

# MOMENT OF A FORCE SCALAR FORMULATION, CROSS PRODUCT, MOMENT OF A FORCE VECTOR FORMULATION, & PRINCIPLE OF MOMENTS

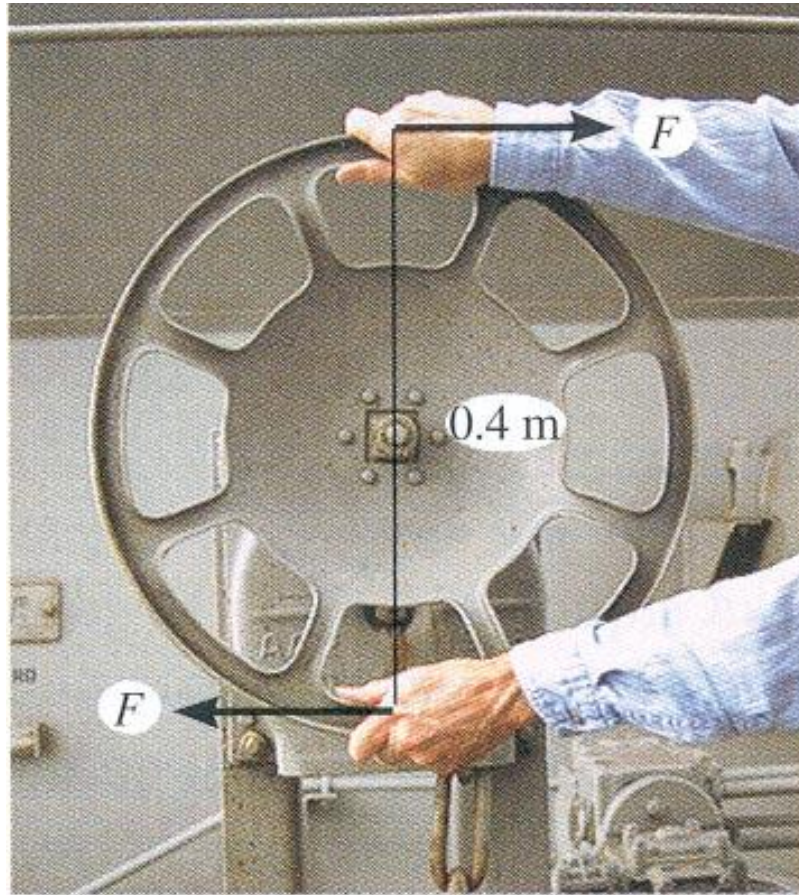
## Today's Objectives :

Students will be able to:

- a) understand and define moment, and,
- b) determine moments of a force in 2-D and 3-D cases.



