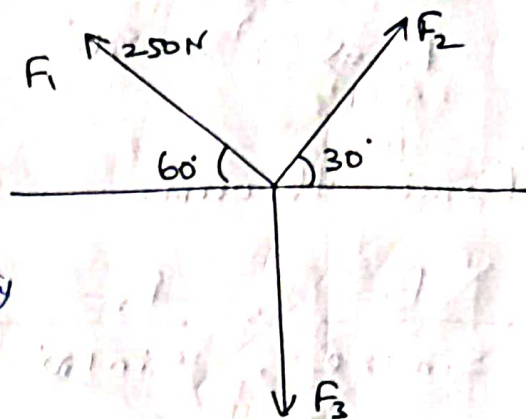


① The forces shown in figure are acting on a particle and keep the particle in equilibrium. The magnitude of force F_1 is 250 N, Find the magnitude of forces F_2 & F_3 .



Method 1:

The given system of forces are in equilibrium, and they are coplanar, concurrent

$$R = 0; \Rightarrow R = \sqrt{\Sigma V^2 + \Sigma H^2}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \Sigma H = 0, \Sigma V = 0.$$

$$\Sigma H = 0 \quad (\leftarrow +)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_2 \cos 30^\circ - F_1 \cos 60^\circ = 0$$

$$F_2 = \frac{F_1 \cos 60^\circ}{\cos 30^\circ} = \frac{250 \cos 60^\circ}{\cos 30^\circ}$$

$$F_2 = 144.33 \text{ N}$$

Force F_3 has no horizontal component

$$\Sigma V = 0; \quad F_1 \sin 60^\circ + F_2 \sin 30^\circ - F_3 = 0$$

($\uparrow +$)

$$250 \sin 60^\circ + 144.33 \sin 30^\circ = F_3$$

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

Method 2: (Lami's Theorem)

Here there are only three forces and are acting concurrent and outwards a point, Hence Lami's theorem may be used.

The angles opposite to the forces.

$$F_1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 90 + 30 = 120^\circ$$

$$F_2 \Rightarrow \beta = 90 + 60 = 150^\circ$$

$$F_3 \Rightarrow \gamma = 90^\circ$$

By Lami's theorem.

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

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

Solving we get:

$$\frac{250}{\sin 120^\circ} = \frac{F_2}{\sin 150^\circ}$$

$$F_2 = \frac{250 \times \sin 150^\circ}{\sin 120^\circ}$$

$$F_2 = 144.33 \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{250}{\sin 120^\circ} = \frac{F_3}{\sin 90^\circ}$$

$$F_3 = \frac{250 \times \sin 90^\circ}{\sin 120^\circ}$$

$$F_3 = 288.675 \text{ N}$$