

# Applied Mechanics (27041)

## chapter-2

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# Composition and Resolution of forces( বলের সংযোজন ও বিভাজন )

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

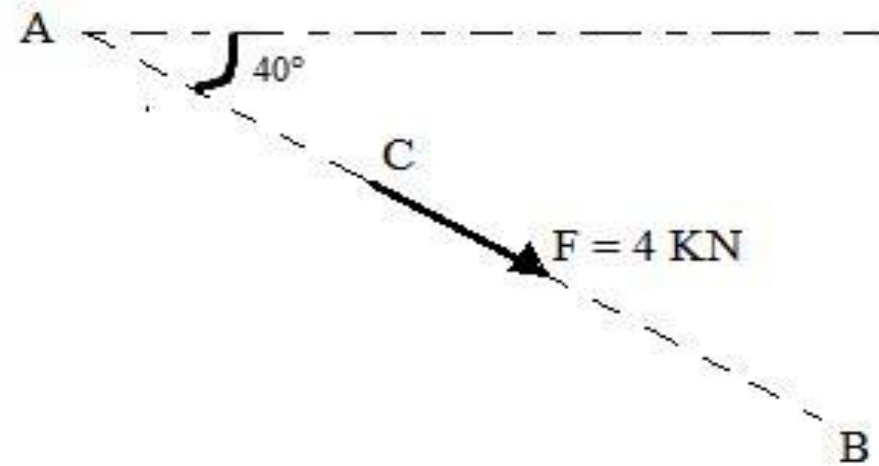
- Definition of force

“ can be given in several ways. Most simply it can be defined as „the cause of change in the state of motion of a particle or body“. It is of course, the product (multiplication) of mass of the particle and its acceleration. Force is the manifestation of action of one particle on the other. It is a vector quantity.

## 2.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF A FORCE

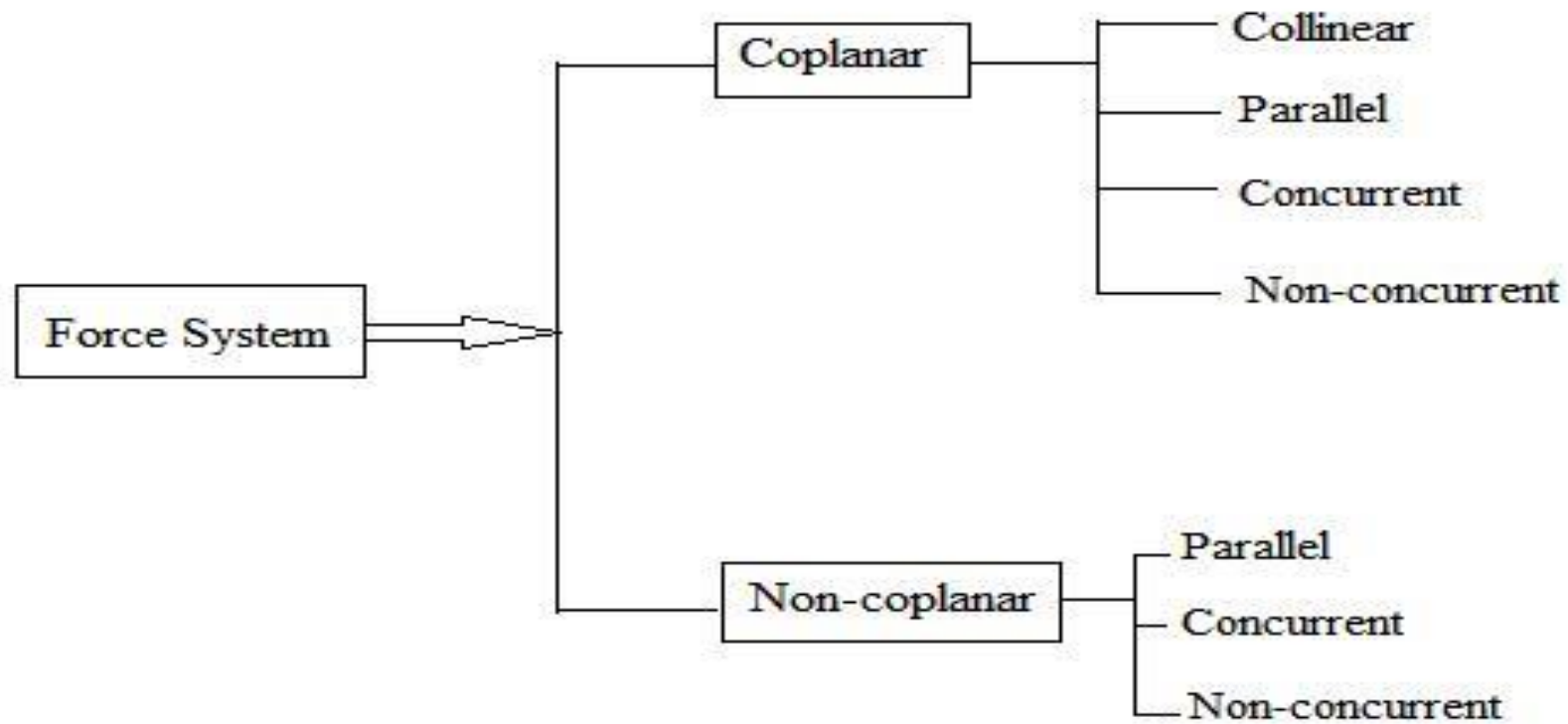
- A Force has following basic characteristics
- i) Magnitude
- ii) Direction
- iii) Point of application
- iv) Line of action Force is represented as a vector
- .i.e an arrow with its magnitude

