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**MECHANICS SWK122 MEGANIKA SWK122**  
**SEMESTER TEST 1 – SEMESTERTOETS 1**

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- ⇒ Beantwoord alle vrae in die spasies voorsien.
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- ⇒ Omkring die naam van u dosent op onderstaande tabel.

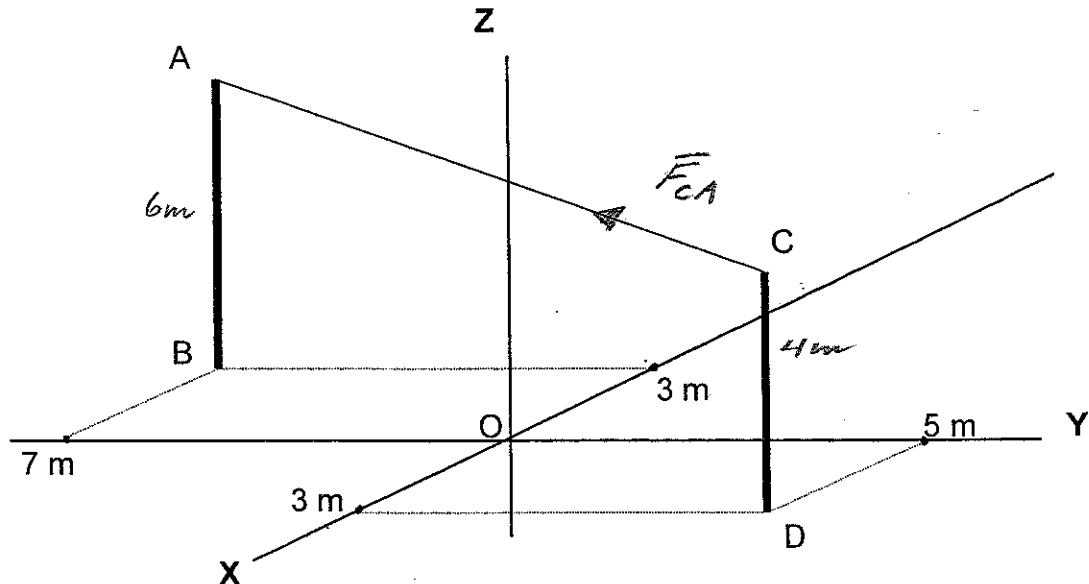
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QUESTION 1 / VRAAG 1

[30]

Pole AB is 6 m high and pole CD is 4 m high. A cable spans between A and C and the force in cable AC is 4.2 kN.

Paal AB is 6 m hoog en paal CD is 4 m hoog. 'n Kabel span tussen A en C en die krag in kabel AC is 4.2 kN.



1[a] Determine the length of cable AC.  
Bepaal die lengte van kabel AC.

[2]

$$\begin{aligned} \odot \vec{AC} &= (C) - (A) = (3 \ 5 \ 4) - (-3 \ -7 \ 6) = (6 \ 12 \ -2) \text{ m} \\ AC &= |\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (12)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{184} = 13.565 \text{ m} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

1[b] Write the force that the cable exerts on the pole at C in Cartesian format in Newton (N). Define this force as  $F_{CA}$ .  
Skryf die krag wat die kabel op die paal by C uitoefen in Cartesiese formaat in Newton (N). Definieer hierdie krag as  $F_{CA}$ .

[4]

$$\odot \vec{CA} = (-6 \ -12 \ 2) \text{ m} \quad CA = |\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{184}$$

$$\vec{F}_{CA} = F_{CA} * \vec{u}_{CA}$$

$$= \frac{4200 * (-6 \ -12 \ 2)}{\sqrt{184}}$$

$$= (-1858; -3716; 619) \text{ N} \rightarrow$$

1[c] Determine the coordinate direction angles of  $F_{CA}$ .

[3]

Bepaal die rigtingshoeke van  $F_{CA}$ .

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \frac{-1858}{4200} = 116.3^\circ$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-3716}{4200} = 152.2^\circ$$

$$\gamma = \cos^{-1} \frac{619}{4200} = 81.5^\circ \rightarrow$$

1[d] Check your answer of Question 1[c].