## APPLICATIONS

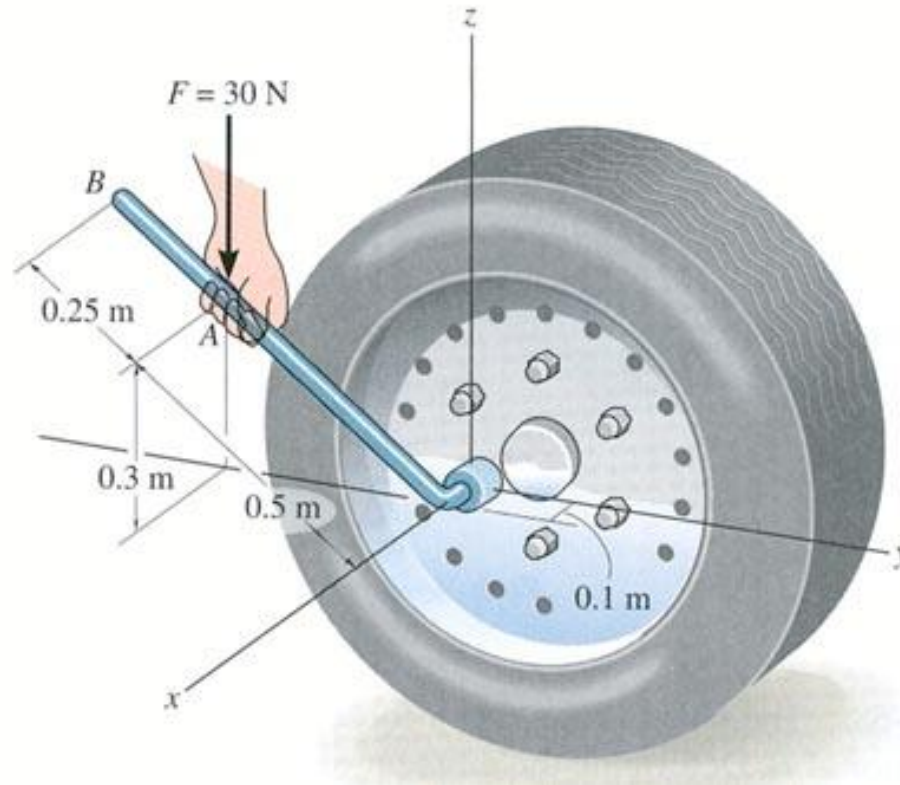


What is the net effect of the two forces on the wheel?



# APPLICATIONS

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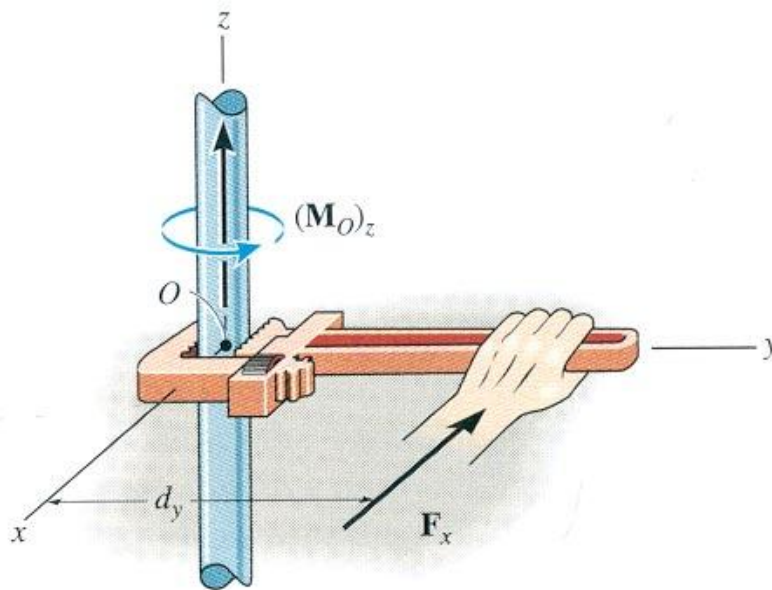


What is the effect of the  $30\text{ N}$  force on the lug nut?



# MOMENT OF A FORCE - SCALAR FORMULATION

## (Section 4.1)



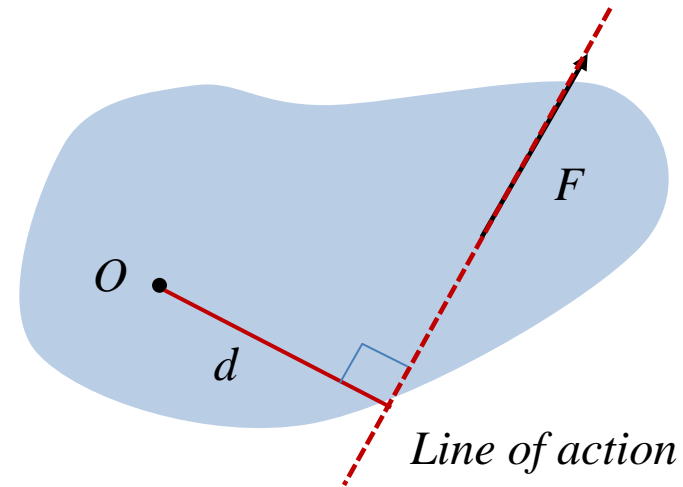
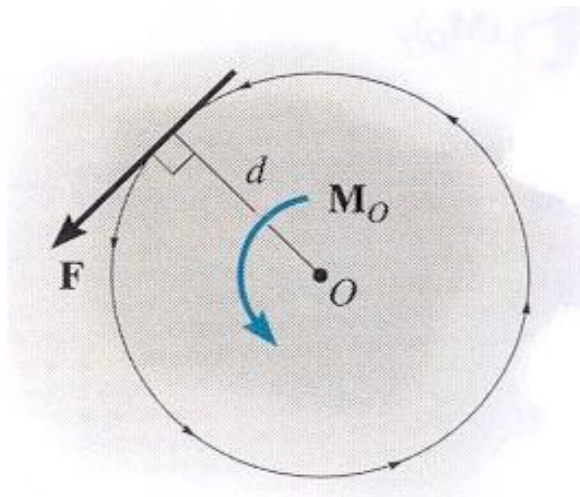
The moment of a force about a point provides a measure of the tendency for rotation (sometimes called a torque).



