

4.4 Equilibrium of statically determinate structures

Task:

- count the number of degrees of freedom and design the support system
- create a free body diagram (includes problem definition, model development and mathematical solution)

Assumptions - model development:

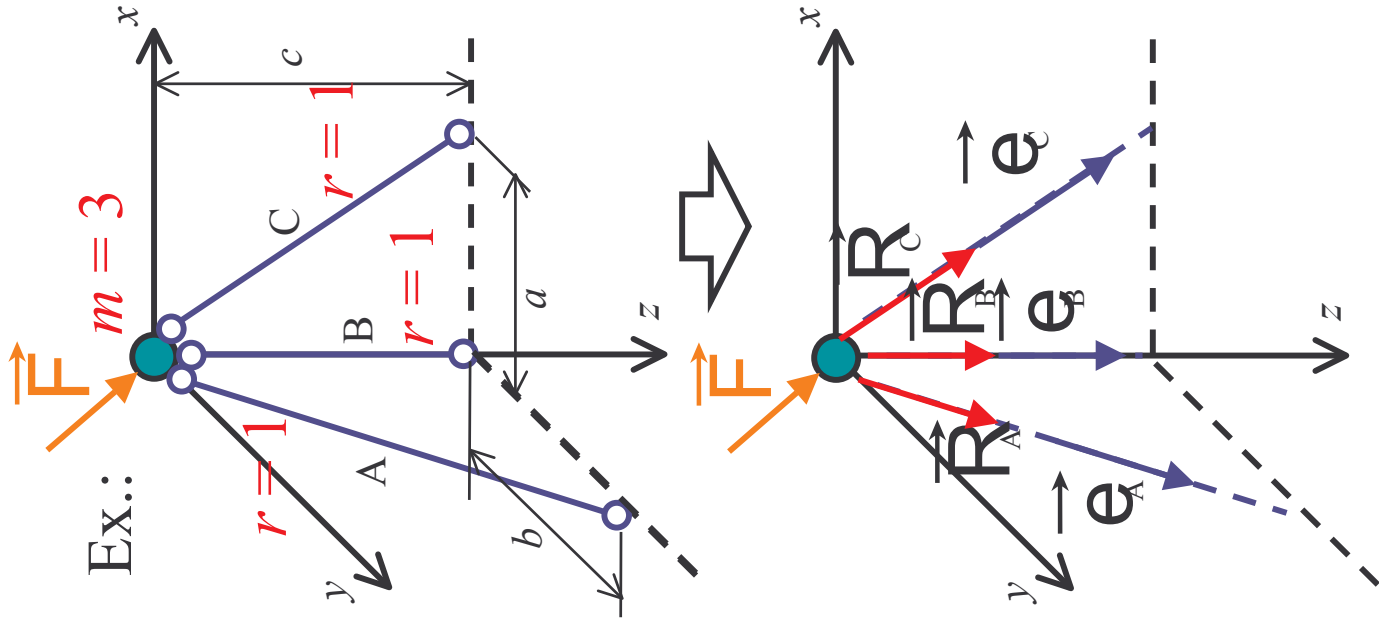
- the structure is idealized as a system of rigid particles and rigid bodies
- the structure is in the state of equilibrium

Solution:

- create a free body diagrams – separate individual structural members
- replace supports by corresponding reaction forces
- compute reaction forces such the whole structure as well as part are in equilibrium

4.4.1 Supports and reactions of rigid particles in 3D

- $m = r = 3$
- forces (applied loads and reactions) exerted on a rigid particle form a concurrent system of forces (\Rightarrow 3 equations of equilibrium)



$$m = 3, r = 3 \times 1, m = r$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_A = \{R_A e_{Ax}, R_A e_{Ay}, R_A e_{Az}\}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_B = \{R_B e_{Bx}, R_B e_{By}, R_B e_{Bz}\}$$

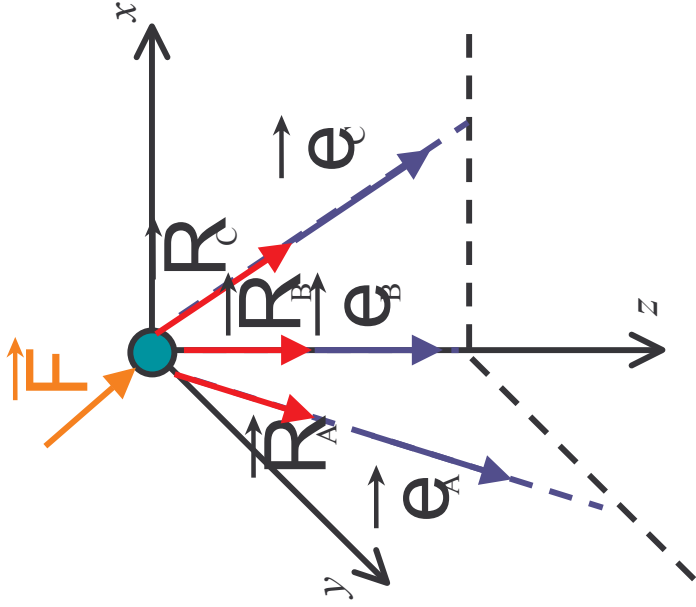
$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_C = \{R_C e_{Cx}, R_C e_{Cy}, R_C e_{Cz}\}$$

unit vectors:

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_A = \left\{ 0, \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}, \frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} \right\}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B = \{0, 0, 1\}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_C = \left\{ \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}}, 0, \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} \right\}$$



