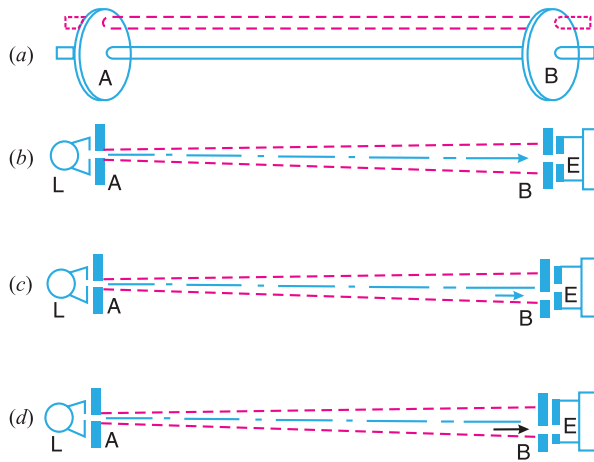


## 19.21. Bevis-Gibson Flash Light Torsion Dynamometer

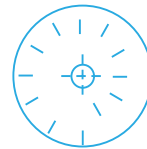


**Fig. 19.36.** Bevis-Gibson flash light torsion dynamometer.

It depends upon the fact that the light travels in a straight line through air of uniform density and the velocity of light is infinite. It consists of two discs  $A$  and  $B$  fixed on a shaft at a convenient distance apart, as shown in Fig. 19.36 (a). Each disc has a small radial slot and these two slots are in the same line when no power is transmitted and there is no torque on the shaft. A bright electric lamp  $L$ , behind the disc  $A$ , is fixed on the bearing of the shaft. This lamp is masked having a slot directly opposite to the slot of disc  $A$ . At every revolution of the shaft, a flash of light is projected through the slot in the disc  $A$  towards the disc  $B$  in a direction parallel to the shaft. An eye piece  $E$  is fitted behind the disc  $B$  on the shaft bearing and is capable of slight circumferential adjustment.

When the shaft does not transmit any torque (*i.e.* at rest), a flash of light may be seen after every revolution of the shaft, as the positions of the slit do not change relative to one another as shown in Fig. 19.36 (b). Now when the torque is transmitted, the shaft twists and the slot in the disc  $B$  changes its position, though the slots in  $L$ ,  $A$  and  $E$  are still in line. Due to this, the light does not reach to the eye piece as shown in Fig. 19.36 (c). If the eye piece is now moved round by an amount equal to the lag of disc  $B$ , then the slot in the eye piece will be opposite to the slot in disc  $B$  as shown in Fig. 19.36 (d) and hence the eye piece receives flash of light. The eye piece is moved by operating a micrometer spindle and by means of scale and vernier, the angle of twist may be measured upto  $1/100$ th of a degree.

The torsion meter discussed above gives the angle of twist of the shaft, when the uniform torque is transmitted during each revolution as in case of turbine shaft. But when the torque varies during each revolution as in reciprocating engines, it is necessary to measure the angle of twist at several different angular positions. For this, the discs  $A$  and  $B$  are perforated with slots arranged in the form of spiral as shown in Fig. 19.37. The lamp and the eye piece must be moved radially so as to bring them into line with each corresponding pair of slots in the discs.



**Fig. 19.37.** Perforated disc.

## EXERCISES

1. A single block brake, as shown in Fig. 19.38, has the drum diameter 250 mm. The angle of contact is  $90^\circ$  and the coefficient of friction between the drum and the lining is 0.35. If the operating force of 650 N is applied at the end of the lever, determine the torque that may be transmitted by the block brake.

[Ans. 65.6 N-m]



# 21

## Balancing of Rotating Masses

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### 21.1. Introduction

The high speed of engines and other machines is a common phenomenon now-a-days. It is, therefore, very essential that all the rotating and reciprocating parts should be completely balanced as far as possible. If these parts are not properly balanced, the dynamic forces are set up. These forces not only increase the loads on bearings and stresses in the various members, but also produce unpleasant and even dangerous vibrations. In this chapter we shall discuss the balancing of unbalanced forces caused by rotating masses, in order to minimise pressure on the main bearings when an engine is running.

### 21.2. Balancing of Rotating Masses

We have already discussed, that whenever a certain mass is attached to a rotating shaft, it exerts some centrifugal force, whose effect is to bend the shaft and to produce vibrations in it. In order to prevent the effect of centrifugal force, another mass is attached to the opposite side of the shaft, at such a position so as to balance the effect of the centrifugal force of the first mass. This is done in such a

way that the centrifugal force of both the masses are made to be equal and opposite. The process of providing the second mass in order to counteract the effect of the centrifugal force of the first mass, is called **balancing of rotating masses**.

The following cases are important from the subject point of view:

1. Balancing of a single rotating mass by a single mass rotating in the same plane.
2. Balancing of a single rotating mass by two masses rotating in different planes.
3. Balancing of different masses rotating in the same plane.
4. Balancing of different masses rotating in different planes.

We shall now discuss these cases, in detail, in the following pages.

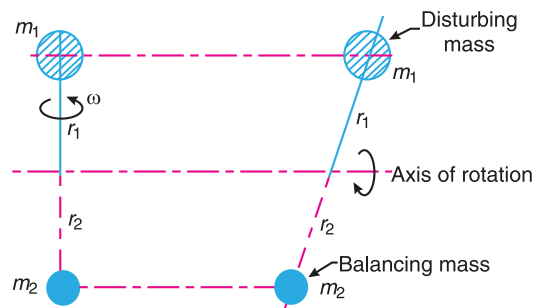
### 21.3. Balancing of a Single Rotating Mass By a Single Mass Rotating in the Same Plane

Consider a disturbing mass  $m_1$  attached to a shaft rotating at  $\omega$  rad/s as shown in Fig. 21.1. Let  $r_1$  be the radius of rotation of the mass  $m_1$  (*i.e.* distance between the axis of rotation of the shaft and the centre of gravity of the mass  $m_1$ ).

We know that the centrifugal force exerted by the mass  $m_1$  on the shaft,

$$F_{C1} = m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1 \quad \dots (i)$$

This centrifugal force acts radially outwards and thus produces bending moment on the shaft. In order to counteract the effect of this force, a balancing mass ( $m_2$ ) may be attached in the same plane of rotation as that of disturbing mass ( $m_1$ ) such that the centrifugal forces due to the two masses are equal and opposite.



**Fig. 21.1.** Balancing of a single rotating mass by a single mass rotating in the same plane.

Let  $r_2$  = Radius of rotation of the balancing mass  $m_2$  (*i.e.* distance between the axis of rotation of the shaft and the centre of gravity of mass  $m_2$ ).

$\therefore$  Centrifugal force due to mass  $m_2$ ,

$$F_{C2} = m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Equating equations (i) and (ii),

$$m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1 = m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2 \quad \text{OR} \quad m_1 \cdot r_1 = m_2 \cdot r_2$$

**Notes : 1.** The product  $m_2 \cdot r_2$  may be split up in any convenient way. But the radius of rotation of the balancing mass ( $m_2$ ) is generally made large in order to reduce the balancing mass  $m_2$ .

**2.** The centrifugal forces are proportional to the product of the mass and radius of rotation of respective masses, because  $\omega^2$  is same for each mass.

## 21.4. Balancing of a Single Rotating Mass By Two Masses Rotating in Different Planes

We have discussed in the previous article that by introducing a single balancing mass in the same plane of rotation as that of disturbing mass, the centrifugal forces are balanced. In other words, the two forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. But this type of arrangement for balancing gives rise to a couple which tends to rock the shaft in its bearings. Therefore in order to put the system in complete balance, two balancing masses are placed in two different planes, parallel to the plane of rotation of the disturbing mass, in such a way that they satisfy the following two conditions of equilibrium.