e.g. for the force shown in Fig. 2.1, magnitude of force is 4kN, direction is  $40^\circ$  with the horizontal in fourth quadrant, point of application is C and line of action is AB



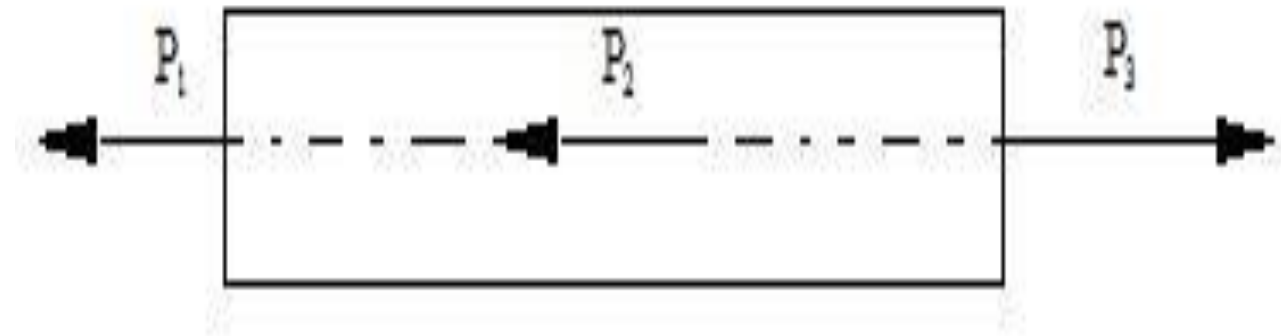
## 2.3 SYSTEMS OF FORCES

- When a mechanics problem or system has more than one force acting, it is known as a 'force system' or 'system of force'.

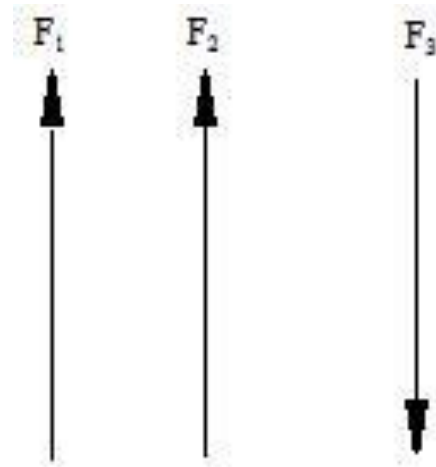


- **2.3.1 Collinear Force System**

- When the lines of action of all the forces of a system act along the same line, this force system is called collinear force system.



