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**Week 4**



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## **TAM 210/211 Introduction of Statics**

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**DISCUSSION SESSION**

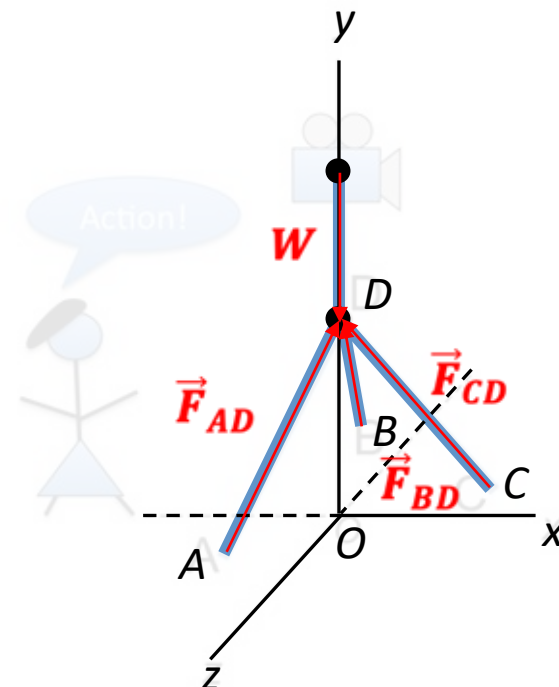
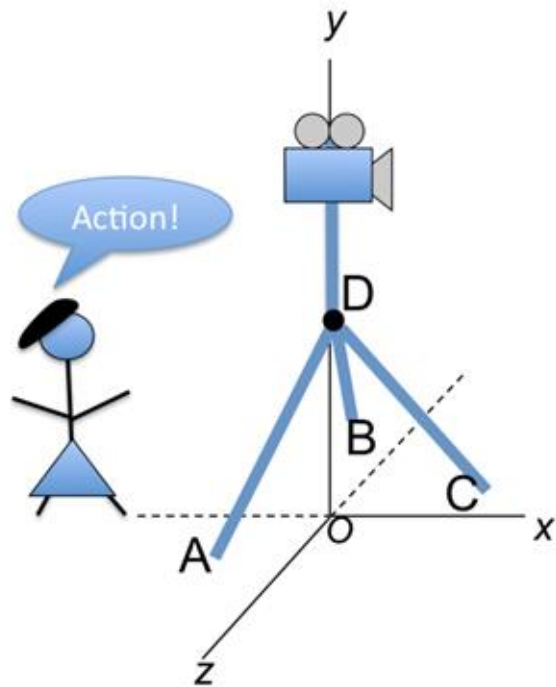


# WEEK 4 – Particle Equilibrium

- **Particle equilibrium**

- The simplest possible case in statics: an object = a particle (a point), all forces = concentrated forces
- $\sum_i^{all} \vec{F}_i = 0 \rightarrow \sum_i^{all} F_{i\mathbf{x}} = 0, \sum_i^{all} F_{i\mathbf{y}} = 0, \sum_i^{all} F_{i\mathbf{z}} = 0$

Homework 2A – 3D equilibrium



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- **How to solve particle equilibrium problems**

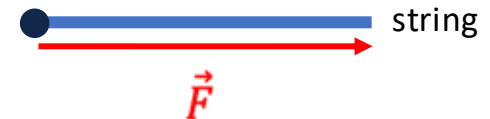
1. Draw a free body diagram
  - Draw external forces on the particle (point)

Unknown force direction?  
Assume its direction  
Solve the magnitude of the force  
If  $F < 0$ , first assumption was right  
If  $F > 0$ , first assumption was wrong ← the actual  
direction is opposite to what was assumed

## Exceptions (do not assume the direction)

1. Pre-defined forces: gravity, specified external loads, or hydrostatic pressure
2. Cables, ropes, and strings: tension only (from a point)

- Decompose forces into x, y, z components



2. Set up the equilibrium equations

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 \end{array}
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System of equations

Matrix-vector multiplication<sup>1</sup>

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