Equations of equilibrium

$$\vec{F} + \sum_{i=A,B,C} R_i \vec{e}_i = 0$$

$$\text{x: } F_x + R_A \cdot 0 + R_B \cdot 0 + R_C \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} = 0$$

$$\text{y: } F_y + R_A \cdot \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + R_B \cdot 0 + R_C \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\text{z: } F_z + R_A \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + R_B \cdot 1 + R_C \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} = 0$$

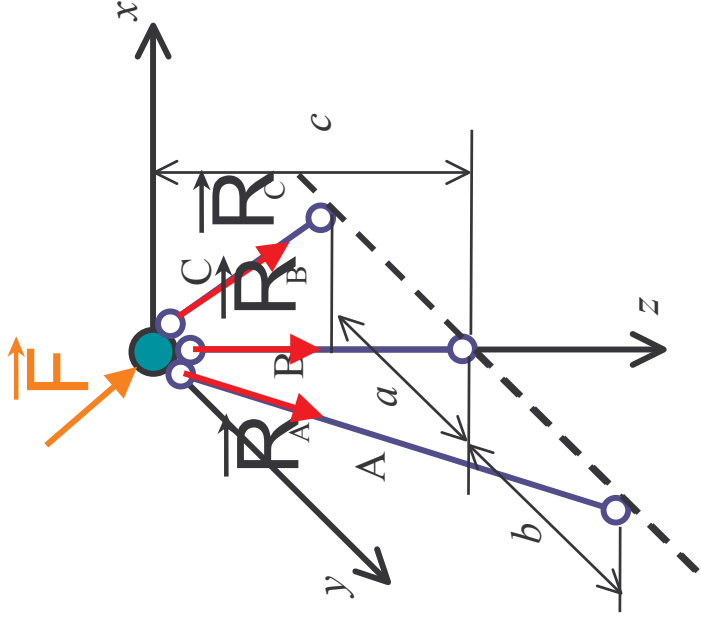
Solve for 3 unknowns R_A , R_B a R_C

H.W.: Solve for $a = 1$ m, $b = 2$ m, $c = 4$ m, $\vec{F} = \{10, 5, 20\}$ (kN)

- improperly supported structure:

➤ e.g. lines of action of all reaction forces are found in the same plane

Ex.:



Equations of equilibrium

$$x: F_x + R_A \cdot 0 + R_B \cdot 0 + R_C \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$y: F_y + R_A \cdot \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + R_B \cdot 0 - R_C \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} = 0$$

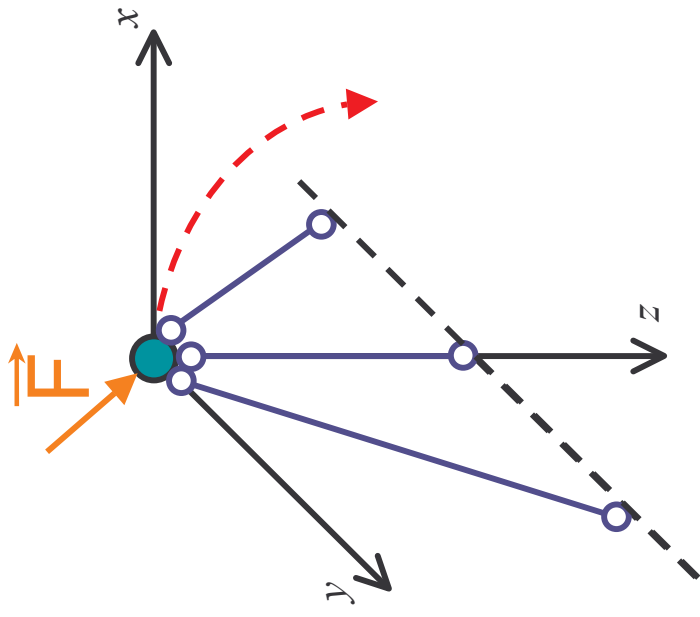
$$z: F_z + R_A \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}} + R_B \cdot 1 + R_C \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} = 0$$

Determinant:

0	0	0	$= 0$
$\frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}$	0	$-\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}}$	$= 0$
$\frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}$	1	$\frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}}$	$= 0$