- **2.3.2 Parallel Forces**



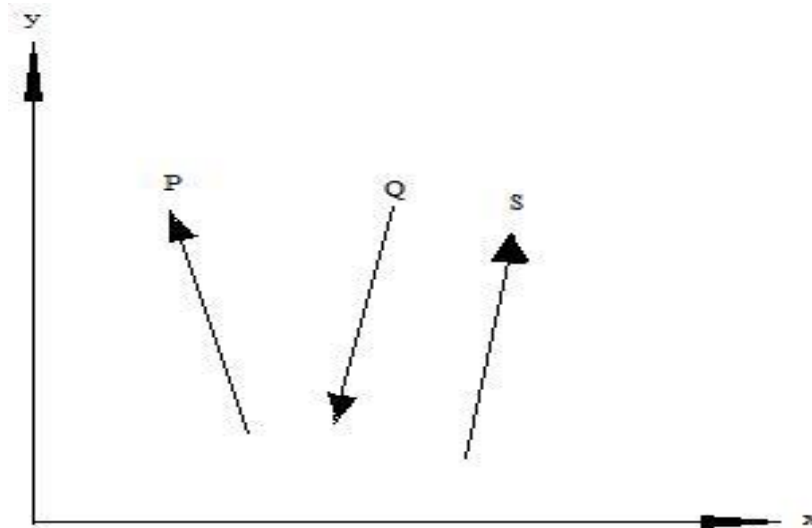


- **2.3.3 Coplanar Force System**

- When the lines of action of a set of forces lie in a single plane is called coplanar force system.

- **2.3.4 Non-Coplanar Force System**

- When the line of action of all the forces do not lie in one plane, is called Non-coplanar force system



# Law of Parallelogram of Forces

This law states that two forces acting on a particle may be replaced by a single force (called resultant of the two forces) obtained by drawing the diagonal of a parallelogram whose two adjacent sides are equal to the given two forces. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two forces acting on a particle  $A$  as shown in Fig.4.11. Constructing a parallelogram  $ABCD$  taking  $P$  and  $Q$  as its adjacent sides, the diagonal  $AC$  gives the resultant force  $R$  of the two forces  $P$  and  $Q$ . The expressions for the magnitude and direction of  $R$  are obtained as follows: Considering the right angled triangle  $ACE$ , from the Pythagoras theorem,

- **ANALYTICAL METHOD:**

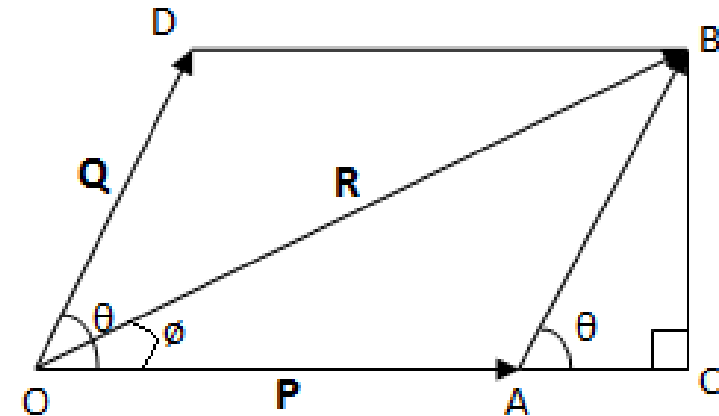
- Drop perpendicular BC to OA produced  
Now from the figure,  
 $\angle AOD = \angle CAB$

- Consider the right angled triangle ACB

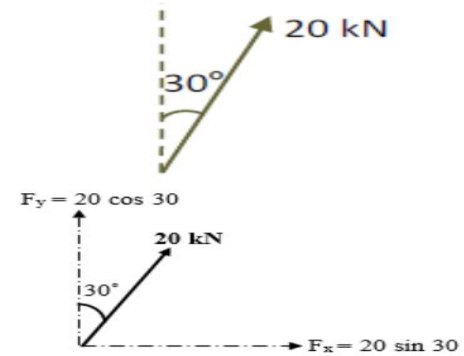
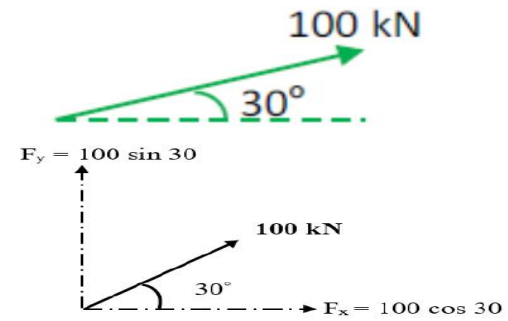
- Then,  $CB = AB \sin \theta = Q \sin \theta$   
 $AC = AB \cos \theta = P \cos \theta$