[3]

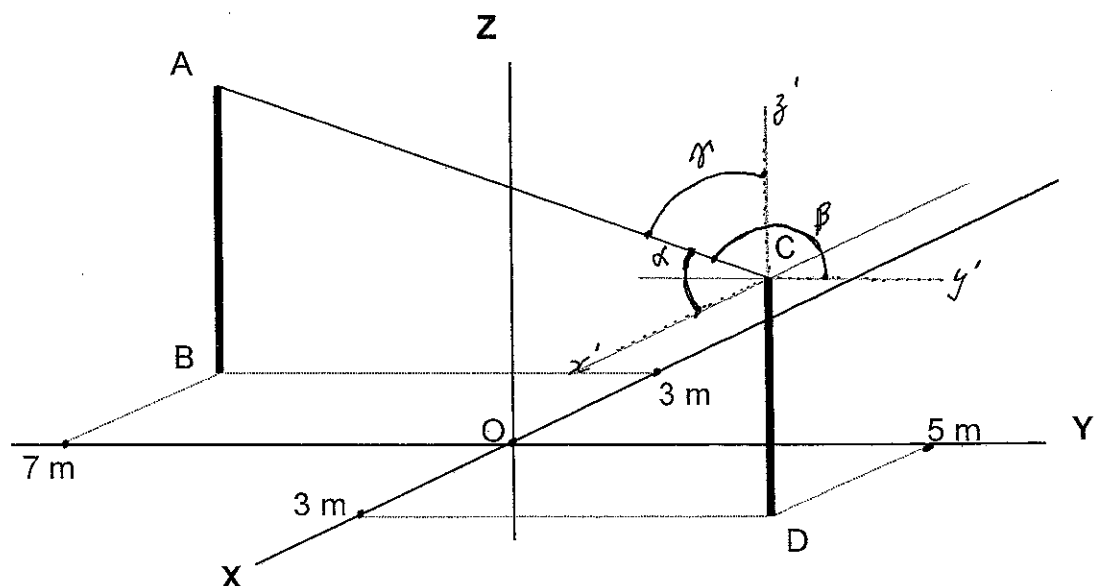
Toets u antwoord vir vraag 1[c].

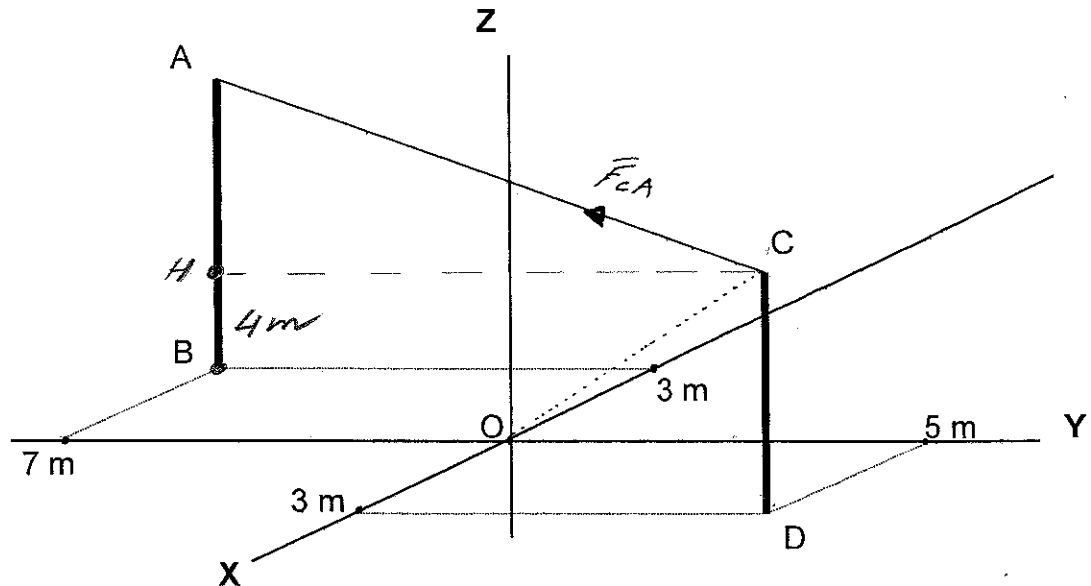
$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma &= \cos^2(116.3^\circ) + \cos^2(152.2^\circ) + \cos^2(81.5^\circ) \\ &= 0.1963 + 0.7825 + 0.0218 = 1.000 \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

1[e] Indicate the coordinate direction angles of  $F_{CA}$  on the figure below.