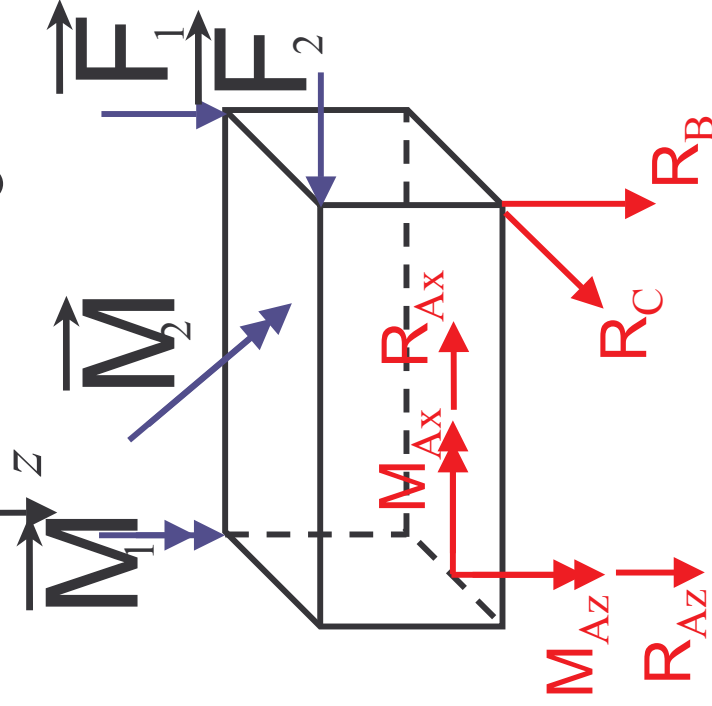
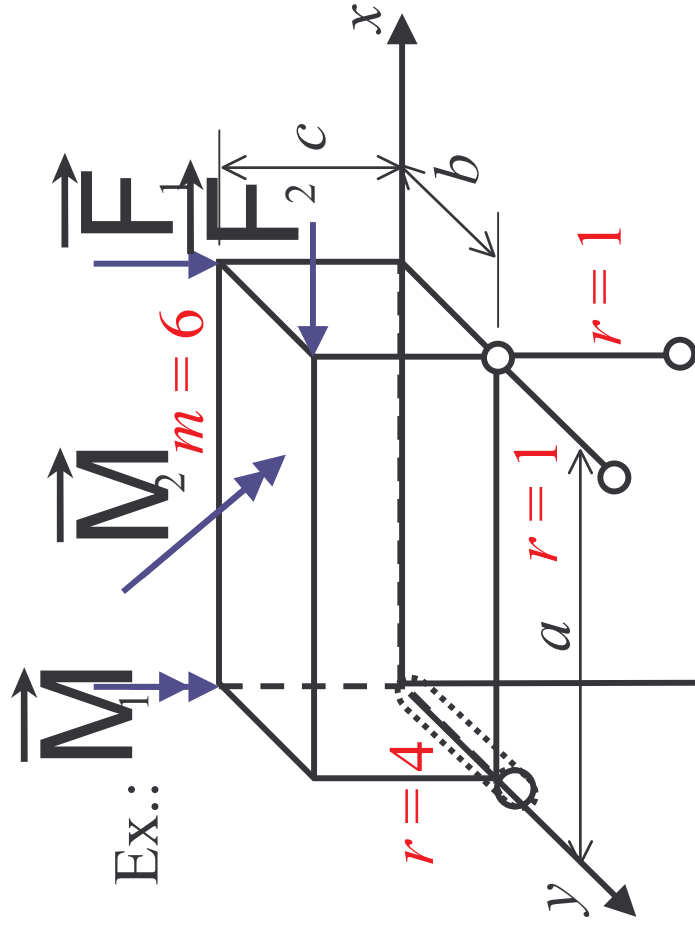
Solution does
not exist (the
system is singular)

➤ interpretation



4.4.2 Supports and reactions of rigid bodies in 3D

- $m = r = 6$
- Forces (applied loads and reactions) exerted on a body form a general system of forces (\Rightarrow 6 equations of equilibrium)



$$m = 6, r = 1 \times 4 + 2 \times 1, m = r$$

Equations of equilibrium

$$\rightarrow x: \sum F_{ix} + \sum R_{jx} = 0$$

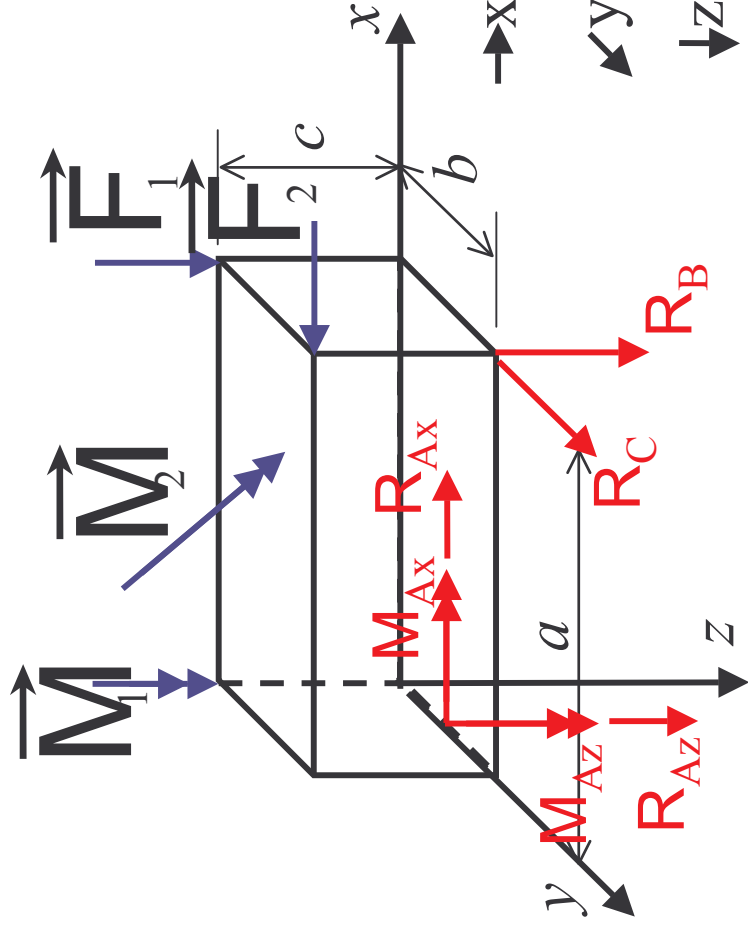
$$\swarrow y: \sum F_{iy} + \sum R_{jy} = 0$$

$$\downarrow z: \sum F_{iz} + \sum R_{jz} = 0$$

(load) (reactions)

$$\begin{aligned} \curvearrowright x: \sum M_{ix}^F + \sum M_{kx} + \sum M_{jx}^R + M_{Ax}^R &= 0 \\ \curvearrowright y: \sum M_{iy}^F + \sum M_{ky} + \sum M_{jy}^R + M_{Ay}^R &= 0 \\ \curvearrowright z: \sum M_{iz}^F + \sum M_{kz} + \sum M_{jz}^R + M_{Az}^R &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(load) (reactions)