1. The net dynamic force acting on the shaft is equal to zero. This requires that the line of action of three centrifugal forces must be the same. In other words, the centre of the masses of the system must lie on the axis of rotation. This is the condition for *static balancing*.
2. The net couple due to the dynamic forces acting on the shaft is equal to zero. In other words, the algebraic sum of the moments about any point in the plane must be zero.

The conditions (1) and (2) together give *dynamic balancing*. The following two possibilities may arise while attaching the two balancing masses :

1. The plane of the disturbing mass may be in between the planes of the two balancing masses, and
2. The plane of the disturbing mass may lie on the left or right of the two planes containing the balancing masses.

We shall now discuss both the above cases one by one.

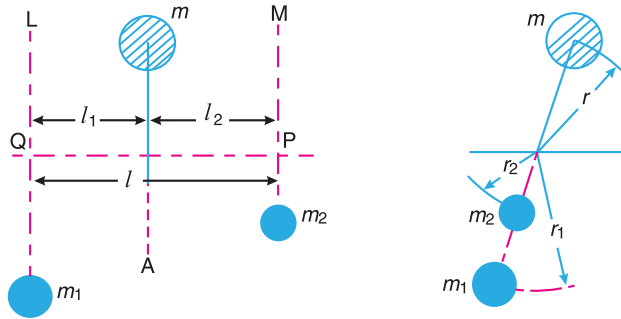


The picture shows a diesel engine. All diesel, petrol and steam engines have reciprocating and rotating masses inside them which need to be balanced.

### 1. When the plane of the disturbing mass lies in between the planes of the two balancing masses

Consider a disturbing mass  $m$  lying in a plane  $A$  to be balanced by two rotating masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  lying in two different planes  $L$  and  $M$  as shown in Fig. 21.2. Let  $r$ ,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the radii of rotation of the masses in planes  $A$ ,  $L$  and  $M$  respectively.

Let  $l_1$  = Distance between the planes  $A$  and  $L$ ,  
 $l_2$  = Distance between the planes  $A$  and  $M$ , and  
 $l$  = Distance between the planes  $L$  and  $M$ .



**Fig. 21.2.** Balancing of a single rotating mass by two rotating masses in different planes when the plane of single rotating mass lies in between the planes of two balancing masses.

We know that the centrifugal force exerted by the mass  $m$  in the plane  $A$ ,

$$F_C = m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r$$

Similarly, the centrifugal force exerted by the mass  $m_1$  in the plane  $L$ ,

$$F_{C1} = m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1$$

and, the centrifugal force exerted by the mass  $m_2$  in the plane  $M$ ,

$$F_{C2} = m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2$$

Since the net force acting on the shaft must be equal to zero, therefore the centrifugal force on the disturbing mass must be equal to the sum of the centrifugal forces on the balancing masses, therefore

$$F_C = F_{C1} + F_{C2} \quad \text{or} \quad m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r = m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1 + m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2$$

$$\therefore m \cdot r = m_1 \cdot r_1 + m_2 \cdot r_2 \quad \dots \text{ (i)}$$

Now in order to find the magnitude of balancing force in the plane  $L$  (or the dynamic force at the bearing  $Q$  of a shaft), take moments about  $P$  which is the point of intersection of the plane  $M$  and the axis of rotation. Therefore

$$F_{C1} \times l = F_C \times l_2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1 \times l = m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r \times l_2$$

$$\therefore m_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot l = m \cdot r \cdot l_2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_1 \cdot r_1 = m \cdot r \times \frac{l_2}{l} \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

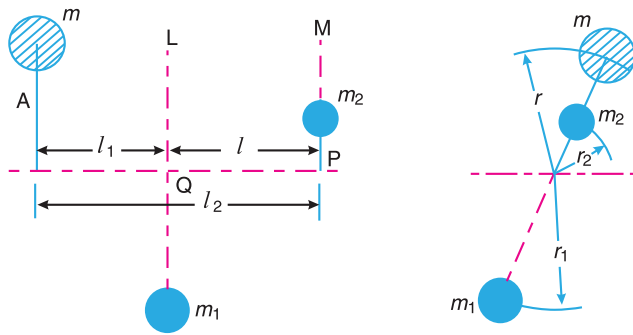
Similarly, in order to find the balancing force in plane  $M$  (or the dynamic force at the bearing  $P$  of a shaft), take moments about  $Q$  which is the point of intersection of the plane  $L$  and the axis of rotation. Therefore

$$F_{C2} \times l = F_C \times l_1 \quad \text{or} \quad m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2 \times l = m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r \times l_1$$

$$\therefore m_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot l = m \cdot r \cdot l_1 \quad \text{or} \quad m_2 \cdot r_2 = m \cdot r \times \frac{l_1}{l} \quad \dots \text{ (iii)}$$

It may be noted that equation (i) represents the condition for static balance, but in order to achieve dynamic balance, equations (ii) or (iii) must also be satisfied.

## 2. When the plane of the disturbing mass lies on one end of the planes of the balancing masses



**Fig. 21.3.** Balancing of a single rotating mass by two rotating masses in different planes, when the plane of single rotating mass lies at one end of the planes of balancing masses.

In this case, the mass  $m$  lies in the plane  $A$  and the balancing masses lie in the planes  $L$  and  $M$ , as shown in Fig. 21.3. As discussed above, the following conditions must be satisfied in order to balance the system, *i.e.*

$$F_C + F_{C2} = F_{C1} \quad \text{or} \quad m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r + m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2 = m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1$$

$$\therefore m \cdot r + m_2 \cdot r_2 = m_1 \cdot r_1 \quad \dots (iv)$$

Now, to find the balancing force in the plane  $L$  (or the dynamic force at the bearing  $Q$  of a shaft), take moments about  $P$  which is the point of intersection of the plane  $M$  and the axis of rotation. Therefore

$$F_{C1} \times l = F_C \times l_2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_1 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_1 \times l = m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r \times l_2$$

$$\therefore m_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot l = m \cdot r \cdot l_2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_1 \cdot r_1 = m \cdot r \times \frac{l_2}{l} \quad \dots (v)$$

... [Same as equation (ii)]

Similarly, to find the balancing force in the plane  $M$  (or the dynamic force at the bearing  $P$  of a shaft), take moments about  $Q$  which is the point of intersection of the plane  $L$  and the axis of rotation. Therefore

$$F_{C2} \times l = F_C \times l_1 \quad \text{or} \quad m_2 \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r_2 \times l = m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r \times l_1$$

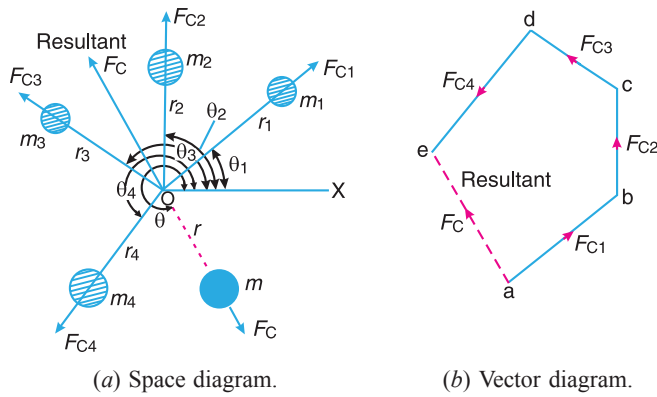
$$m_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot l = m \cdot r \cdot l_1 \quad \text{or} \quad m_2 \cdot r_2 = m \cdot r \times \frac{l_1}{l} \quad \dots (vi)$$

... [Same as equation (iii)]

## 21.5. Balancing of Several Masses Rotating in the Same Plane

Consider any number of masses (say four) of magnitude  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  and  $m_4$  at distances of  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  and  $r_4$  from the axis of the rotating shaft. Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  and  $\theta_4$  be the angles of these masses with the horizontal line  $OX$ , as shown in Fig. 21.4 (a). Let these masses rotate about an axis through  $O$  and perpendicular to the plane of paper, with a constant angular velocity of  $\omega$  rad/s.