[3]

Dui die rigtingshoeke van  $F_{CA}$  aan op onderstaande figuur.





1[f] Determine magnitude of the component of  $F_{CA}$  in the direction of CO.  
Bepaal die grootte van die komponent van  $F_{CA}$  in die rigting van CO.

[6]

$$\odot F_{CA \parallel CO} = \frac{\vec{F}_{CA} \cdot \vec{u}_{CO}}{|\vec{u}_{CO}|} \quad \vec{u}_{CO} = \frac{\vec{CO}}{CO} = \frac{(-3 \ -5 \ -4)}{\sqrt{50}}$$

$$\therefore F_{CA \parallel CO} = (-1858; -3716; 69) \cdot \frac{(-3 \ -5 \ -4)}{\sqrt{50}}$$

$$\therefore F_{CA \parallel CO} = (-1858; -3716; 69) \cdot \frac{(-3; -5; -4)}{\sqrt{50}} = 3065.7 \text{ N} \rightarrow$$

OR:  $\vec{CA} = (-6 \ -12 \ 2) \text{ m}$   $CA = \sqrt{184}$  (Question 1(a))  
 $\vec{CO} = (0) - (C) = (0 \ 0 \ 0) - (3 \ 5 \ 4) = (-3 \ -5 \ -4)$   $CO = \sqrt{50}$

$$\therefore \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CO} = (-6 \ -12 \ 2) \cdot (-3 \ -5 \ -4) = 70$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CO}}{(CA)(CO)} = \frac{70}{\sqrt{184} \sqrt{50}} \quad \therefore \theta = 43.13^\circ \rightarrow$$

$$\therefore F_{CA \parallel CO} = 4200 \cos 43.13^\circ = 3065.2 \text{ N} \rightarrow$$

1[g] Calculate the smallest angle between cable CA and the horizontal plane.  
Bereken die kleinste hoek tussen kabel CA en die horisontale vlak.

[6]

$$\odot \overrightarrow{CA} = (-6 \ -12 \ 2) \text{ m} \quad CA = \sqrt{184}$$

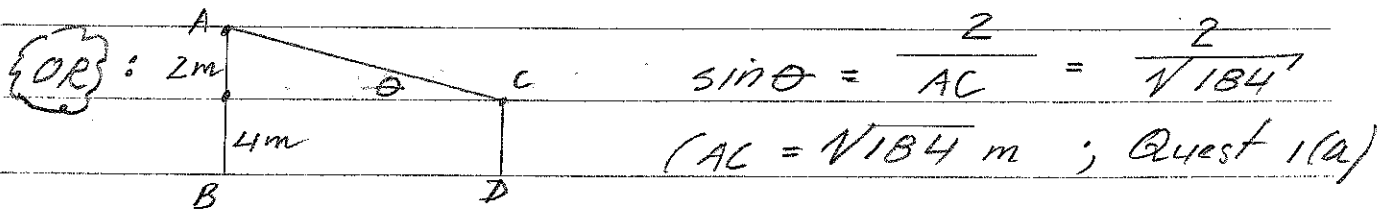
$$\odot \overrightarrow{CH} = (H) - (C) = (-3 \ -7 \ 4) - (3 \ 5 \ 4) = (-6; -12 \ 0)$$

$$CH = \sqrt{180}$$

$$\odot \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CH} = (-6 \ -12 \ 2) \cdot (-6 \ -12 \ 0)$$

$$= 180$$

$$\therefore 180 = \sqrt{184} \times \sqrt{180} \times \cos \theta \Rightarrow \theta = 8.5^\circ \rightarrow$$



$$\therefore \sin \theta = 0.147442$$

$$\therefore \theta = 8.5^\circ \rightarrow$$

1[h] Calculate the unit vector in the direction of OD.  
Bereken die eenheidsvektor in die rigting van OD.