Equations of equilibrium

$$\rightarrow x: \quad -F_2 + R_{Ax} = 0$$

$$\swarrow y: \quad 0 + R_C = 0$$

$$\downarrow z: \quad F_1 + R_{Az} + R_B = 0$$

$$\curvearrowright x: \quad M_{2x} + R_{Az} \cdot \frac{b}{2} + R_B \cdot b + M_{Ax} = 0$$

$$\curvearrowright y: \quad M_{2y} - F_1 \cdot a + F_2 \cdot c - R_B \cdot a = 0$$

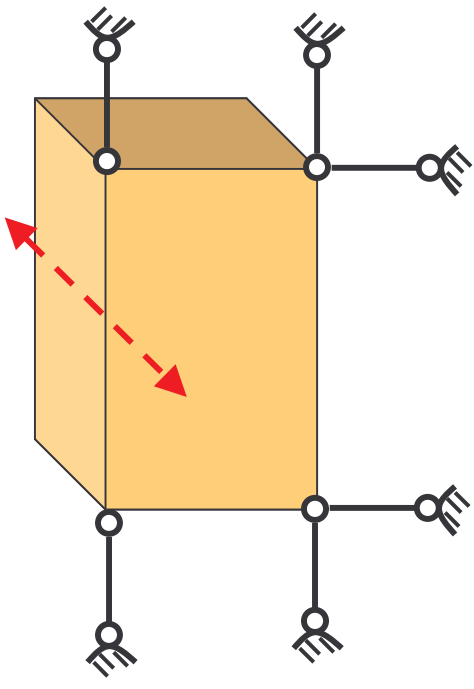
$$\curvearrowright z: \quad M_1 + M_{2z} + F_2 \cdot b - R_{Ax} \cdot \frac{b}{2} + R_C \cdot a + M_{Az} = 0$$

H.W.: Solve for $a = 6 \text{ m}$, $b = 2 \text{ m}$, $c = 0.2 \text{ m}$,

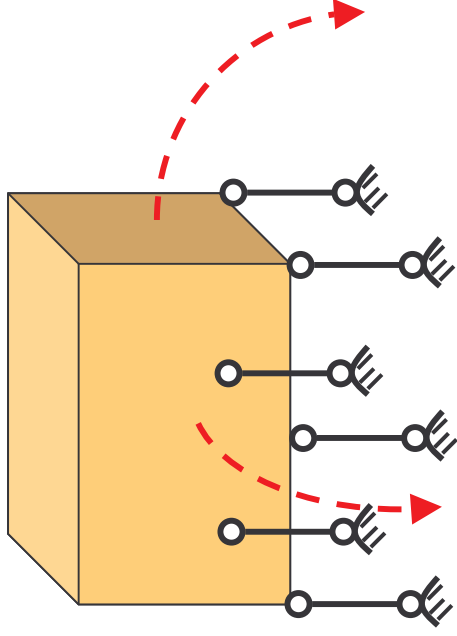
$F_1 = 15 \text{ kN}$, $F_2 = 5 \text{ kN}$, $M_1 = 6 \text{ kNm}$, $M_2 = \{10, 5, 20\} \text{ (kNm)}$

- improperly supported structure, e.g.:

- lines of action of all reactions are found in the same plane

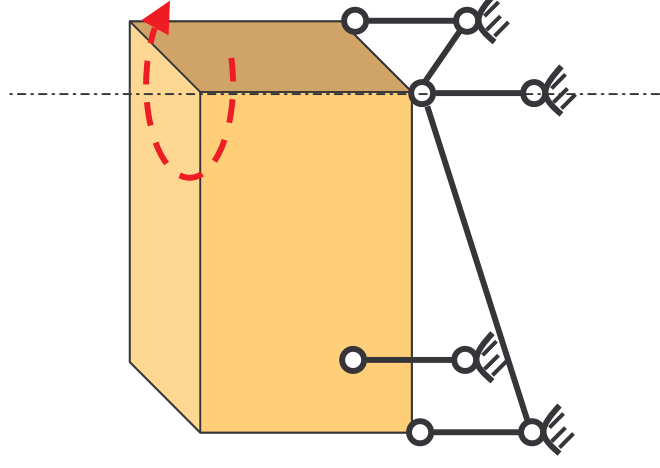
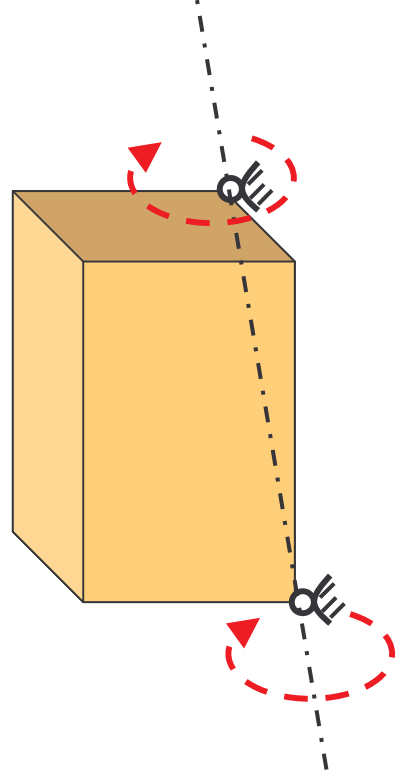


- lines of actions of all reactions are parallel



- improperly supported structure, cont.:

- lines of action of all reactions cross so called zero line
(reactions give zero moment with respect to this line)