The magnitude and position of the balancing mass may be found out analytically or graphically as discussed below :



**Fig. 21.4.** Balancing of several masses rotating in the same plane.

### 1. Analytical method

The magnitude and direction of the balancing mass may be obtained, analytically, as discussed below :

1. First of all, find out the centrifugal force\* (or the product of the mass and its radius of rotation) exerted by each mass on the rotating shaft.



A car assembly line.

Note : This picture is given as additional information and is not a direct example of the current chapter.

\* Since  $\omega^2$  is same for each mass, therefore the magnitude of the centrifugal force for each mass is proportional to the product of the respective mass and its radius of rotation.

- Resolve the centrifugal forces horizontally and vertically and find their sums, *i.e.*  $\Sigma H$  and  $\Sigma V$ . We know that

Sum of horizontal components of the centrifugal forces,

$$\Sigma H = m_1 \cdot r_1 \cos \theta_1 + m_2 \cdot r_2 \cos \theta_2 + \dots$$

and sum of vertical components of the centrifugal forces,

$$\Sigma V = m_1 \cdot r_1 \sin \theta_1 + m_2 \cdot r_2 \sin \theta_2 + \dots$$

- Magnitude of the resultant centrifugal force,

$$F_C = \sqrt{(\Sigma H)^2 + (\Sigma V)^2}$$

- If  $\theta$  is the angle, which the resultant force makes with the horizontal, then

$$\tan \theta = \Sigma V / \Sigma H$$

- The balancing force is then equal to the resultant force, but in **opposite direction**.
- Now find out the magnitude of the balancing mass, such that

$$F_C = m \cdot r$$

where

$m$  = Balancing mass, and

$r$  = Its radius of rotation.

## 2. Graphical method

The magnitude and position of the balancing mass may also be obtained graphically as discussed below :

- First of all, draw the space diagram with the positions of the several masses, as shown in Fig. 21.4 (a).
- Find out the centrifugal force (or product of the mass and radius of rotation) exerted by each mass on the rotating shaft.
- Now draw the vector diagram with the obtained centrifugal forces (or the product of the masses and their radii of rotation), such that  $ab$  represents the centrifugal force exerted by the mass  $m_1$  (or  $m_1 \cdot r_1$ ) in magnitude and direction to some suitable scale. Similarly, draw  $bc$ ,  $cd$  and  $de$  to represent centrifugal forces of other masses  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$  and  $m_4$  (or  $m_2 \cdot r_2$ ,  $m_3 \cdot r_3$  and  $m_4 \cdot r_4$ ).
- Now, as per polygon law of forces, the closing side  $ae$  represents the resultant force in magnitude and direction, as shown in Fig. 21.4 (b).
- The balancing force is, then, equal to the resultant force, but in **opposite direction**.
- Now find out the magnitude of the balancing mass ( $m$ ) at a given radius of rotation ( $r$ ), such that

$$m \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r = \text{Resultant centrifugal force}$$

or

$$m \cdot r = \text{Resultant of } m_1 \cdot r_1, m_2 \cdot r_2, m_3 \cdot r_3 \text{ and } m_4 \cdot r_4$$

**Example 21.1.** Four masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$  and  $m_4$  are 200 kg, 300 kg, 240 kg and 260 kg respectively. The corresponding radii of rotation are 0.2 m, 0.15 m, 0.25 m and 0.3 m respectively and the angles between successive masses are  $45^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$ . Find the position and magnitude of the balance mass required, if its radius of rotation is 0.2 m.

**Solution.** Given :  $m_1 = 200$  kg ;  $m_2 = 300$  kg ;  $m_3 = 240$  kg ;  $m_4 = 260$  kg ;  $r_1 = 0.2$  m ;  $r_2 = 0.15$  m ;  $r_3 = 0.25$  m ;  $r_4 = 0.3$  m ;  $\theta_1 = 0^\circ$  ;  $\theta_2 = 45^\circ$  ;  $\theta_3 = 45^\circ + 75^\circ = 120^\circ$  ;  $\theta_4 = 45^\circ + 75^\circ + 135^\circ = 255^\circ$  ;  $r = 0.2$  m



Let  $m$  = Balancing mass, and  
 $\theta$  = The angle which the balancing mass makes with  $m_1$ .

Since the magnitude of centrifugal forces are proportional to the product of each mass and its radius, therefore

$$m_1 \cdot r_1 = 200 \times 0.2 = 40 \text{ kg-m}$$

$$m_2 \cdot r_2 = 300 \times 0.15 = 45 \text{ kg-m}$$

$$m_3 \cdot r_3 = 240 \times 0.25 = 60 \text{ kg-m}$$

$$m_4 \cdot r_4 = 260 \times 0.3 = 78 \text{ kg-m}$$

The problem may, now, be solved either analytically or graphically. But we shall solve the problem by both the methods one by one.

### 1. Analytical method

The space diagram is shown in Fig. 21.5.

Resolving  $m_1 \cdot r_1$ ,  $m_2 \cdot r_2$ ,  $m_3 \cdot r_3$  and  $m_4 \cdot r_4$  horizontally,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma H &= m_1 \cdot r_1 \cos \theta_1 + m_2 \cdot r_2 \cos \theta_2 + m_3 \cdot r_3 \cos \theta_3 + m_4 \cdot r_4 \cos \theta_4 \\ &= 40 \cos 0^\circ + 45 \cos 45^\circ + 60 \cos 120^\circ + 78 \cos 255^\circ \\ &= 40 + 31.8 - 30 - 20.2 = 21.6 \text{ kg-m} \end{aligned}$$

Now resolving vertically,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma V &= m_1 \cdot r_1 \sin \theta_1 + m_2 \cdot r_2 \sin \theta_2 + m_3 \cdot r_3 \sin \theta_3 + m_4 \cdot r_4 \sin \theta_4 \\ &= 40 \sin 0^\circ + 45 \sin 45^\circ + 60 \sin 120^\circ + 78 \sin 255^\circ \\ &= 0 + 31.8 + 52 - 75.3 = 8.5 \text{ kg-m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Resultant, } R = \sqrt{(\Sigma H)^2 + (\Sigma V)^2} = \sqrt{(21.6)^2 + (8.5)^2} = 23.2 \text{ kg-m}$$

We know that

$$m \cdot r = R = 23.2 \quad \text{or} \quad m = 23.2 / r = 23.2 / 0.2 = 116 \text{ kg} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

and  $\tan \theta' = \Sigma V / \Sigma H = 8.5 / 21.6 = 0.3935 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta' = 21.48^\circ$

Since  $\theta'$  is the angle of the resultant  $R$  from the horizontal mass of 200 kg, therefore the angle of the balancing mass from the horizontal mass of 200 kg,

$$\theta = 180^\circ + 21.48^\circ = 201.48^\circ \quad \text{Ans.}$$

### 2. Graphical method

The magnitude and the position of the balancing mass may also be found graphically as discussed below :

1. First of all, draw the space diagram showing the positions of all the given masses as shown in Fig 21.6 (a).
2. Since the centrifugal force of each mass is proportional to the product of the mass and radius, therefore

$$m_1 \cdot r_1 = 200 \times 0.2 = 40 \text{ kg-m}$$

$$m_2 \cdot r_2 = 300 \times 0.15 = 45 \text{ kg-m}$$

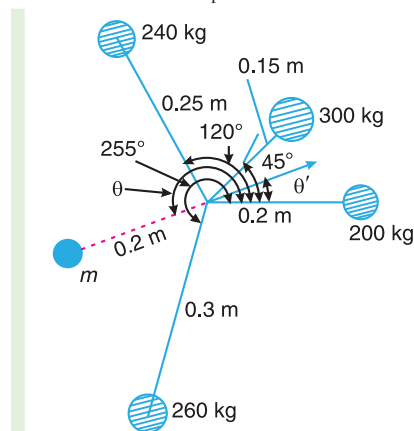


Fig. 21.5

$$m_3.r_3 = 240 \times 0.25 = 60 \text{ kg-m}$$

$$m_4.r_4 = 260 \times 0.3 = 78 \text{ kg-m}$$

3. Now draw the vector diagram with the above values, to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.6 (b). The closing side of the polygon  $ae$  represents the resultant force. By measurement, we find that  $ae = 23 \text{ kg-m}$ .

