# Today's topic:

- Statically equivalent system of forces

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Book: Chapter 3.1 - 3.3
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## Varignon's principle

The moment of a force about any point is equal to the sum of the moments of the components of this force.







#### **Resultant force**

# A single resultant force in a specific point that replaces all forces and couples in a body

$$\mathbf{R} = \sum \mathbf{F}$$
$$\mathbf{M}_o = \sum (\mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{F}) = 0$$



Position of resultant force along x -axis







Where does the line of action of the resultant cross the x-axis?

- A) Close to A
- B) Close to B
- C) In C
- D) Somewhere else





Where does the line of action of the resultant cross the x-axis?

- A) Close to A
- B) Close to B
- C) In C
- D) It does not

## Static equilibrium of a body (Newton's first law)

The equivalent force and moment in any point is equal to zero.

$$R = 0$$
$$T = 0$$



## Check equilibrium

# Static equilibrium of a body

In general:

$$\sum \mathbf{F}_x = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\sum \mathbf{F}_y = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\sum \mathbf{M}_A = \mathbf{0}$$



The body is in equilibrium.

Calculate  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$ 









#### Is the body in equilibrium?

Recap: Static equilibrium of a body

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$$\sum \mathbf{F}_y = \mathbf{0}$$
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### Free-body diagram

A diagrammatic representation of the isolated system treated as a single body.