- Now from right angled triangle OCB

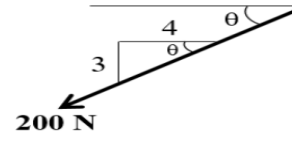
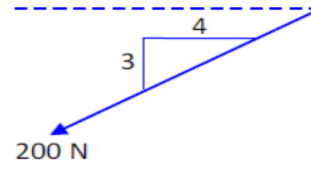
- $OB^2 = CB^2 + OC^2$   
 $OB^2 = CB^2 + (OA + AC)^2$   
 $OB^2 = CB^2 + OA^2 + AC^2 + 2 \times OA \times AC$   
 $R^2 = Q^2 \sin^2 \theta + P^2 + Q^2 \cos^2 \theta + 2 \times P \times Q \times \cos \theta$   
 $R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + 2.P.Q.\cos \theta$   
 $R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2.P.Q.\cos \theta$   
 **$R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2.P.Q.\cos \theta}$**



- Resolve the given Force, determine X & Y components (Find  $F_x$  &  $F_y$ ).



Determine the X & Y components ( $F_x$  &  $F_y$ ).

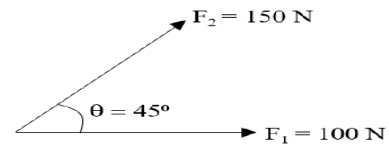


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$$F_x = 200 \cos 36.87^\circ$$

A black vector labeled "200 N" points down and to the left. It is part of a right-angled triangle with a horizontal side of length 4 and a vertical side of length 3. The angle between the vector and the horizontal axis is labeled  $36.87^\circ$ . The horizontal component is labeled  $F_x = 200 \cos 36.87^\circ$  and the vertical component is labeled  $F_y = 200 \sin 36.87^\circ$ .

$$F_y = 200 \sin 36.87^\circ$$



Two forces of 100 N and 150 N are acting simultaneously at a point. Find the resultant if the angle between them is  $45^\circ$

### Solution

Consider  $F_1 = 100 \text{ N}$  and  $F_2 = 150 \text{ N}$

Angle between Forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ ,  $\theta = 45^\circ$

Magnitude of Resultant,  $R = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2 F_1 F_2 \cos \theta}$

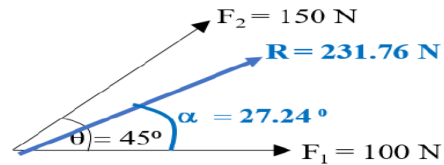
$$R = \sqrt{100^2 + 150^2 + (2 \times 100 \times 150 \times \cos 45^\circ)}$$

$$R = 231.76 \text{ N}$$

Direction of Resultant (w.r.t.  $F_1$ ),  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{F_2 \sin \theta}{F_2 \cos \theta + F_1} \right)$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{150 \sin 45^\circ}{150 \cos 45^\circ + 100} \right)$$

$$\alpha = 27.24^\circ$$



### Solution

Consider  $F_1 = \text{Smaller Force}$  and  $F_2 = \text{Bigger Force} = 40 \text{ N}$

Angle between Forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2 = \theta = 120^\circ$

Angle of Resultant w.r.t.  $F_1$  (Smaller Force) =  $\alpha = 90^\circ$  (as resultant is **perpendicular** to smaller force)

Direction of Resultant (w.r.t.  $F_1$ ),  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{F_2 \sin \theta}{F_2 \cos \theta + F_1} \right)$

$$\tan \alpha = \left( \frac{40 \sin \theta}{40 \cos \theta + F_1} \right)$$

$$\tan 90^\circ = \left( \frac{40 \sin 120^\circ}{40 \cos 120^\circ + F_1} \right)$$

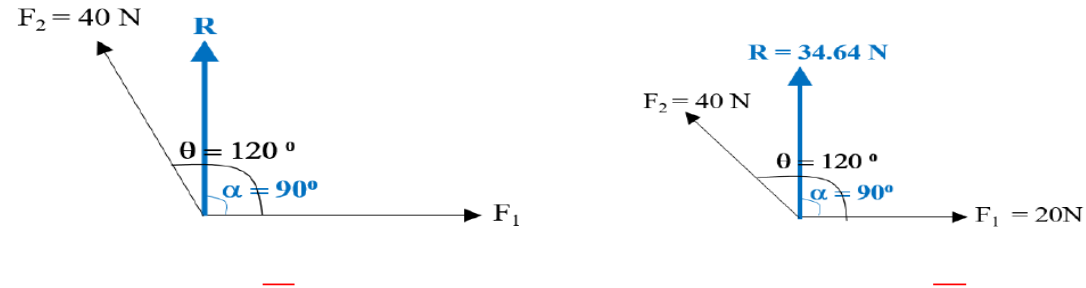
$$\text{Subs. } \tan 90^\circ = \frac{\sin 90^\circ}{\cos 90^\circ} ;$$