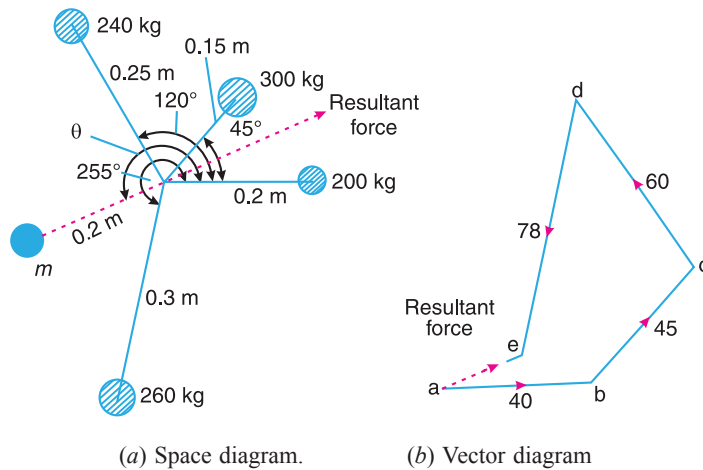


Fig. 21.6

4. The balancing force is equal to the resultant force, but *opposite* in direction as shown in Fig. 21.6 (a). Since the balancing force is proportional to  $m.r$ , therefore

$$m \times 0.2 = \text{vector } ea = 23 \text{ kg-m} \quad \text{or} \quad m = 23/0.2 = \mathbf{115 \text{ kg Ans.}}$$

By measurement we also find that the angle of inclination of the balancing mass ( $m$ ) from the horizontal mass of 200 kg,

$$\theta = 201^\circ \text{ Ans.}$$

## 21.6. Balancing of Several Masses Rotating in Different Planes

When several masses revolve in different planes, they may be transferred to a *reference plane* (briefly written as *R.P.*), which may be defined as the plane passing through a point on the axis of rotation and perpendicular to it. The effect of transferring a revolving mass (in one plane) to a reference plane is to cause a force of magnitude equal to the centrifugal force of the revolving mass to act in the reference plane, together with a couple of magnitude equal to the product of the force and the distance between the plane of rotation and the reference plane. In order to have a complete balance of the several revolving masses in different planes, the following two conditions must be satisfied :

1. The forces in the reference plane must balance, *i.e.* the resultant force must be zero.
2. The couples about the reference plane must balance, *i.e.* the resultant couple must be zero.

Let us now consider four masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$  and  $m_4$  revolving in planes 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively as shown in

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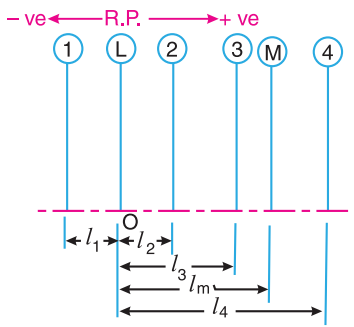
Diesel engine.

Fig. 21.7 (a). The relative angular positions of these masses are shown in the end view [Fig. 21.7 (b)]. The magnitude of the balancing masses  $m_L$  and  $m_M$  in planes L and M may be obtained as discussed below :

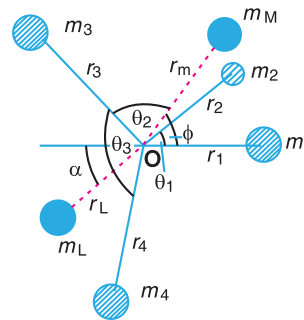
1. Take one of the planes, say L as the reference plane (R.P.). The distances of all the other planes to the left of the reference plane may be regarded as **negative**, and those to the right as **positive**.
2. Tabulate the data as shown in Table 21.1. The planes are tabulated in the same order in which they occur, reading from left to right.

Table 21.1

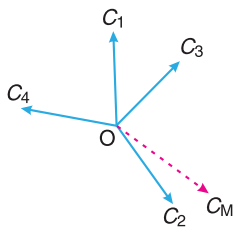
| Plane   | Mass (m) | Radius(r) | Cent.force $\div \omega^2$ | Distance from | Couple $\div \omega^2$ |
|---------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| (1)     | (2)      | (3)       | (m.r)                      | Plane L (l)   | (m.r.l)                |
| (1)     | (2)      | (3)       | (4)                        | (5)           | (6)                    |
| 1       | $m_1$    | $r_1$     | $m_1.r_1$                  | $-l_1$        | $-m_1.r_1.l_1$         |
| L(R.P.) | $m_L$    | $r_L$     | $m_L.r_L$                  | 0             | 0                      |
| 2       | $m_2$    | $r_2$     | $m_2.r_2$                  | $l_2$         | $m_2.r_2.l_2$          |
| 3       | $m_3$    | $r_3$     | $m_3.r_3$                  | $l_3$         | $m_3.r_3.l_3$          |
| M       | $m_M$    | $r_M$     | $m_M.r_M$                  | $l_M$         | $m_M.r_M.l_M$          |
| 4       | $m_4$    | $r_4$     | $m_4.r_4$                  | $l_4$         | $m_4.r_4.l_4$          |



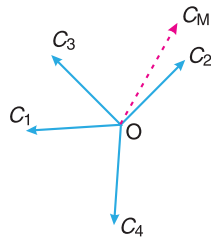
(a) Position of planes of the masses.



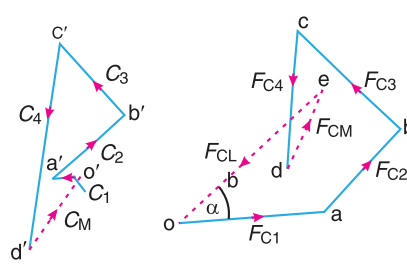
(b) Angular position of the masses.



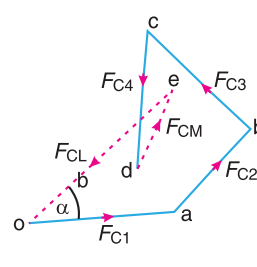
(c) Couple vector.



(d) Couple vectors turned counter clockwise through a right angle.



(e) Couple polygon.



(f) Force polygon.

Fig. 21.7. Balancing of several masses rotating in different planes.

3. A couple may be represented by a vector drawn perpendicular to the plane of the couple. The couple  $C_1$  introduced by transferring  $m_1$  to the reference plane through O is propor-

tional to  $m_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot l_1$  and acts in a plane through  $Om_1$  and perpendicular to the paper. The vector representing this couple is drawn in the plane of the paper and perpendicular to  $Om_1$  as shown by  $OC_1$  in Fig. 21.7 (c). Similarly, the vectors  $OC_2$ ,  $OC_3$  and  $OC_4$  are drawn perpendicular to  $Om_2$ ,  $Om_3$  and  $Om_4$  respectively and in the plane of the paper.