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In the 2-D case, the magnitude of the moment is  $M_o = F d$



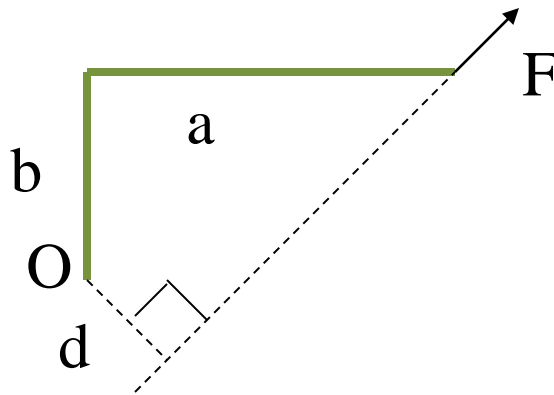
As shown,  $d$  is the perpendicular distance from point  $O$  to the line of action of the force.

In 2-D, the direction of  $M_o$  is either clockwise or counter-clockwise depending on the tendency for rotation.



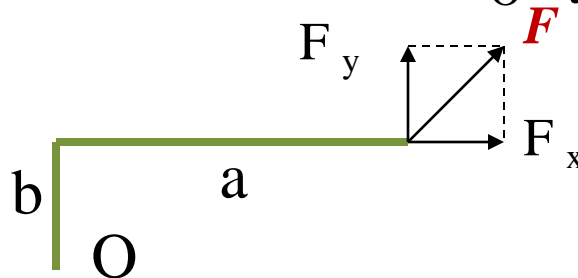
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For example,  $M_O = F d$  and the direction is counter-clockwise.

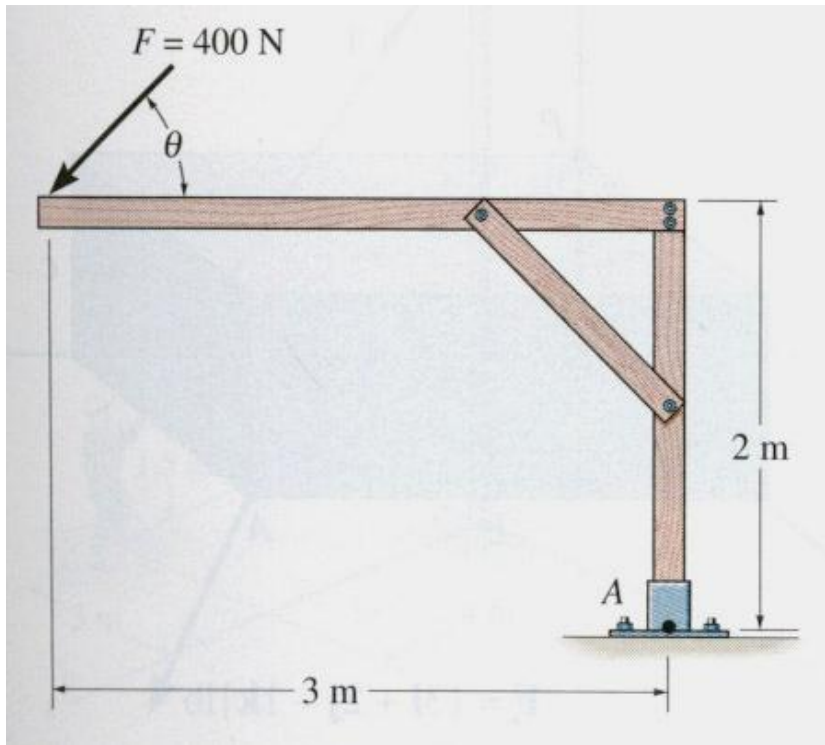
Often it is easier to determine  $M_O$  by using the components of  $F$  as shown.