[3]

$$\overrightarrow{u}_{OD} = \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}} ; \frac{5}{\sqrt{34}} ; 0 \right)$$

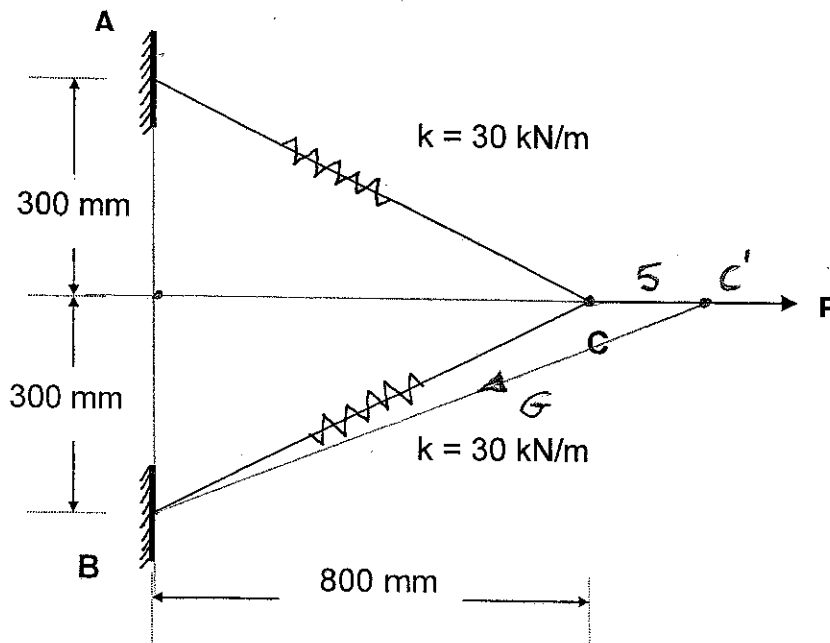
$$= (0.514 ; 0.858 ; 0) \rightarrow$$

## QUESTION 2 / VRAAG 2

[14]

The two springs are unstretched when force  $F = 0$ .  
Point C moves 5 mm to the right on application of  $F$ .  
Calculate the value of  $F$ .

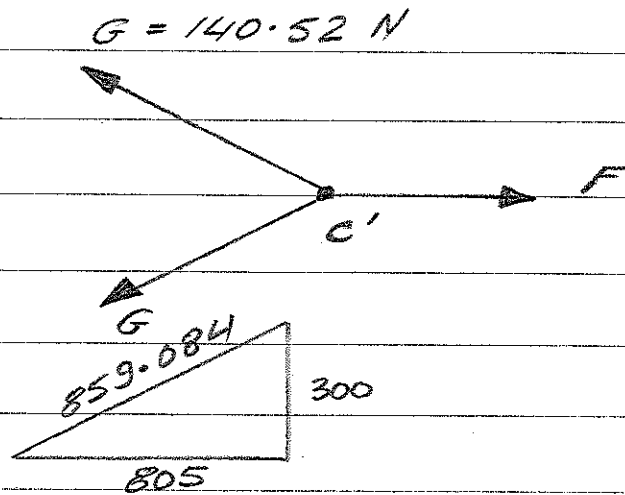
Die twee vere is onuitgerek as  $F = 0$ .  
Punt C beweeg 5 mm na regs met die aanwending van  $F$ .  
Bereken die waarde van  $F$ .



$$\odot \quad BC = \sqrt{300^2 + 800^2} = 854.4 \text{ mm}$$

$$BC' = \sqrt{300^2 + 805^2} = 859.084 \text{ mm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G &= k \times \Delta L = (859.084 - 854.4) \times 30 \\ &= 4.684 \times 30 \\ &= 140.52 \text{ N} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$