$$\frac{\sin 90^\circ}{\cos 90^\circ} = \left( \frac{34.64}{-20 + F_1} \right)$$

$$\text{Cross Multiplying, } \sin 90^\circ \times (-20 + F_1) = \cos 90^\circ \times (34.64)$$

$$\text{Subs. } \sin 90^\circ = 1 \text{ and } \cos 90^\circ = 0 \quad -20 + F_1 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad F_1 = 20 \text{ N}$$



### Solution

**Case 1:  $\theta_1 = 90^\circ$  and  $R_1 = \sqrt{10}$**

From Parallelogram law of Forces, we have

$$\text{Magnitude of Resultant, } R = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2 F_1 F_2 \cos \theta}$$

$$\sqrt{10} = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + (2 \times F_1 \times F_2 \times \cos 90^\circ)}$$

**Squaring both sides**

$$10 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_1^2 + F_2^2 = 10 \dots\dots(1)$$

**Case 2:  $\theta_1 = 60^\circ$  and  $R_1 = \sqrt{13}$**

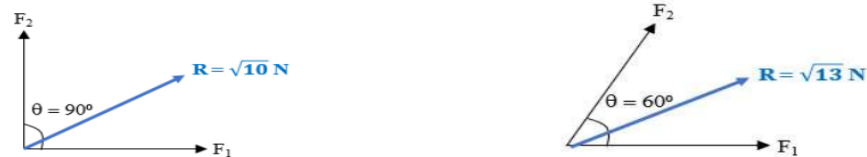
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$$\text{Magnitude of Resultant, } R = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2 F_1 F_2 \cos \theta}$$

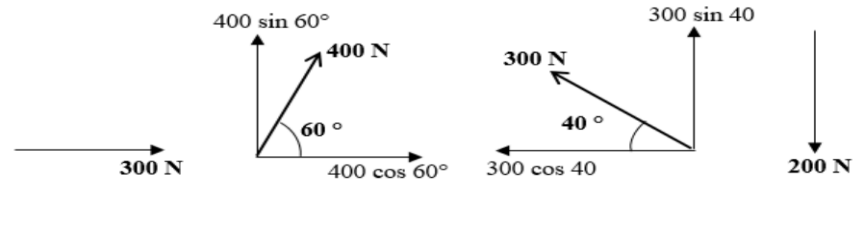
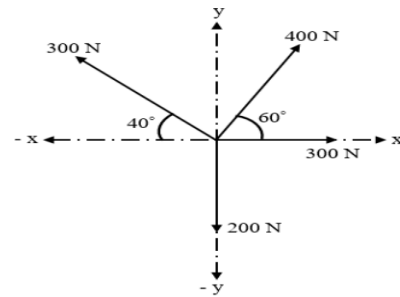
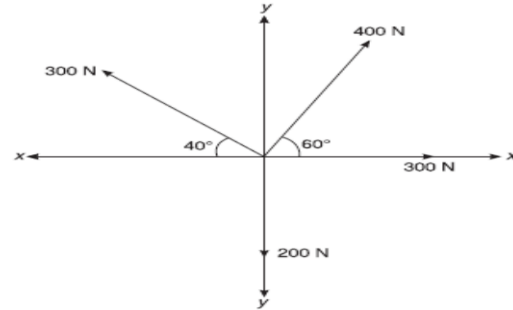
$$\sqrt{13} = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + (2 \times F_1 \times F_2 \times \cos 60^\circ)}$$

**Squaring both sides**

$$13 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_1 F_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_1 F_2 = 13 \dots\dots(2)$$