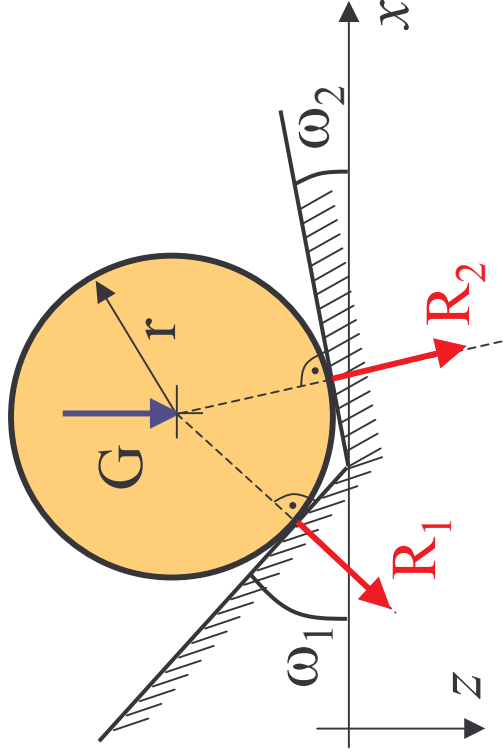


H.W.: Using rigid links support a 3D box such that the structure is properly constrained

4.4.3 Supports and reactions of a rigid particle in 2D

- $m = r = 2$
- forces (applied loads and reactions) exerted on a rigid particle form a concurrent system of forces (\Rightarrow 2 equations of equilibrium)

Př: Determine forces exerted by two smooth surfaces on a circular disk. The disk weight is G .



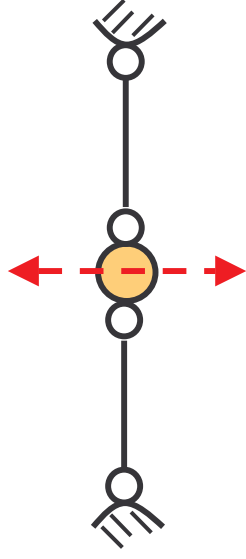
Equations of equilibrium:

$$x: -R_1 \sin \omega_1 + R_2 \sin \omega_2 = 0$$

$$z: G + R_1 \cos \omega_1 + R_2 \cos \omega_2 = 0$$

H.W.: Solve for $\omega_1 = 45^\circ$, $\omega_2 = 30^\circ$ a $G = 500 \text{ N}$.

- improperly supported structure:
 - e.g., lines of action of all forces are found in the same line



4.4.4 Supports and reactions of rigid bodies in 2D

- $m = r = 3$
- Forces (applied loads and reactions) exerted on a body form a general system of forces (\Rightarrow 3 equations of equilibrium)

3 independent equations of equilibrium:

a) 2 force equations (x, z) and 1 moment equation w.r.t. the origin

$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0 \quad \sum M_0 = 0$$

... reduction from 3-D

b) 2 force eqns. (x, z) and 1 moment equation w.r.t. an arbitrary point A

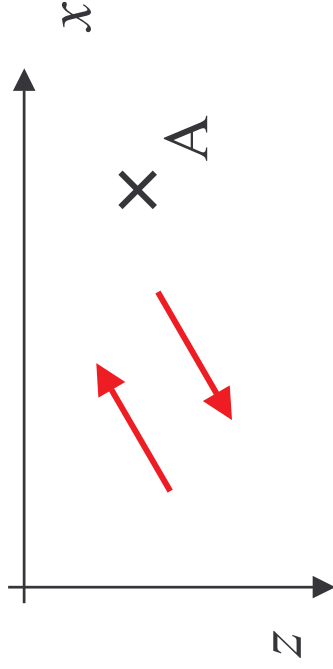
$$\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum F_z = 0 \quad \sum M_A = 0$$



couple

Moment w.r.t. an arbitrary point =

$$\vec{0}$$

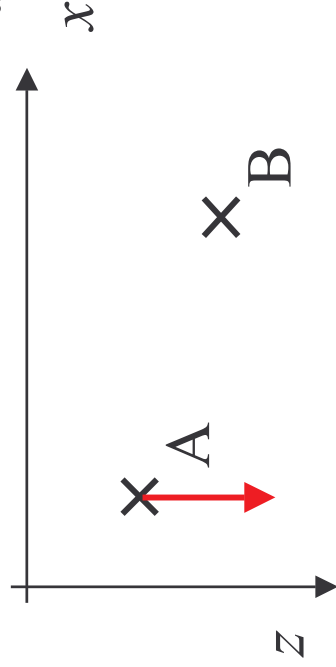


c) 1 force eq. (x) and 2 moment eqns. w.r.t. to two points A, B ($\overline{AB} \nparallel z$)

$$\underbrace{\sum F_x = 0 \quad \sum M_A = 0 \quad \sum M_B = 0}$$

force in A, parallel with z

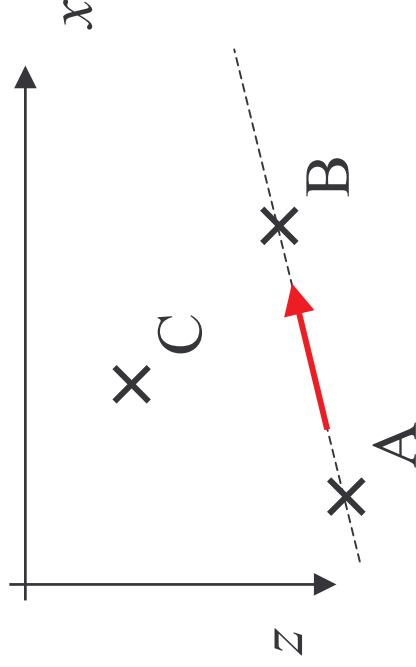
moment w.r.t. an arbitrary point B
found off the line of action of force
through point A = 0



d) 3 moment eqns. w.r.t. arbitrary 3 points A, B, C not found along the same line