Using this approach,  $M_O = (F_Y a) - (F_X b)$ . Note the different signs on the terms! The typical sign convention for a moment in 2-D is that counter-clockwise is considered positive. We can determine the direction of rotation by imagining the body pinned at  $O$  and deciding which way the body would rotate because of the force.



## EXAMPLE #1



**Given:** A 400 N force is applied to the frame and  $\theta = 20^\circ$ .

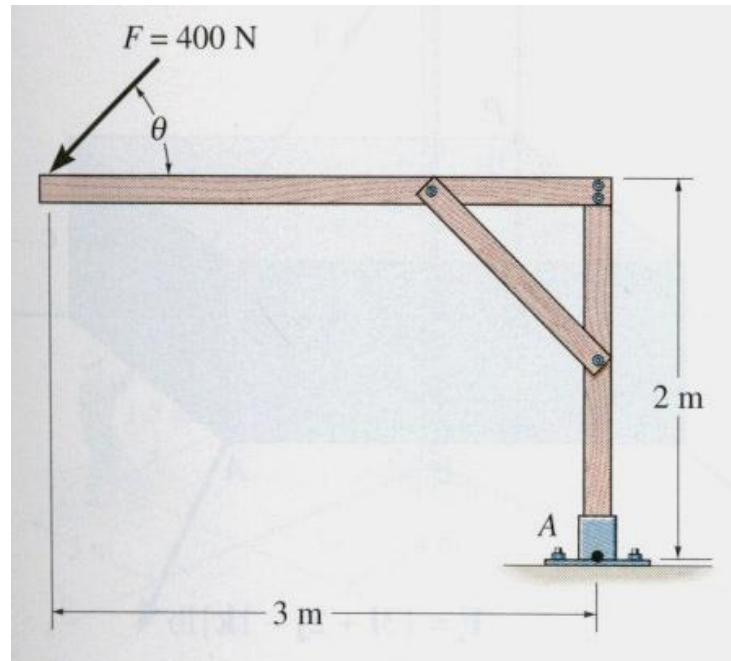
**Find:** The moment of the force at A.

### Plan:

- 1) Resolve the force along x and y axes.
- 2) Determine  $M_A$  using scalar analysis.



## EXAMPLE #1 (continued)



### Solution

$$+ \uparrow F_y = -400 \cos 20^\circ \text{ N}$$

$$+ \rightarrow F_x = -400 \sin 20^\circ \text{ N}$$

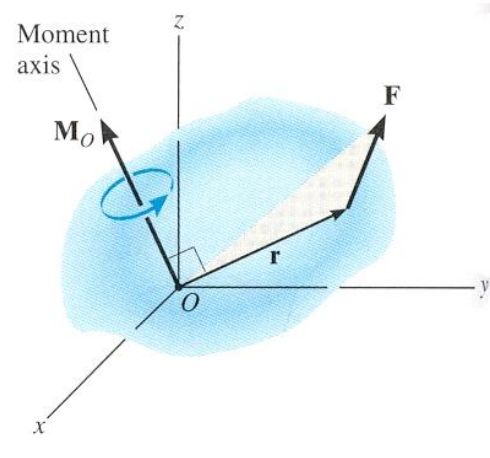
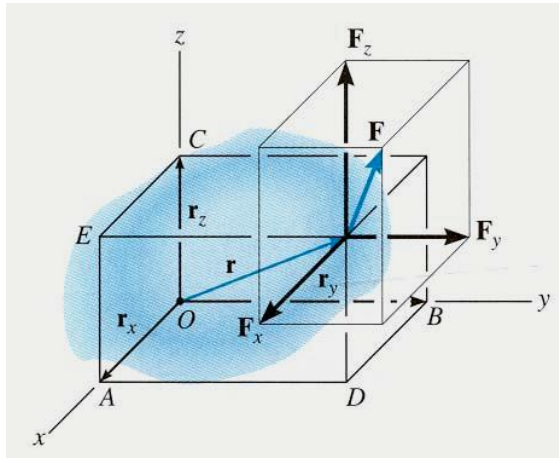
$$+ M_A = \{(400 \cos 20^\circ)(2) + (400 \sin 20^\circ)(3)\} \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$
$$= 1160 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$





# MOMENT OF A FORCE – VECTOR FORMULATION

## (Section 4.3)



Moments in 3-D can be calculated using scalar (2-D) approach but it can be difficult and time consuming. Thus, it is often easier to use a mathematical approach called the **vector cross product**.