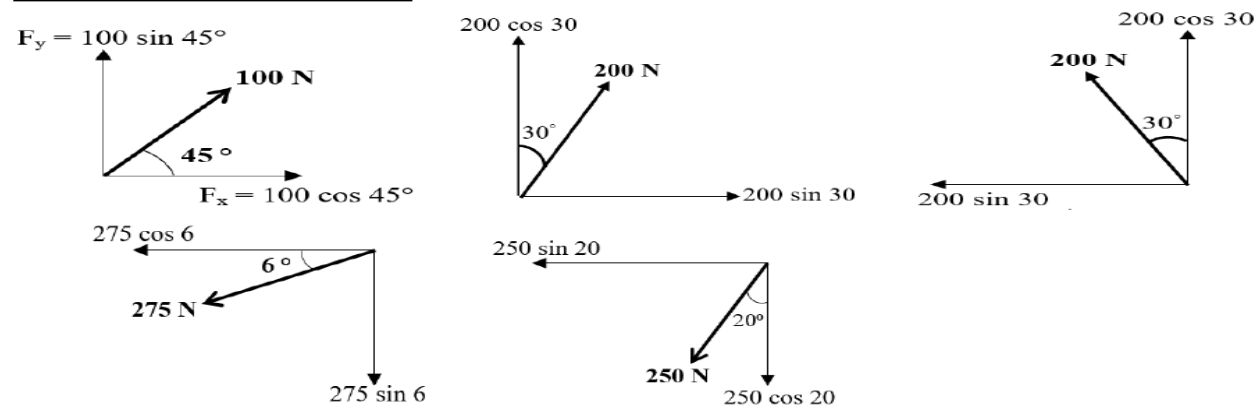
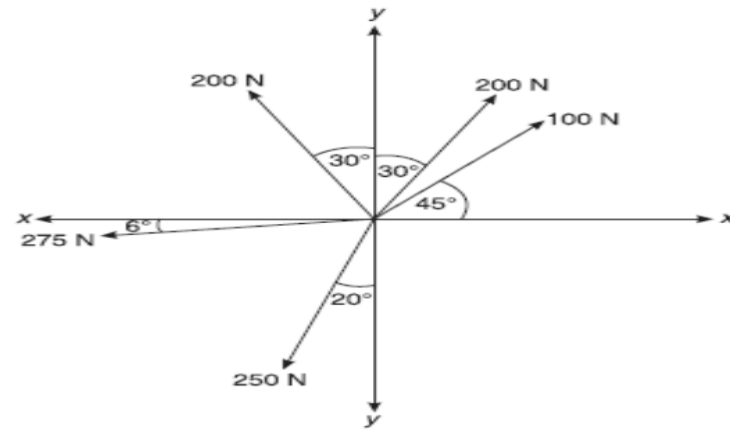


Find the resultant of the coplanar concurrent force system shown in Figure





- Step 2: Summation of Forces along X and Y axis ( $\Sigma F_x$  &  $\Sigma F_y$ )
- $\Sigma F_x = 300 + 400 \cos 60 - 300 \cos 40$
- $\Sigma F_x = 270.19 \text{ N}$
- $\Sigma F_y = 400 \sin 60 + 300 \sin 40 - 200$
- $\Sigma F_y = 339.25 \text{ N}$
- Magnitude of Resultant force,  $R = \sqrt{\Sigma F_x^2 + \Sigma F_y^2}$
- $R = \sqrt{(270.19)^2 + (339.25)^2}$
- Magnitude of Resultant,  $R = 433.70 \text{ N}$
- Direction of Resultant,  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\Sigma F_y}{\Sigma F_x} \right)$
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{339.25}{270.19} \right)$
- $\theta = 51.47^\circ$



- Step 2: Summation of Forces along X and Y axis ( $\Sigma F_x$  &  $\Sigma F_y$ )
- $\Sigma F_x = 100 \cos 45 + 200 \sin 30 - 200 \sin 30 - 275 \cos 6 - 250 \sin 20$
- $\Sigma F_x = -288.29 \text{ N}$
- $\Sigma F_y = 100 \sin 45 + 200 \cos 30 + 200 \cos 30 - 275 \sin 6 - 250 \cos 20$
- $\Sigma F_y = 153.45 \text{ N}$
- Step 3: Determination of Magnitude (R) and direction of Resultant ( $\theta$ )
- Magnitude of Resultant force,  $R = \sqrt{\Sigma F_x^2 + \Sigma F_y^2}$
- $R = \sqrt{(-288.29)^2 + (153.45)^2}$
- Magnitude of Resultant,  $R = 326.59 \text{ N}$