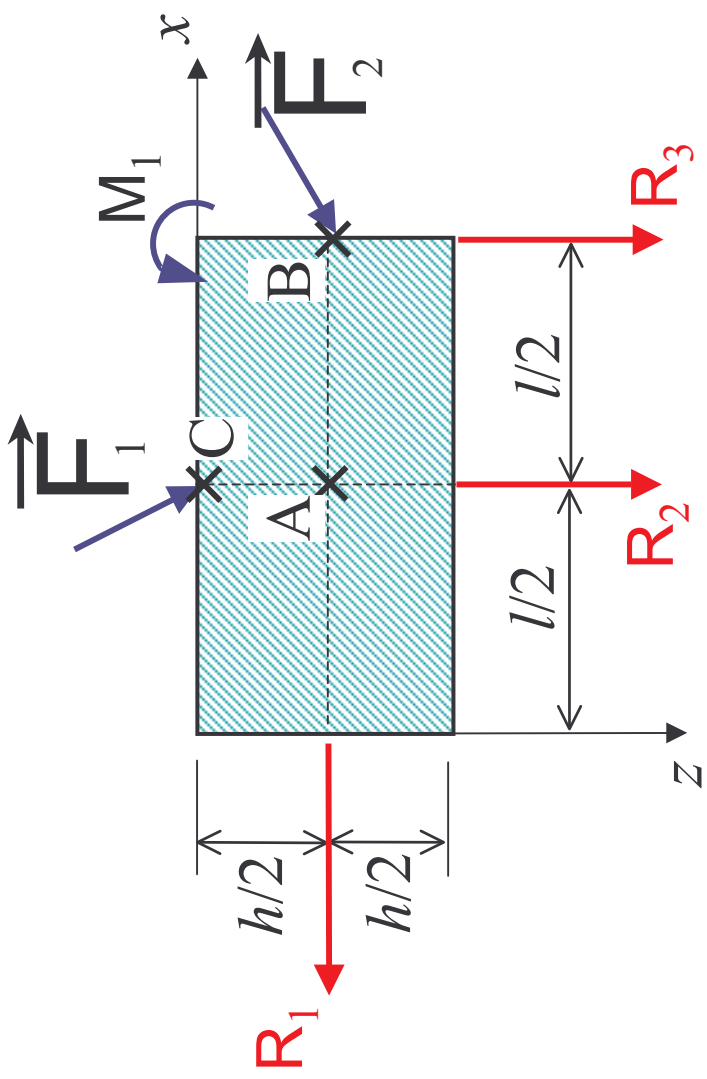
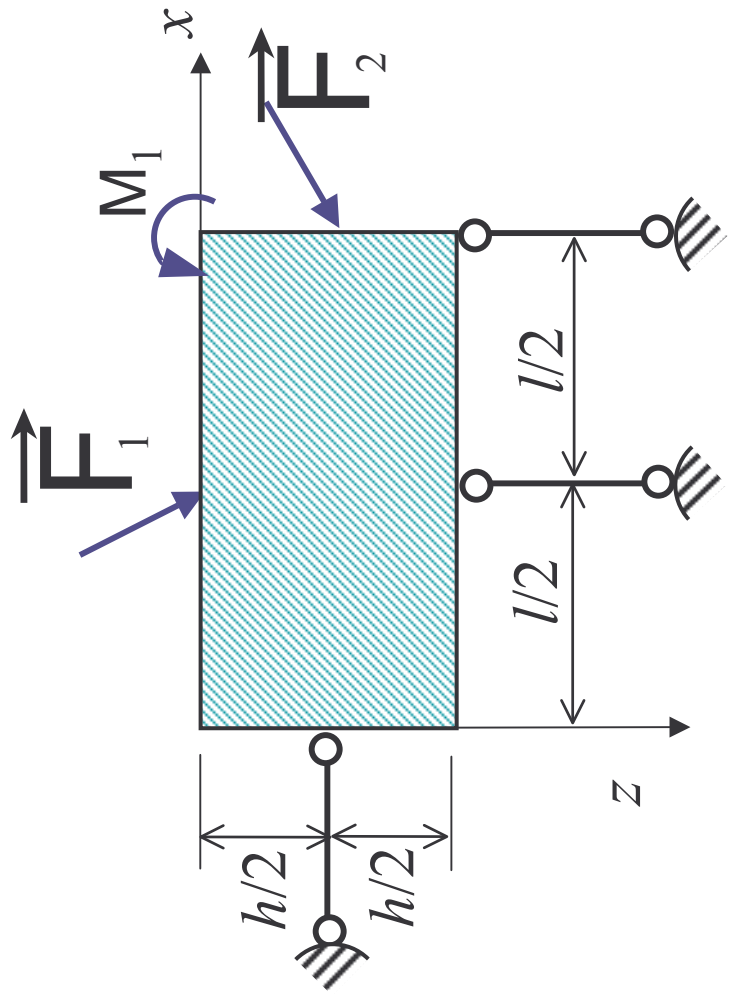
$$\underbrace{\sum M_A = 0 \quad \sum M_B = 0 \quad \sum M_C = 0}$$

