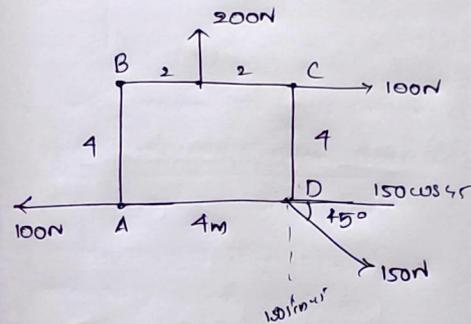
$$R_B = \sqrt{(R_{DV})^2 + (R_{DH})^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(13.33)^2 + (9.625)^2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{16.44 \text{ kN}}}$$

Miscellaneous Questions

Q. For the system of forces shown in figure, determine the magnitude, direction and position of the resultant force with A



Resolving forces horizontally

$$\sum F_H = 100 - 100 + 150 \cos 45$$

$$= \underline{\underline{106.07 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\sum F_V = 200 - 150 \sin 45$$

$$= \underline{\underline{93.93 \text{ N}}}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(106.07)^2 + (93.93)^2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{141.68 \text{ N}}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{93.93}{106.07}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{41.53^\circ}}$$

Sum of moments of all forces abt Q

$$\sum M_A = 150 \sin 45 \times 4 + 100 \times 4 - 200 \times 2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{424.26 \text{ Nm}}} \quad \text{r.w.}$$

Moment of resultant abt Q = R x x

$$= 141.68 x$$

Equating $\sum M_A$ & Rx

$$424.26 = 141.68 x$$

$$x = \frac{424.26}{141.68}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{3 \text{ m}}}$$