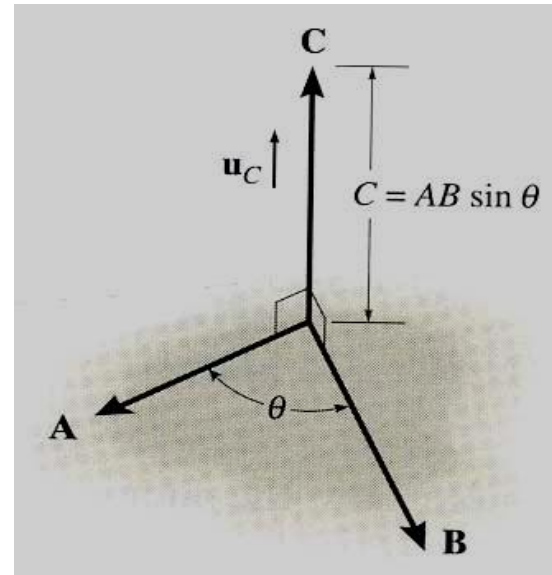
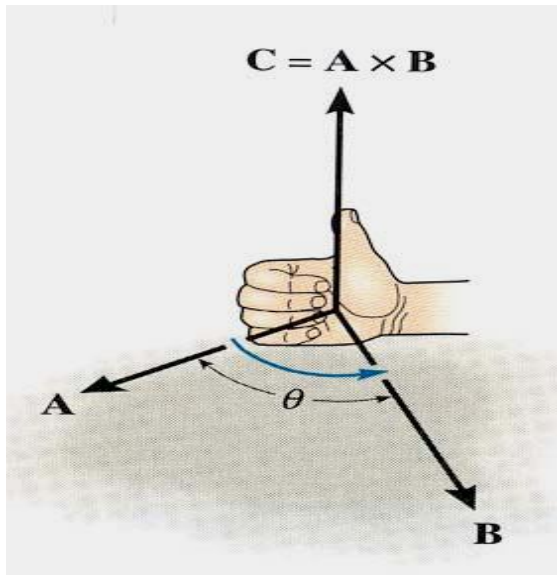
Using the vector cross product,  $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ .

Here  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector from point O to any point on the line of action of  $\mathbf{F}$ . Need to review cross-product.



# CROSS PRODUCT

## (Section 4.2)



In general, the cross product of two vectors  $A$  and  $B$  results in another vector  $C$ , i.e.,  $C = A \times B$ . The magnitude and direction of the resulting vector can be written as

$$C = A \times B = AB \sin \theta u_c$$

Here  $u_c$  is the unit vector perpendicular to both  $A$  and  $B$  vectors as shown (or to the plane containing the  $A$  and  $B$  vectors).

Note:  $\vec{C} \perp \vec{A}$  &  $\vec{C} \perp \vec{B}$



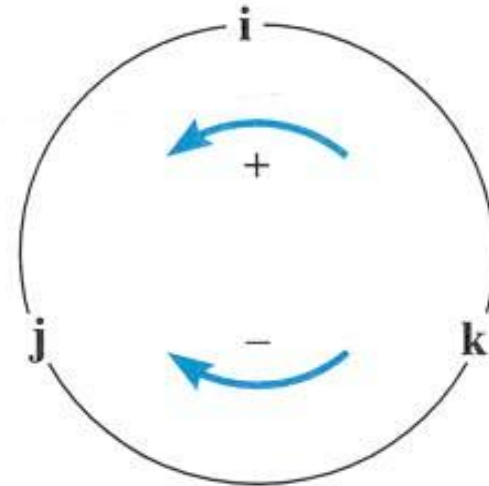
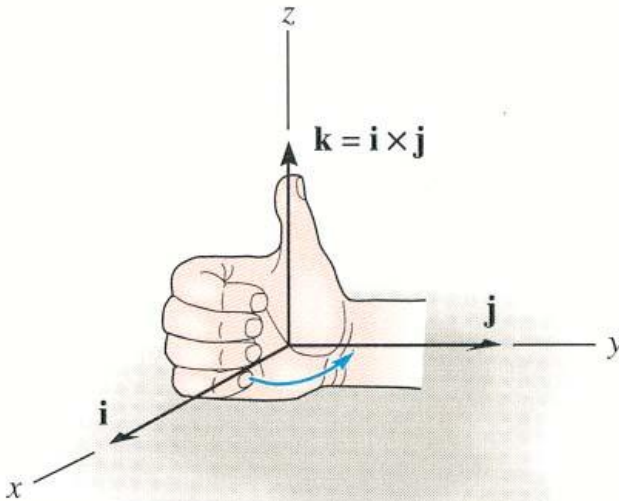
# CROSS PRODUCT