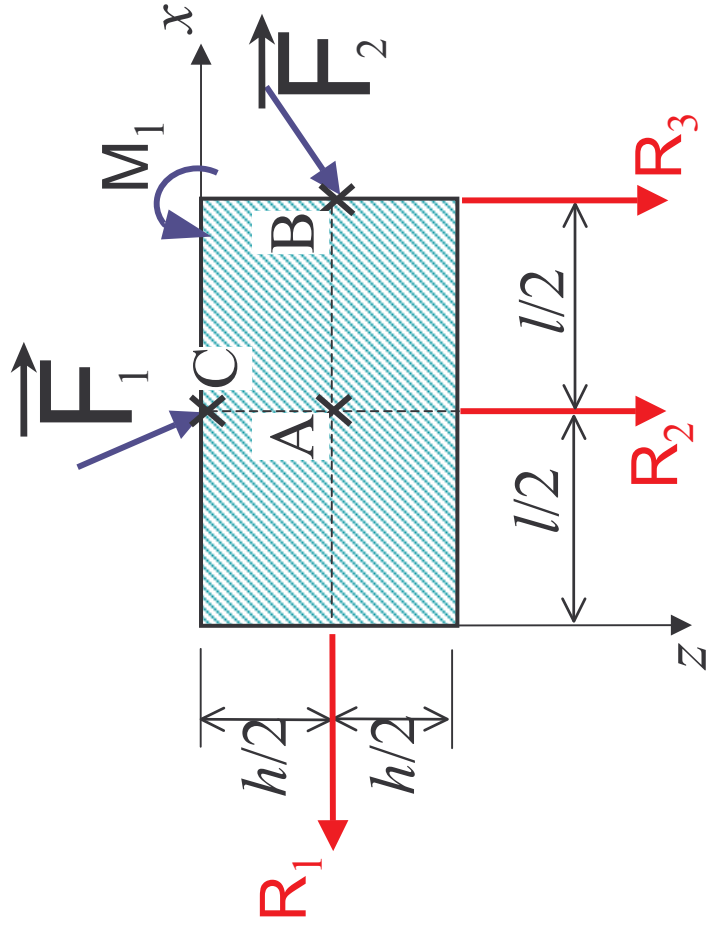
force along line AB



moment w.r.t. an arbitrary point C found off the line of action of this force = $\vec{0}$

Use such equations of equilibrium so that the resulting system of equations is as simple as possible !



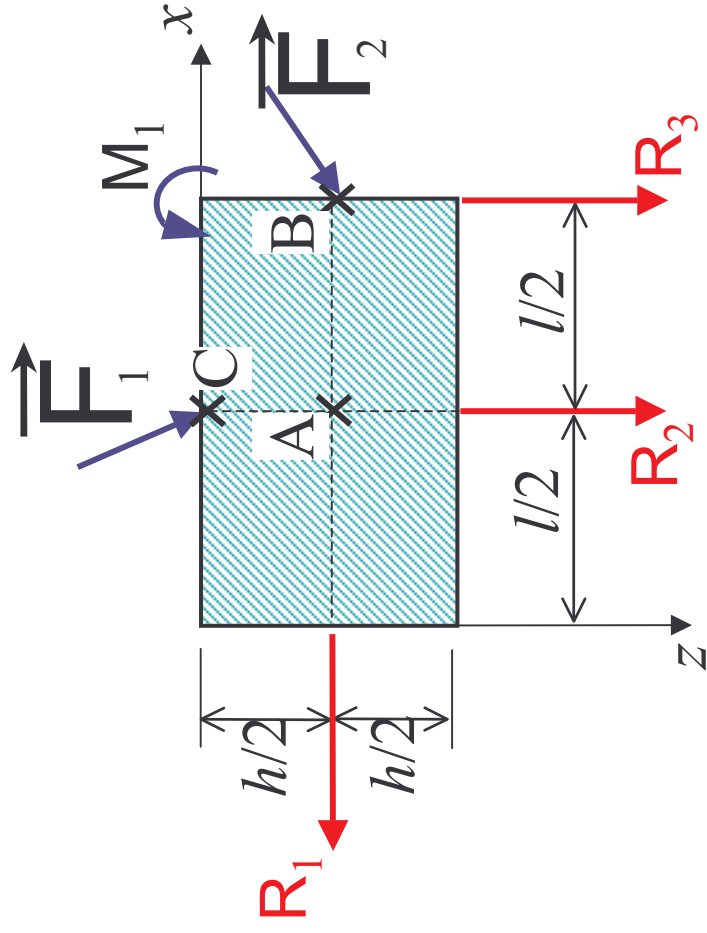


Equations of equilibrium (a):

$$\rightarrow x: F_{1x} + F_{2x} - R_1 = 0$$

$$\downarrow z: F_{1z} + F_{2z} + R_2 + R_3 = 0$$

$$\hat{O}: M_1 + M_0^{F_1} + M_0^{F_2} - R_1 \frac{h}{2} - R_2 \frac{l}{2} - R_3 l = 0$$