4. The couple vectors as discussed above, are turned counter clockwise through a right angle for convenience of drawing as shown in Fig. 21.7 (d). We see that their relative positions remains unaffected. Now the vectors  $OC_2$ ,  $OC_3$  and  $OC_4$  are parallel and in the same direction as  $Om_2$ ,  $Om_3$  and  $Om_4$ , while the vector  $OC_1$  is parallel to  $Om_1$  but in \*opposite direction. Hence the **couple vectors are drawn radially outwards for the masses on one side of the reference plane and radially inward for the masses on the other side of the reference plane.**
5. Now draw the couple polygon as shown in Fig. 21.7 (e). The vector  $d' o'$  represents the balanced couple. Since the balanced couple  $C_M$  is proportional to  $m_M \cdot r_M \cdot l_M$ , therefore

$$C_M = m_M \cdot r_M \cdot l_M = \text{vector } d'o' \quad \text{or} \quad m_M = \frac{\text{vector } d'o'}{r_M \cdot l_M}$$

From this expression, the value of the balancing mass  $m_M$  in the plane  $M$  may be obtained, and the angle of inclination  $\phi$  of this mass may be measured from Fig. 21.7 (b).

6. Now draw the force polygon as shown in Fig. 21.7 (f). The vector  $eo$  (in the direction from  $e$  to  $o$ ) represents the balanced force. Since the balanced force is proportional to  $m_L \cdot r_L$ , therefore,

$$m_L \cdot r_L = \text{vector } eo \quad \text{or} \quad m_L = \frac{\text{vector } eo}{r_L}$$

From this expression, the value of the balancing mass  $m_L$  in the plane  $L$  may be obtained and the angle of inclination  $\alpha$  of this mass with the horizontal may be measured from Fig. 21.7 (b).

**Example 21.2.** A shaft carries four masses  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  of magnitude 200 kg, 300 kg, 400 kg and 200 kg respectively and revolving at radii 80 mm, 70 mm, 60 mm and 80 mm in planes measured from  $A$  at 300 mm, 400 mm and 700 mm. The angles between the cranks measured anticlockwise are  $A$  to  $B$   $45^\circ$ ,  $B$  to  $C$   $70^\circ$  and  $C$  to  $D$   $120^\circ$ . The balancing masses are to be placed in planes  $X$  and  $Y$ . The distance between the planes  $A$  and  $X$  is 100 mm, between  $X$  and  $Y$  is 400 mm and between  $Y$  and  $D$  is 200 mm. If the balancing masses revolve at a radius of 100 mm, find their magnitudes and angular positions.

**Solution.** Given :  $m_A = 200$  kg ;  $m_B = 300$  kg ;  $m_C = 400$  kg ;  $m_D = 200$  kg ;  $r_A = 80$  mm = 0.08m ;  $r_B = 70$  mm = 0.07 m ;  $r_C = 60$  mm = 0.06 m ;  $r_D = 80$  mm = 0.08 m ;  $r_X = r_Y = 100$  mm = 0.1 m

Let  $m_X$  = Balancing mass placed in plane  $X$ , and  
 $m_Y$  = Balancing mass placed in plane  $Y$ .

The position of planes and angular position of the masses (assuming the mass  $A$  as horizontal) are shown in Fig. 21.8 (a) and (b) respectively.

Assume the plane  $X$  as the reference plane ( $R.P.$ ). The distances of the planes to the right of plane  $X$  are taken as + ve while the distances of the planes to the left of plane  $X$  are taken as – ve. The data may be tabulated as shown in Table 21.2.

\* From Table 21.1 (column 6) we see that the couple is  $-m_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot l_1$ .

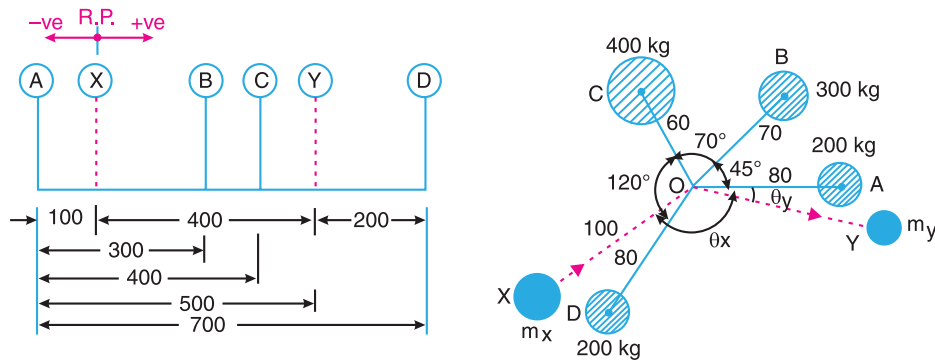
Table 21.2

| Plane   | Mass ( $m$ )<br>kg<br>(2) | Radius ( $r$ )<br>m<br>(3) | Cent.force $\div \omega^2$<br>( $m.r$ ) kg-m<br>(4) | Distance from<br>Plane x(l) m<br>(5) | Couple $\div \omega^2$<br>( $m.r.l$ ) kg-m <sup>2</sup><br>(6) |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| (1)     | (2)                       | (3)                        | (4)   | (5)                                  | (6)  |
| A       | 200                       | 0.08                       | 16  | -0.1                                 | -1.6   |
| X(R.P.) | $m_X$                     | 0.1                        | $0.1 m_X$   | 0                                    | 0  |
| B       | 300                       | 0.07                       | 21  | 0.2                                  | 4.2  |
| C       | 400                       | 0.06                       | 24  | 0.3                                  | 7.2  |
| Y       | $m_Y$                     | 0.1                        | $0.1 m_Y$   | 0.4                                  | $0.04 m_Y$   |
| D       | 200                       | 0.08                       | 16  | 0.6                                  | 9.6  |

The balancing masses  $m_X$  and  $m_Y$  and their angular positions may be determined graphically as discussed below :

1. First of all, draw the couple polygon from the data given in Table 21.2 (column 6) as shown in Fig. 21.8 (c) to some suitable scale. The vector  $d'o'$  represents the balanced couple. Since the balanced couple is proportional to  $0.04 m_Y$ , therefore by measurement,

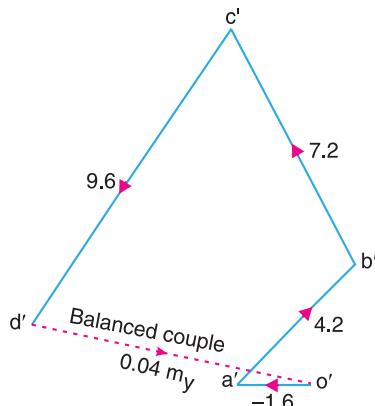
$$0.04 m_Y = \text{vector } d'o' = 7.3 \text{ kg-m}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_Y = 182.5 \text{ kg Ans.}$$



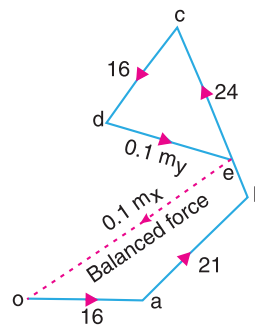
All dimensions in mm.

(a) Position of planes.

(b) Angular position of masses.



(c) Couple polygon.



(d) Force polygon.