$$\sum F_x \text{ at } C = 0 :$$

$$2 * \frac{140.52 * 805}{859.084} = F$$

$$F = 263.35 \text{ N.}$$



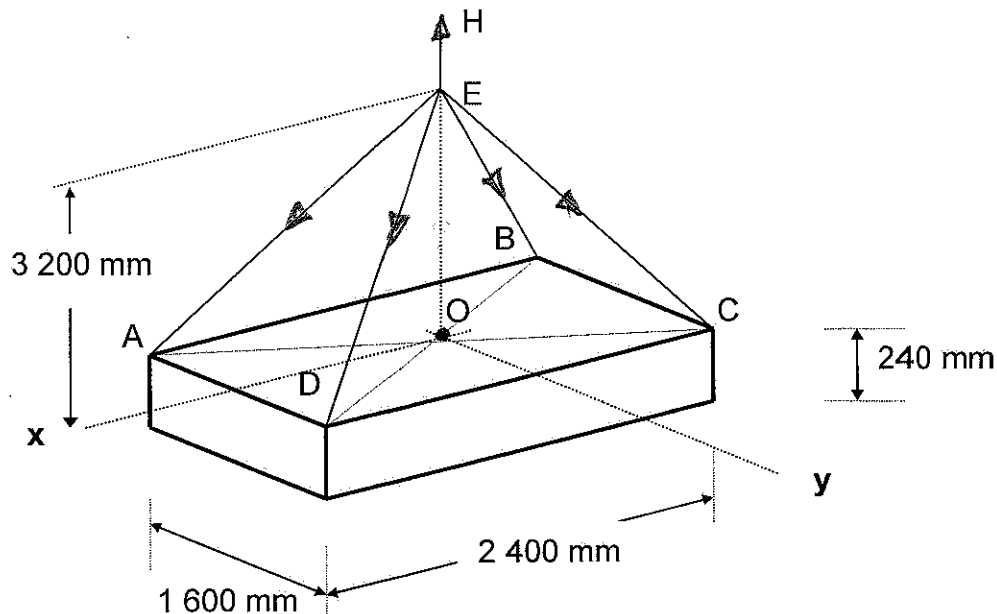
VALUE OF F / WAARDE VAN F = 263.35 N.....

### QUESTION 3 / VRAAG 3

[16]

The figure shows a pre-cast concrete slab. The slab hangs horizontal and is supported by four cables. The centre of gravity of the slab is at point O. Point E is on the same vertical line as point O and also 3.2 m higher than O. The density of concrete is  $2\,400\text{ kg/m}^3$ .

Die figuur toon 'n voorafvervaardigde betonblad. Die blad hang horisontaal en word ondersteun deur vier kables. Die swaartepunt van die blad is by O. Punt E is op dieselfde vertikale lyn as punt O en ook 3.2 m hoër as punt O. Die digtheid van beton is  $2\,400\text{ kg/m}^3$ .



**3[a]** Calculate the volume of concrete necessary to cast the slab.  
Bereken die volume beton nodig om die blad te giet.

[1]

$$\odot V_{\text{bl}} = 1.6 * 2.4 * 0.24$$

$$= 0.9216\text{ m}^3 \rightarrow$$

**3[b]** Calculate the force in cable EH and state whether it is in tension or compression.  
Bereken die krag in kabel EH en dui aan of dit 'n trekkrag of drukkrag is.

[3]

$$F_{EH} = 0.9216 * 2.4 * 9.8$$

$$= 21.676\text{ kN} \rightarrow$$



3[c] Calculate the force in each of the four support cables.  
Bereken die krag in elk van die vier ondersteuningskabels.

[12]

$$\odot \quad \vec{F}_{EA} = F_{EA} * \vec{u}_{EA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{EA} &= (A) - (E) = (1.2; 0.8; 0) - (0; 0; 3.2) \\ &= (1.2 \quad 0.8 \quad -3.2) \text{ m} \quad \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$EA = \sqrt{(1.2)^2 + (0.8)^2 + (-3.2)^2} = 3.51 \text{ m} \rightarrow$$

$$\therefore \vec{F}_{EA} = F_{EA} * \frac{(1.2 \quad 0.8 \quad -3.2)}{3.51} \rightarrow$$

$$\odot \text{ But: } \vec{F}_{EA} = \vec{F}_{ED} = \vec{F}_{EB} = \vec{F}_{EC}$$

$$\odot \sum F_z = 0 :$$

$$\therefore 4 F_{EA} * \frac{-3.2}{3.51} + F_{EH} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F_{EA} &= \frac{21.676 * 3.51 * 1}{3.2 * 4} \\ &= 5.944 \text{ kN} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_{EA} = F_{EB} = F_{EC} = F_{ED} = 5.944 \text{ kN} \rightarrow$$

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