

## 5<sup>th</sup> Laboratory exercise

# Force synthesis and Force analysis

## A. Composition and Force analysis

### Theoretical part

On a body acting two or more forces at the same time, at the same point, there is a force that can replace these forces and bring about the same result. This power is called **Resultant** (often denoted by  $\Sigma F$ ) and the forces it replaces are called **Components**.

### Experimental part

#### Instruments, apparatus and materials:

1. Two stands
2. Rod
3. 3 links
4. 2 rings
5. 2 Pulleys
6. Masses 50 gr
7. String
8. Protractor
9. Tagged white sheet
10. Paper

#### Experimental procedure:

1. You will find already assembled the experimental device of Fig. 1. On each base one rod on the top of each one there is a link. A third rod with the two rings bearing hooks are mounted and fastened horizontally. Two rings are hanged from the hooks and a string is passed from both rings.
2. We hang on both string ends equal weights of 1.5 N (150 g). Is the system balancing? explain why.



*Figure 1 Experimental apparatus 1*

3. Add carefully only to the right end one more dumbbell of 0.5 N (50 g). Explain what you are noticing.
4. Hold with your hand the left end so that the system is balanced and hung from the middle of the string five weights of 0.5 N (5x50g) (Fig. 2). Let the system go. Does the system balances? explain why.
5. Hang the sign with the white sheet of paper and draw on the paper the directions of the forces  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  And  $F_3$  Dragging lines along the string.
6. Hang up the sign and count the angle  $F$  with the protractor. How many squadrans are there? What do you infer about the directions of the forces  $F_1$  And  $F_2$ ;
7. Use the appropriate scale e.g. 1 cm corresponding to 0.5 N and design on a millimeter paper the vectors of the forces  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  And  $F_3$ .
8. Make the parallelogram of the forces  $F_1$  And  $F_2$ . Bring the diagonal of the rectangle, which is the vector  $F$ . Compare it by measure and direction with the power  $F_3$ . What do you see?
9. Measure the value of the Resultant force  $F$ .



Figure 2: Experimental apparatus 2

**Hint: Synthesis of forces forming angle  $90^\circ$**

Suppose at one point the acting two forces  $F_1$  And  $F_2$  Forming Angle  $90^\circ$  (Fig. 3). We ask for the direction and the value of the Resultant force. Constructing the parallelogram of forces the hypotenuse indicates the value of the resultant force. If we apply the Pythagorean theorem, we find its price:

$$\Sigma F = \sqrt{F_1^2 + F_2^2}$$

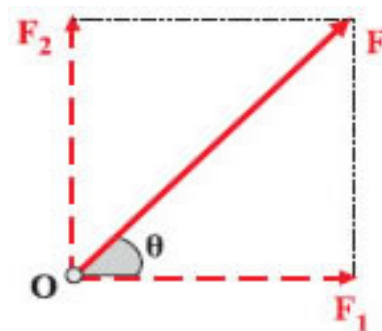


Fig. 3: Synthesis of forces forming angle  $90^\circ$

The angle  $I$  Determined by the relationship:

$$\varepsilon\varphi\theta = \frac{F_2}{F_1}$$