Fig. 21.8

The angular position of the mass  $m_Y$  is obtained by drawing  $Om_Y$  in Fig. 21.8 (b), parallel to vector  $d'o'$ . By measurement, the angular position of  $m_Y$  is  $\theta_Y = 12^\circ$  in the clockwise direction from mass  $m_A$  (i.e. 200 kg). **Ans.**

2. Now draw the force polygon from the data given in Table 21.2 (column 4) as shown in Fig. 21.8 (d). The vector  $eo$  represents the balanced force. Since the balanced force is proportional to  $0.1 m_X$ , therefore by measurement,

$$0.1 m_X = \text{vector } eo = 35.5 \text{ kg-m} \quad \text{or} \quad m_X = \mathbf{355 \text{ kg Ans.}}$$

The angular position of the mass  $m_X$  is obtained by drawing  $Om_X$  in Fig. 21.8 (b), parallel to vector  $eo$ . By measurement, the angular position of  $m_X$  is  $\theta_X = 145^\circ$  in the clockwise direction from mass  $m_A$  (i.e. 200 kg). **Ans.**

**Example 21.3.** Four masses  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  as shown below are to be completely balanced.

|             | $A$ | $B$ | $C$ | $D$ |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mass (kg)   | —   | 30  | 50  | 40  |
| Radius (mm) | 180 | 240 | 120 | 150 |

The planes containing masses  $B$  and  $C$  are 300 mm apart. The angle between planes containing  $B$  and  $C$  is  $90^\circ$ .  $B$  and  $C$  make angles of  $210^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$  respectively with  $D$  in the same sense. Find :

1. The magnitude and the angular position of mass  $A$  ; and
2. The position of planes  $A$  and  $D$ .

**Solution.** Given :  $r_A = 180 \text{ mm} = 0.18 \text{ m}$  ;  $m_B = 30 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_B = 240 \text{ mm} = 0.24 \text{ m}$  ;  $m_C = 50 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_C = 120 \text{ mm} = 0.12 \text{ m}$  ;  $m_D = 40 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_D = 150 \text{ mm} = 0.15 \text{ m}$  ;  $\angle BOC = 90^\circ$  ;  $\angle BOD = 210^\circ$  ;  $\angle COD = 120^\circ$

**1. The magnitude and the angular position of mass  $A$**

Let  $m_A =$  Magnitude of Mass  $A$ ,  
 $x =$  Distance between the planes  $B$  and  $D$ , and  
 $y =$  Distance between the planes  $A$  and  $B$ .

The position of the planes and the angular position of the masses is shown in Fig. 21.9 (a) and (b) respectively.

Assuming the plane  $B$  as the reference plane ( $R.P.$ ) and the mass  $B$  ( $m_B$ ) along the horizontal line as shown in Fig. 21.9 (b), the data may be tabulated as below :

**Table 21.3**

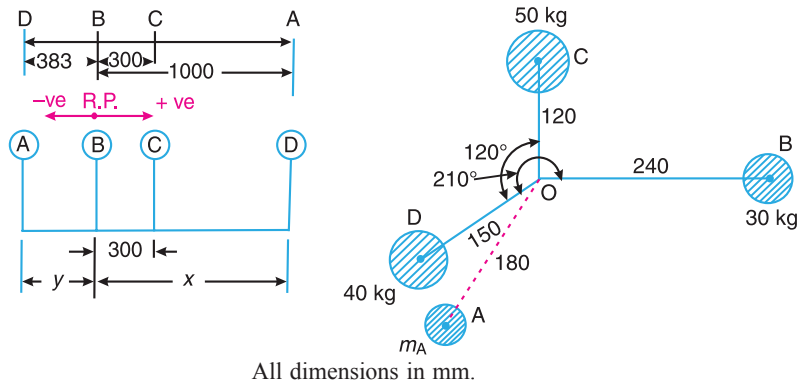
| Plane          | Mass (m) kg | Radius (r) m | Cent.force $\div \omega^2$ (m.r) kg-m | Distance from plane B (l) m | Couple $\div \omega^2$ (m.r.l) kg-m <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| (1)            | (2)         | (3)          | (4)                                   | (5)                         | (6)  |
| $A$            | $m_A$       | 0.18         | $0.08 m_A$                            | $-y$                        | $-0.18 m_A y$                                    |
| $B$ ( $R.P.$ ) | 30          | 0.24         | 7.2                                   | 0                           | 0  |
| $C$            | 50          | 0.12         | 6                                     | 0.3                         | 1.8  |
| $D$            | 40          | 0.15         | 6                                     | $x$                         | $6x$   |

The magnitude and angular position of mass  $A$  may be determined by drawing the force polygon from the data given in Table 21.3 (Column 4), as shown in Fig. 21.9 (c), to some suitable

scale. Since the masses are to be completely balanced, therefore the force polygon must be a closed figure. The closing side (*i.e.* vector  $do$ ) is proportional to  $0.18 m_A$ . By measurement,

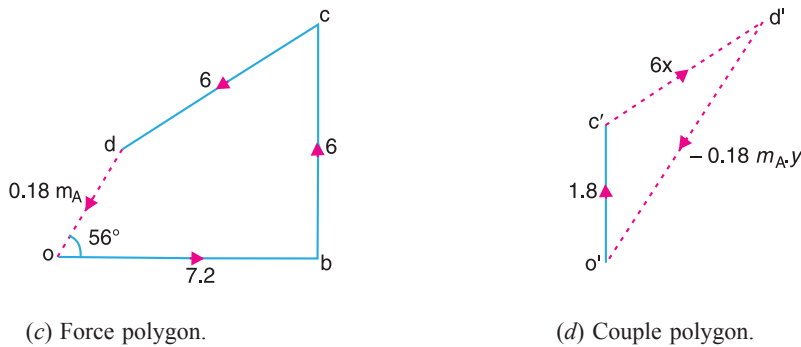
$$0.18 m_A = \text{Vector } do = 3.6 \text{ kg-m or } m_A = 20 \text{ kg Ans.}$$

In order to find the angular position of mass  $A$ , draw  $OA$  in Fig. 21.9 (*b*) parallel to vector  $do$ . By measurement, we find that the angular position of mass  $A$  from mass  $B$  in the anticlockwise direction is  $\angle AOB = 236^\circ$  Ans.



(a) Position of planes.

(b) Angular position of masses.



(c) Force polygon.

(d) Couple polygon.

Fig. 21.9.

## 2. Position of planes A and D

The position of planes  $A$  and  $D$  may be obtained by drawing the couple polygon, as shown in Fig. 21.9 (*d*), from the data given in Table 21.3 (column 6). The couple polygon is drawn as discussed below :

1. Draw vector  $o'c'$  parallel to  $OC$  and equal to  $1.8 \text{ kg-m}^2$ , to some suitable scale.
2. From points  $c'$  and  $o'$ , draw lines parallel to  $OD$  and  $OA$  respectively, such that they intersect at point  $d'$ . By measurement, we find that

$$6x = \text{vector } c'd' = 2.3 \text{ kg-m}^2 \text{ or } x = 0.383 \text{ m}$$

We see from the couple polygon that the direction of vector  $c'd'$  is opposite to the direction of mass  $D$ . Therefore the plane of mass  $D$  is  $0.383 \text{ m}$  or  $383 \text{ mm}$  towards left of plane  $B$  and not towards right of plane  $B$  as already assumed. Ans.

Again by measurement from couple polygon,

$$-0.18 m_A y = \text{vector } o'd' = 3.6 \text{ kg-m}^2$$

$$-0.18 \times 20 y = 3.6 \quad \text{or} \quad y = -1 \text{ m}$$

The negative sign indicates that the plane  $A$  is not towards left of  $B$  as assumed but it is 1 m or 1000 mm towards right of plane  $B$ . **Ans.**

**Example 21.4.**  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are four masses carried by a rotating shaft at radii 100, 125, 200 and 150 mm respectively. The planes in which the masses revolve are spaced 600 mm apart and the mass of  $B, C$  and  $D$  are 10 kg, 5 kg, and 4 kg respectively.

Find the required mass  $A$  and the relative angular settings of the four masses so that the shaft shall be in complete balance.

