## Statics and

## Force Vectors

- Components
- Resultants \& Equilibrants
- Graphic method
- Analytic method


Simon Steven from Weeghconst (1586)

## Force Definitions

## Single vector

- Magnitude
- Direction
- Point of Application

Force Transmissibility


- A force can be resolved at any point along its line of action
- The external affect on a body is unchanged


## Force Systems

- Concurrent - Coplanar
- Non-concurrent - Coplanar
- Concurrent - Non-coplanar
- Non-concurrent - Non-coplanar

COACURRENT

 NON-CONCURRENT


## Force Addition

Inline forces

- By linear addition


Orthogonal forces

- Pythagorean Theorem



## Graphic Method

## Addition of Two Forces

Force Parallelogram

The diagonal is the vector addition of the two sides


## Resultant

Addition of two or more forces


- Force parallelogram
- Force polygon



## Equilibrant

Opposite and equal to the resultant


## Find the Balancing Forces

Use the graphic approach to determine the force components in the rope with a suspended load of 20 pounds. The slope of the rope is $1: 10$.

What is the total force in the rope?


## Force Components

Orthogonal

- Horizontal
- Vertical

Force Decomposition

$\frac{\mathrm{C}}{\mathrm{c}}=\frac{\mathrm{A}}{\mathrm{a}}=\frac{\mathrm{B}}{\mathrm{b}}$

$P=\sqrt{N^{2}+M^{2}}$


## Force Components

Orthogonal

- Horizontal
- Vertical

Decomposition of a Normal Force

$\frac{C}{N}=\frac{A}{a}=\frac{B}{b}$

## Graphic Method

Addition of Multiple Forces

Force Polygon

Forces add "Head to Tail"

The resultant closes the figure "Tail to Head"


## Analytic Method

Addition of Multiple Forces

Break each force into orthogonal components

Sum all vertical and sum all horizontal

Find the resultant of the orthogonal resultants


## Trig Formulas

## Addition of Two Forces

or
Decomposition of One Force

Orthogonal
Pythagorean Theorem

Non-orthogonal
Law of Sines

$\frac{A}{\sin a}=\frac{B}{\sin b}=\frac{C}{\sin c}$

## Simon Stevin

Originator of Vector Analysis
The vector analysis of a "perpetual motion machine", from Weeghconst (1586)

1. Take G 1 and G 2 to be the gravitational force on the balls (weight).
2. Break these two unequal forces into orthogonal components, normal to and along the side ( N and S )
3. Because G is normal to the base, the orthogonal component triangles will be similar.
4. $S_{1}$ and $S_{2}$ can be seen to be equal and proportional to the height of the original triangle. If G forces are scaled $1: 1$ with lengths $L$, then $S_{1}=S_{2}=h$, therefore the forces down each slope are balanced.

$S_{1}=S_{2}=h$
