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Two forces are reciprocal. Reciprocation requires three conditions:

- the forces act upon a common particle
- have equal strength
- act in opposite directions

Force may be represented as a vector. A 3D force vector may represent “instantaneous force”.

Reciprocal forces may be represented as “reciprocal vectors”.

## *The Force Vector;*

Each force is represented as a 3D vector ( $\mathbf{F}_n$ ). The origin (tail) of a vector corresponds to the center of a particle. The vectors are:

$$\mathbf{F}_n = F_{nx}\mathbf{i}_n + F_{ny}\mathbf{j}_n + F_{nz}\mathbf{k}_n$$

Where: n is a vector identifier (n = 1,2)

$F_{nx}$ ,  $F_{ny}$ ,  $F_{nz}$  are components of force (Cartesian)

$\mathbf{i}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{j}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_n$  are directional vectors (unit vectors)

Each vector has a unique frame of reference: the set ( $\mathbf{i}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{j}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{k}_n$ )

The vectors have magnitude:  $|\mathbf{F}_n| = F_{nr}$

The magnitudes are related to components:  $F_{nx}^2 + F_{ny}^2 + F_{nz}^2 = F_{nr}^2$

Sub-components ( $F_{nw}$ ) are:  $F_{nw}^2 = F_{nr}^2 - F_{nz}^2 = F_{nx}^2 + F_{ny}^2$

## *Vector Geometry;*

The Cartesian co-ordinates of force are:  $F_{nx}$ ,  $F_{ny}$ ,  $F_{nz}$

The Polar co-ordinates of force are:  $F_{nr}$ ,  $\theta_n$ ,  $\phi_n$

Compliment angle ( $\theta'_n$ ) is:  $\theta'_n = \frac{1}{2}\pi - \theta_n$

Vector geometry is:  $F_{nx} = F_{nw}\cos(\phi_n)$  and:  $F_{ny} = F_{nw}\sin(\phi_n)$

$F_{nw} = F_{nr}\cos(\theta'_n)$  and:  $F_{nz} = F_{nr}\sin(\theta'_n)$

## Special Reciprocation

### *Reciprocation;*

Reciprocal forces act upon the same particle. Two force vectors ( $\mathbf{F}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_2$ ) are reciprocal.

The fundamental rules for reciprocal vectors are:

- Rule 1:  $|\mathbf{F}_1| = |\mathbf{F}_2|$  giving:  $F_{1r} = F_{2r}$
- Rule 2:  $\phi_1 = \phi_2$
- Rule 3:  $\theta'_1 = \theta'_2$
- Rule 4:  $F_{1x} + F_{2x} = 0$  (reciprocal components)

Reciprocal geometry gives:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1r} - F_{2r} &= 0 & \text{and: } \phi_1 - \phi_2 &= 0 & \text{and: } \theta'_1 - \theta'_2 &= 0 \\ F_{1x} + F_{2x} &= 0 & \text{and: } F_{1y} + F_{2y} &= 0 & \text{and: } F_{1z} + F_{2z} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### *Special Reciprocation;*

Special reciprocation requires one additional rule:

- Rule 5:  $\phi_1 = \theta'_1$  (giving:  $\phi_1 = \phi_2 = \theta'_1 = \theta'_2$ )
- $$\cos(\phi_1) = \cos(\theta'_1)$$

From vector geometry:  $F_{1x}/F_{1w} = F_{1w}/F_{1r}$

$$F_{1x}F_{1r} = F_{1w}^2 \quad (\text{also: } F_{2x}F_{2r} = F_{2w}^2)$$

From rule 4:  $F_{1x} + F_{2x} = 0$

$$F_{1w}^2/F_{1r} + F_{2w}^2/F_{2r} = 0$$

Rule 1 gives:  $F_{1w}^2 + F_{2w}^2 = 0$

$$F_{1w} = iF_{2w} \quad \text{where: } i^2 + 1 = 0$$

### *Conclusion;*

The complex constant (i) is considered to represent a ratio of special reciprocity:  $i = F_{1w}/F_{2w}$