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The right hand rule is a useful tool for determining the direction of the vector resulting from a cross product.

For example:  $i \times j = k$

Note that a vector crossed into itself is zero, e.g.,  $i \times i = 0$



# CROSS PRODUCT

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You can evaluate the cross product of two vectors if you have them in Cartesian form.

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

But there is a simpler way to evaluate this.

# CROSS PRODUCT

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Of even more utility, the cross product can be written as

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

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

For element **i**:  $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(A_y B_z - A_z B_y)$

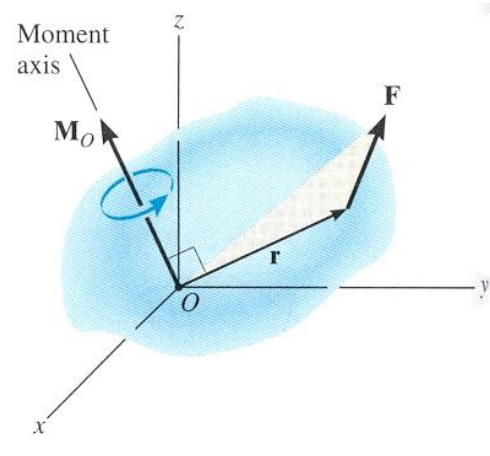
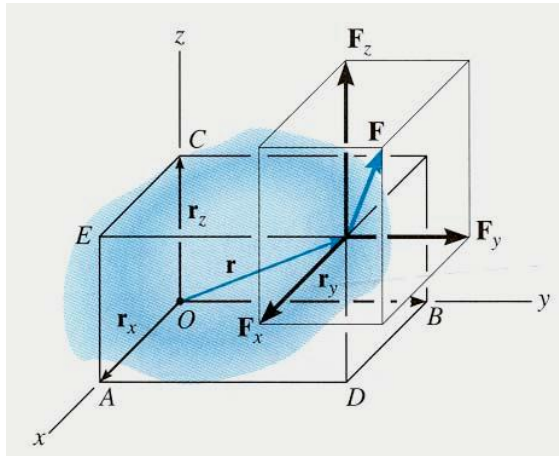
For element **j**:  $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = -\mathbf{j}(A_x B_z - A_z B_x)$

For element **k**:  $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{k}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$



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# MOMENT OF A FORCE – VECTOR FORMULATION

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So, using the cross product, a moment can be expressed as:

Always write this!

$$\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ r_x & r_y & r_z \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}$$

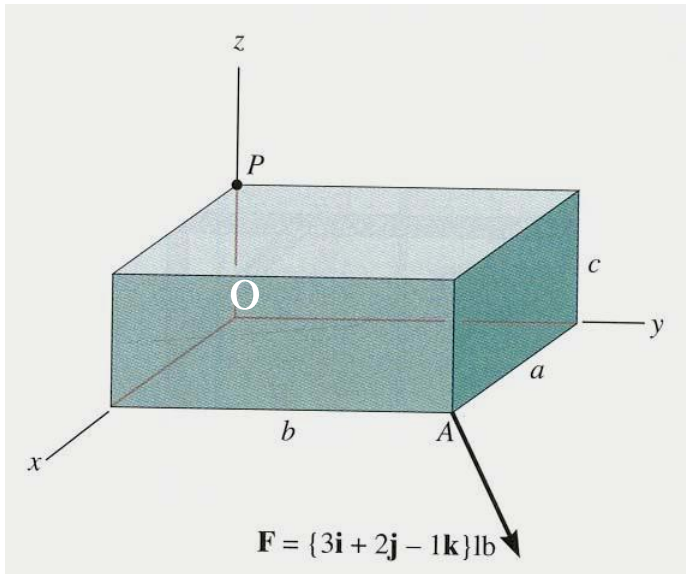
By expanding the above equation using  $2 \times 2$  determinants (see Section 4.2), we get (sample units are N - m or lb - ft)

$$\mathbf{M}_O = (r_y F_z - r_z F_y) \mathbf{i} - (r_x F_z - r_z F_x) \mathbf{j} + (r_x F_y - r_y F_x) \mathbf{k}$$