**Solution.** Given :  $r_A = 100 \text{ mm} = 0.1 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_B = 125 \text{ mm} = 0.125 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_C = 200 \text{ mm} = 0.2 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_D = 150 \text{ mm} = 0.15 \text{ m}$  ;  $m_B = 10 \text{ kg}$  ;  $m_C = 5 \text{ kg}$  ;  $m_D = 4 \text{ kg}$

The position of planes is shown in Fig. 21.10 (a). Assuming the plane of mass  $A$  as the reference plane ( $R.P.$ ), the data may be tabulated as below :

**Table 21.4**

| Plane     | Mass (m)<br>kg | Radius (r)<br>m | Cent. Force $\div \omega^2$<br>(m.r)kg-m | Distance from<br>plane A (l)m | Couple $\div \omega^2$<br>(m.r.l) kg-m <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| (1)       | (2)            | (3)             | (4)                                      | (5)                           | (6)   |
| $A(R.P.)$ | $m_A$          | 0.1             | $0.1 m_A$                                | 0                             | 0   |
| $B$       | 10             | 0.125           | 1.25                                     | 0.6                           | 0.75  |
| $C$       | 5              | 0.2             | 1  | 1.2                           | 1.2   |
| $D$       | 4              | 0.15            | 0.6                                      | 1.8                           | 1.08  |

First of all, the angular setting of masses  $C$  and  $D$  is obtained by drawing the couple polygon from the data given in Table 21.4 (column 6). Assume the position of mass  $B$  in the horizontal direction  $OB$  as shown in Fig. 21.10 (b). Now the couple polygon as shown in Fig. 21.10 (c) is drawn as discussed below :

1. Draw vector  $o'b'$  in the horizontal direction (*i.e.* parallel to  $OB$ ) and equal to  $0.75 \text{ kg-m}^2$ , to some suitable scale.
2. From points  $o'$  and  $b'$ , draw vectors  $o'c'$  and  $b'c'$  equal to  $1.2 \text{ kg-m}^2$  and  $1.08 \text{ kg-m}^2$  respectively. These vectors intersect at  $c'$ .
3. Now in Fig. 21.10 (b), draw  $OC$  parallel to vector  $o'c'$  and  $OD$  parallel to vector  $b'c'$ .

By measurement, we find that the angular setting of mass  $C$  from mass  $B$  in the anticlockwise direction, *i.e.*

$$\angle BOC = 240^\circ \text{ Ans.}$$

and angular setting of mass  $D$  from mass  $B$  in the anticlockwise direction, *i.e.*

$$\angle BOD = 100^\circ \text{ Ans.}$$

In order to find the required mass  $A$  ( $m_A$ ) and its angular setting, draw the force polygon to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.10 (d), from the data given in Table 21.4 (column 4).

Since the closing side of the force polygon (vector  $do$ ) is proportional to  $0.1 m_A$ , therefore by measurement,

$$0.1 m_A = 0.7 \text{ kg-m}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_A = 7 \text{ kg} \text{ Ans.}$$



Now draw  $OA$  in Fig. 21.10 (b), parallel to vector  $do$ . By measurement, we find that the angular setting of mass  $A$  from mass  $B$  in the anticlockwise direction, *i.e.*

$$\angle BOA = 155^\circ \text{ Ans.}$$

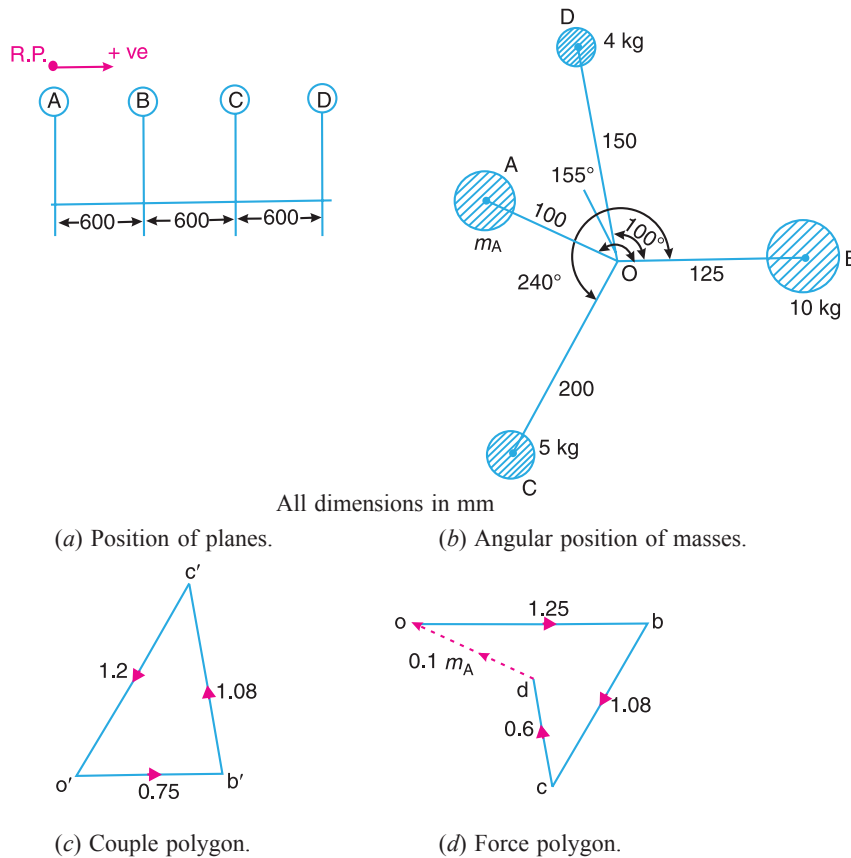


Fig. 21.10

**Example 21.5.** A shaft carries four masses in parallel planes  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  in this order along its length. The masses at  $B$  and  $C$  are  $18 \text{ kg}$  and  $12.5 \text{ kg}$  respectively, and each has an eccentricity of  $60 \text{ mm}$ . The masses at  $A$  and  $D$  have an eccentricity of  $80 \text{ mm}$ . The angle between the masses at  $B$  and  $C$  is  $100^\circ$  and that between the masses at  $B$  and  $A$  is  $190^\circ$ , both being measured in the same direction. The axial distance between the planes  $A$  and  $B$  is  $100 \text{ mm}$  and that between  $B$  and  $C$  is  $200 \text{ mm}$ . If the shaft is in complete dynamic balance, determine :

1. The magnitude of the masses at  $A$  and  $D$  ;
2. the distance between planes  $A$  and  $D$  ; and
3. the angular position of the mass at  $D$ .

**Solution.** Given :  $m_B = 18 \text{ kg}$  ;  $m_C = 12.5 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_B = r_C = 60 \text{ mm} = 0.06 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_A = r_D = 80 \text{ mm} = 0.08 \text{ m}$  ;  $\angle BOC = 100^\circ$  ;  $\angle BOA = 190^\circ$

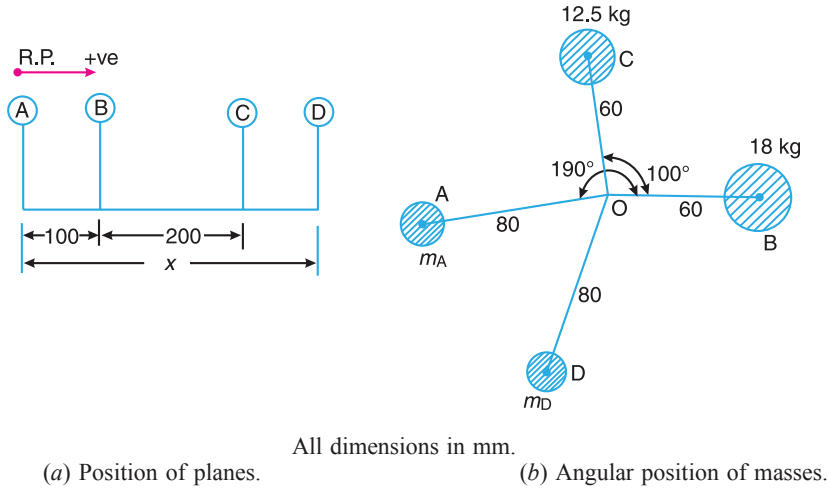
**1. Magnitude of the masses at  $A$  and  $D$**

Let  $M_A =$  Mass at  $A$ ,  
 $M_D =$  Mass at  $D$ , and  
 $x =$  Distance between planes  $A$  and  $D$ .

