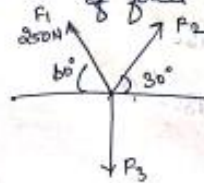




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1) The forces shown in figure acting on a particle & keep the particle in equilibrium. The Magnitude of force F_1 is 250N. Find the Magnitude of forces F_2 or F_3 .



Since three concurrent forces acting outwards, Lami's theorem can be applied.

Angle oppl: $F_1 = 90^\circ + 30^\circ = 120^\circ$

Angle oppl: of $F_2 = 60^\circ + 90^\circ = 150^\circ$

Angle oppl: of $F_3 = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 30^\circ$

$= 90^\circ$

By Lami's Theorem,

$$\frac{F_1}{\sin 120} = \frac{F_2}{\sin 150} = \frac{F_3}{\sin 90}$$

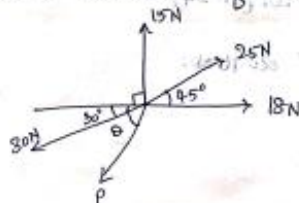
$$\Rightarrow \frac{250}{\sin 120} = \frac{F_2}{\sin 150} = \frac{F_3}{\sin 90}$$

\therefore By Solving,

$$F_2 = 174.33\text{N}$$

$$F_3 = 288.67\text{N}$$

2) Forces shown in figure are in equilibrium. Find the magnitude & direction θ of unknown force P.



By equation of equilibrium:

$$\sum H = 0$$

$$25 \cos 45 + 18 - 30 \cos 30 - P \cos \theta = 0$$

$$17.68 + 18 - 25.98 = P \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore P \cos \theta = 9.7 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\sum V = 0$$

$$15 + 25 \sin 45 - 30 \sin 30 - P \sin \theta = 0$$

$$15 + 17.68 - 15 = P \sin \theta$$

$$P \sin \theta = 17.68 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Dividing (1) & (2),

$$\frac{P \sin \theta}{P \cos \theta} = \frac{17.68}{9.7}$$

$$\tan \theta = 1.822$$

$$\theta = 61.24^\circ$$

Sub θ in (1),

$$P \cos (61.24) = 9.7$$

$$P = \frac{9.7}{\cos (61.24)}$$

$$= 20.16 \text{ N}$$

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