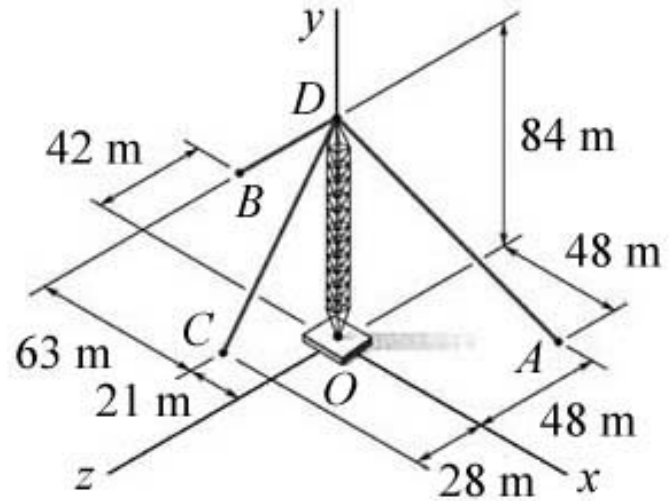


MEEG 2003 Quiz #2.m05

A tower OD is guyed with three cables as shown. If the resultant force exerted by these cables on the tower at D is $\mathbf{R} = -45.8\mathbf{j}$ kN, determine the tension in each cable.



$$A(48, 0, -48) \text{ m} \quad B(-84, 0, -42) \text{ m} \quad C(-21, 0, 28) \text{ m}$$

$$D(0, 84, 0) \text{ m} \quad \mathbf{R} = -45.8\mathbf{j} \text{ kN}$$

$$\overline{DA} = 48\mathbf{i} - 84\mathbf{j} - 48\mathbf{k}, \quad \overline{DA} = 108, \quad \mathbf{F}_{DA} = \frac{F_{DA}}{9}(4\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\overline{DB} = -84\mathbf{i} - 84\mathbf{j} - 42\mathbf{k}, \quad \overline{DB} = 126, \quad \mathbf{F}_{DB} = \frac{F_{DB}}{3}(-2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\overline{DC} = -21\mathbf{i} - 84\mathbf{j} + 28\mathbf{k}, \quad \overline{DC} = 91, \quad \mathbf{F}_{DC} = \frac{F_{DC}}{13}(-3\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Since $\mathbf{F}_{DA} + \mathbf{F}_{DB} + \mathbf{F}_{DC} = -45.8\mathbf{j}$, $\textcircled{1}$ we write

$$\mathbf{i}: \frac{4}{9}F_{DA} - \frac{2}{3}F_{DB} - \frac{3}{13}F_{DC} = 0 \quad \left| \quad \frac{11}{9}F_{DA} + \frac{9}{13}F_{DC} = 45.8 \right.$$

$$\mathbf{j}: -\frac{7}{9}F_{DA} - \frac{2}{3}F_{DB} - \frac{12}{13}F_{DC} = -45.8 \quad \left| \quad \frac{1}{9}F_{DA} - \frac{20}{13}F_{DC} = -45.8 \right.$$

$$\mathbf{k}: -\frac{4}{9}F_{DA} - \frac{1}{3}F_{DB} + \frac{4}{13}F_{DC} = 0 \quad \left| \quad \frac{229}{13}F_{DC} = 549.6 \right.$$

Thus, we obtain

$$F_{DA} = 19.8 \text{ kN} \quad F_{DB} = 2.4 \text{ kN} \quad F_{DC} = 31.2 \text{ kN} \quad \textcircled{3}$$