The physical meaning of the above equation becomes evident by considering the force components separately and using a 2-D formulation.



## EXAMPLE # 2



**Given:**  $a = 3$  in,  $b = 6$  in and  $c = 2$  in.

**Find:** Moment of  $\mathbf{F}$  about point O.

**Plan:**

1) Find  $\mathbf{r}_{OA}$ .

2) Determine  $\mathbf{M}_O = \mathbf{r}_{OA} \times \mathbf{F}$ .

**Solution**  $\mathbf{r}_{OA} = \{3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 0\mathbf{k}\}$  in

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_O &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = [\{6(-1) - 0(2)\} \mathbf{i} - \{3(-1) - 0(3)\} \mathbf{j} + \\ &\quad \{3(2) - 6(3)\} \mathbf{k}] \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \\ &= \{-6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 12\mathbf{k}\} \text{ lb}\cdot\text{in} \end{aligned}$$





## CONCEPT QUIZ

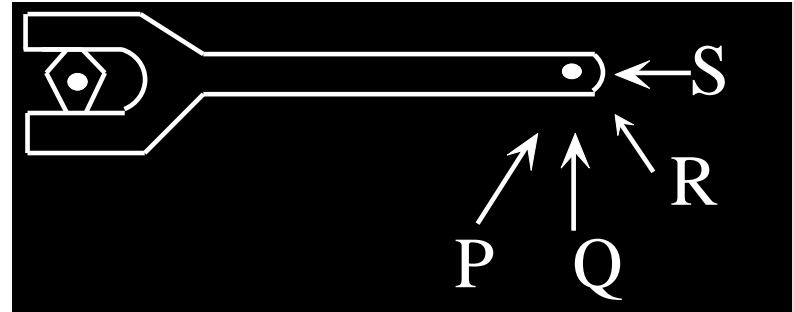
1. If a force of magnitude  $F$  can be applied in four different 2-D configurations (P,Q,R, & S), select the cases resulting in the maximum and minimum torque values on the nut. (Max, Min).

A) (Q, P)

B) (R, S)

C) (P, R)

D) (Q, S)



2. If  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ , then what will be the value of  $\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{r}$  ?

A) 0

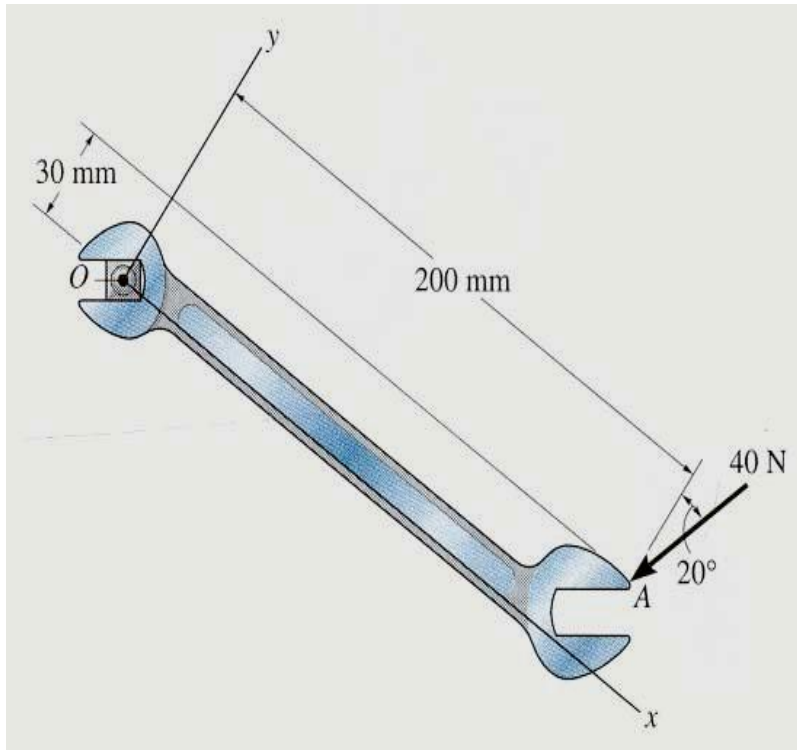
B) 1

C)  $r^2 F$

D) None of the above.



## GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING



**Given:** A 40 N force is applied to the wrench.

**Find:** The moment of the force at O.

**Plan:** 1) Resolve the force along x and y axes.

2) Determine  $M_O$  using scalar analysis.

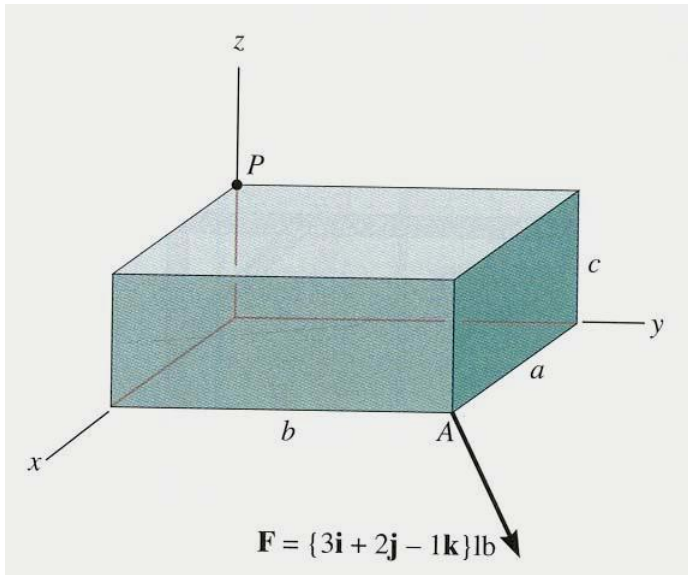
**Solution:**  $+ \uparrow F_y = -40 \cos 20^\circ \text{ N}$

$$+ \rightarrow F_x = -40 \sin 20^\circ \text{ N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} + \curvearrowright M_O &= \{-(40 \cos 20^\circ)(200) + (40 \sin 20^\circ)(30)\} \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm} \\ &= -7107 \text{ N}\cdot\text{mm} = -7.11 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m} \end{aligned}$$



# GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING



**Given:**  $a = 3 \text{ in}$  ,  $b = 6 \text{ in}$  and  $c = 2 \text{ in}$

**Find:** Moment of  $F$  about point  $P$

**Plan:** 1) Find  $\mathbf{r}_{PA}$  .

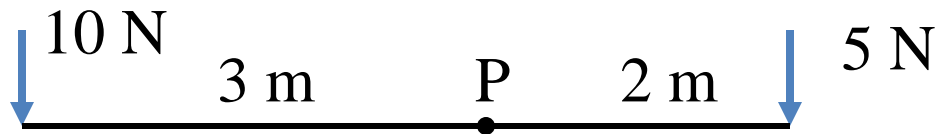
2) Determine  $\mathbf{M}_P = \mathbf{r}_{PA} \times \mathbf{F}$

**Solution:**  $\mathbf{r}_{PA} = \{ 3 \mathbf{i} + 6 \mathbf{j} - 2 \mathbf{k} \}$  in

$$\mathbf{M}_P = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \{ -2 \mathbf{i} - 3 \mathbf{j} - 12 \mathbf{k} \} \text{ lb} \cdot \text{in}$$



## ATTENTION QUIZ



1. Using the CCW direction as positive, the net moment of the two forces about point P is

- A)  $10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$       B)  $20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$       C)  $-20 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$   
D)  $40 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$       E)  $-40 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$

2. If  $\mathbf{r} = \{ 5 \mathbf{j} \}$  m and  $\mathbf{F} = \{ 10 \mathbf{k} \}$  N, the moment

$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$  equals  $\{ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \}$  N·m.

- A)  $50 \mathbf{i}$       B)  $50 \mathbf{j}$       C)  $-50 \mathbf{i}$   
D)  $-50 \mathbf{j}$       E) 0