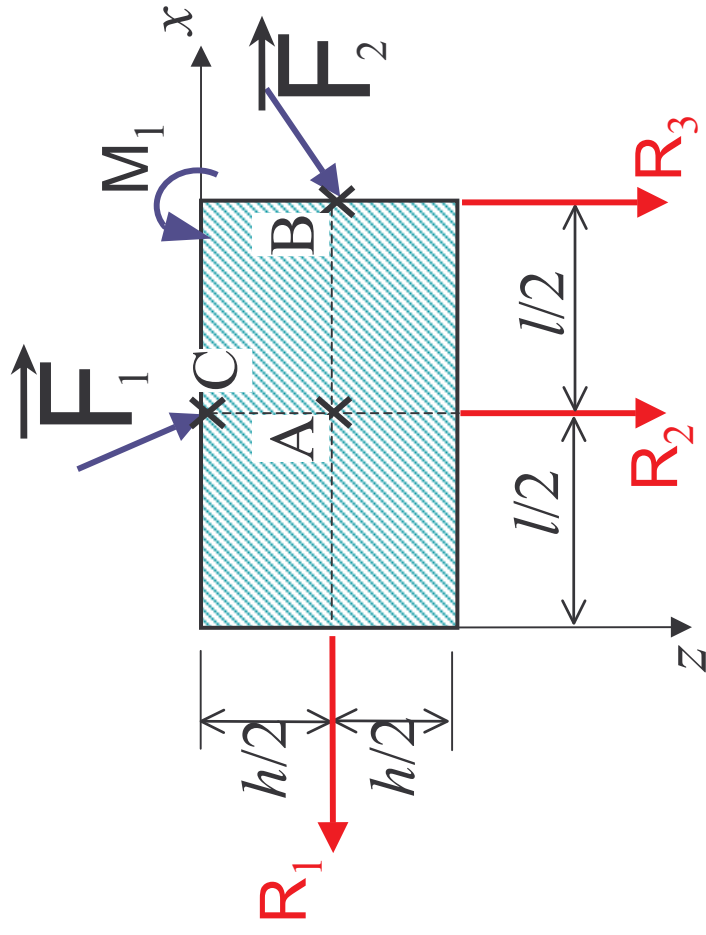


Equations of equilibrium (b):

$$\rightarrow x: F_{1x} + F_{2x} - R_1 = 0$$

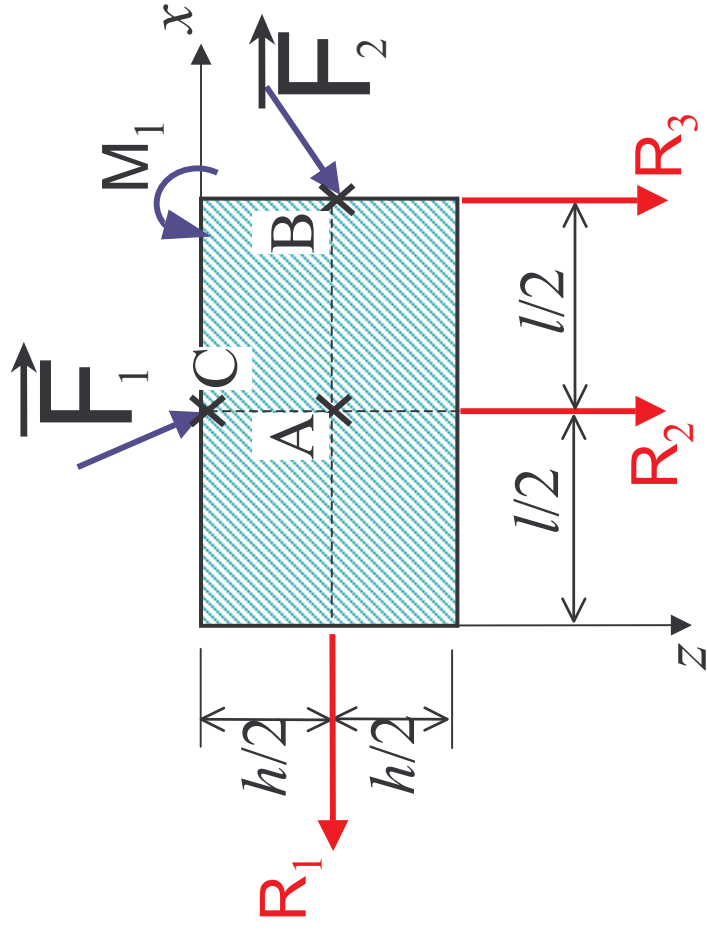
$$\downarrow z: F_{1z} + F_{2z} + R_2 + R_3 = 0$$

$$\hat{A}: M_1 + M_A^{F_1} + M_A^{F_2} + R_3 \frac{l}{2} = 0$$



Equations of equilibrium (c):

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow x: \quad & F_{1x} + F_{2x} - R_1 = 0 \\ \hat{A}: \quad & M_1 + M_A^{F_1} + M_A^{F_2} - R_3 \frac{l}{2} = 0 \\ \hat{B}: \quad & M_1 + M_B^{F_1} + \cancel{M_B^{F_2}} + R_2 \frac{l}{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$



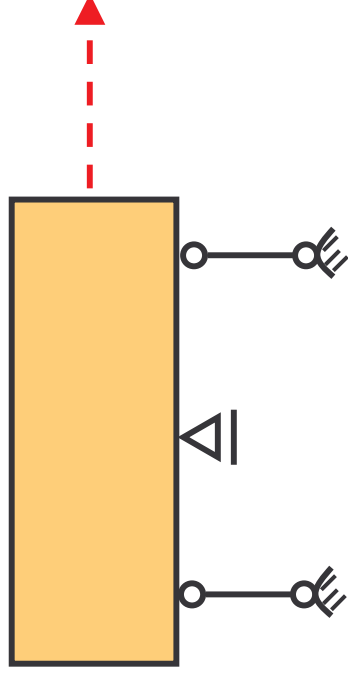
Equations of equilibrium (d):

$$\hat{A}: M_1 + M_A^{F_1} + M_A^{F_2} - R_3 \frac{l}{2} = 0$$

$$\hat{B}: M_1 + M_B^{F_1} + M_B^{F_2} + R_2 \frac{l}{2} = 0$$

$$\hat{C}: M_1 + M_C^{F_1} + M_C^{F_2} - R_1 \frac{h}{2} - R_3 \frac{l}{2} = 0$$

- improperly supported structure, e.g.:
 - lines of action of all reactions are parallel to each other



- lines of action of all forces intersect at one point