The position of the planes and angular position of the masses is shown in Fig. 21.11 (a) and (b) respectively. The position of mass *B* is assumed in the horizontal direction, *i.e.* along *OB*. Taking the plane of mass *A* as the reference plane, the data may be tabulated as below :

**Table 21.5**

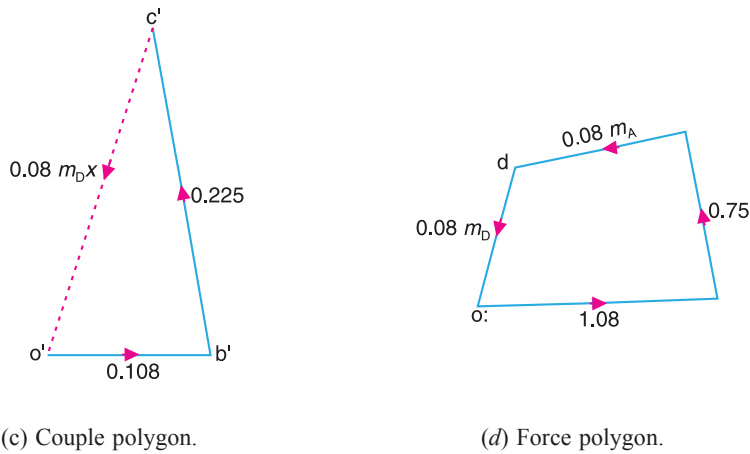
| Plane<br>(1)    | Mass<br>( <i>m</i> ) kg<br>(2) | Eccentricity<br>( <i>r</i> ) m<br>(3) | Cent. force $\div \omega^2$<br>( <i>m.r</i> ) kg-m<br>(4) | Distance from<br>plane A( <i>l</i> )m<br>(5) | Couple $\div \omega^2$<br>( <i>m.r.l</i> ) kg-m <sup>2</sup><br>(6) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <i>A</i> (R.P.) | $m_A$                          | 0.08                                  | $0.08 m_A$  | 0  | 0   |
| <i>B</i>        | 18                             | 0.06                                  | 1.08  | 0.1  | 0.108   |
| <i>C</i>        | 12.5                           | 0.06                                  | 0.75  | 0.3  | 0.225   |
| <i>D</i>        | $m_D$                          | 0.08                                  | $0.08 m_D$  | <i>x</i>                                     | $0.08 m_D \cdot x$  |



All dimensions in mm.

(a) Position of planes.

(b) Angular position of masses.



(c) Couple polygon.

(d) Force polygon.

**Fig. 21.11**

First of all, the direction of mass *D* is fixed by drawing the couple polygon to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.11 (c), from the data given in Table 21.5 (column 6). The closing

side of the couple polygon (vector  $c'o'$ ) is proportional to  $0.08 m_D x$ . By measurement, we find that

$$0.08 m_D x = \text{vector } c'o' = 0.235 \text{ kg-m}^2 \quad \dots (i)$$

In Fig. 21.11 (b), draw  $OD$  parallel to vector  $c'o'$  to fix the direction of mass  $D$ .

Now draw the force polygon, to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.11 (d), from the data given in Table 21.5 (column 4), as discussed below :

1. Draw vector  $ob$  parallel to  $OB$  and equal to  $1.08 \text{ kg-m}$ .
2. From point  $b$ , draw vector  $bc$  parallel to  $OC$  and equal to  $0.75 \text{ kg-m}$ .
3. For the shaft to be in complete dynamic balance, the force polygon must be a closed figure. Therefore from point  $c$ , draw vector  $cd$  parallel to  $OA$  and from point  $o$  draw vector  $od$  parallel to  $OD$ . The vectors  $cd$  and  $od$  intersect at  $d$ . Since the vector  $cd$  is proportional to  $0.08 m_A$ , therefore by measurement

$$0.08 m_A = \text{vector } cd = 0.77 \text{ kg-m} \quad \text{or} \quad m_A = 9.625 \text{ kg} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

and vector  $do$  is proportional to  $0.08 m_D$ , therefore by measurement,

$$0.08 m_D = \text{vector } do = 0.65 \text{ kg-m} \quad \text{or} \quad m_D = 8.125 \text{ kg} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

## 2. Distance between planes A and D

From equation (i),

$$0.08 m_D x = 0.235 \text{ kg-m}^2$$

$$0.08 \times 8.125 \times x = 0.235 \text{ kg-m}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.65 x = 0.235$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{0.235}{0.65} = 0.3615 \text{ m} = 361.5 \text{ mm} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

## 3. Angular position of mass at D

By measurement from Fig. 21.11 (b), we find that the angular position of mass at  $D$  from mass  $B$  in the anticlockwise direction, i.e.  $\angle BOD = 251^\circ$  Ans.

**Example 21.6.** A shaft has three eccentrics, each 75 mm diameter and 25 mm thick, machined in one piece with the shaft. The central planes of the eccentric are 60 mm apart. The distance of the centres from the axis of rotation are 12 mm, 18 mm and 12 mm and their angular positions are  $120^\circ$  apart. The density of metal is  $7000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Find the amount of out-of-balance force and couple at 600 r.p.m. If the shaft is balanced by adding two masses at a radius 75 mm and at distances of 100 mm from the central plane of the middle eccentric, find the amount of the masses and their angular positions.

**Solution.** Given :  $D = 75 \text{ mm} = 0.075 \text{ m}$  ;  $t = 25 \text{ mm} = 0.025 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_A = 12 \text{ mm} = 0.012 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_B = 18 \text{ mm} = 0.018 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_C = 12 \text{ mm} = 0.012 \text{ m}$  ;  $\rho = 7000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ;  $N = 600 \text{ r.p.m.}$  or  $\omega = 2\pi \times 600/60 = 62.84 \text{ rad/s}$  ;  $r_L = r_M = 75 \text{ mm} = 0.075 \text{ m}$

We know that mass of each eccentric,

$$m_A = m_B = m_C = \text{Volume} \times \text{Density} = \frac{\pi}{4} \times D^2 \times t \times \rho$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} (0.075)^2 (0.025) 7000 = 0.77 \text{ kg}$$

Let  $L$  and  $M$  be the planes at distances of 100 mm from the central plane of middle eccentric. The position of the planes and the angular position of the three eccentrics is shown in Fig. 21.12 (a) and (b) respectively. Assuming  $L$  as the reference plane and mass of the eccentric  $A$  in the vertical direction, the data may be tabulated as below :

Table 21.6.

| Plane<br>(1) | Mass<br>(m) kg<br>(2) | Radius<br>(r) m<br>(3) | Cent. force $\div \omega^2$<br>(m.r) kg-m<br>(4) | Distance from<br>plane L.(l)m<br>(5) | Couple $\div \omega^2$<br>(m.r.l) kg-m <sup>2</sup><br>(6) |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| L (R.P.)     | $m_L$                 | 0.075                  | $75 \times 10^{-3} m_L$                          | 0                                    | 0  |
| A            | 0.77                  | 0.012                  | $9.24 \times 10^{-3}$                            | 0.04                                 | $0.3696 \times 10^{-3}$                                    |
| B            | 0.77                  | 0.018                  | $13.86 \times 10^{-3}$                           | 0.1                                  | $1.386 \times 10^{-3}$                                     |
| C            | 0.77                  | 0.012                  | $9.24 \times 10^{-3}$                            | 0.16                                 | $1.4784 \times 10^{-3}$                                    |
| M            | $m_M$                 | 0.075                  | $75 \times 10^{-3} m_M$                          | 0.20                                 | $15 \times 10^{-3} m_M$                                    |

**Out-of-balance force**

The out-of-balance force is obtained by drawing the force polygon, as shown in Fig. 21.12 (c), from the data given in Table 21.6 (column 4). The resultant  $oc$  represents the out-of-balance force.

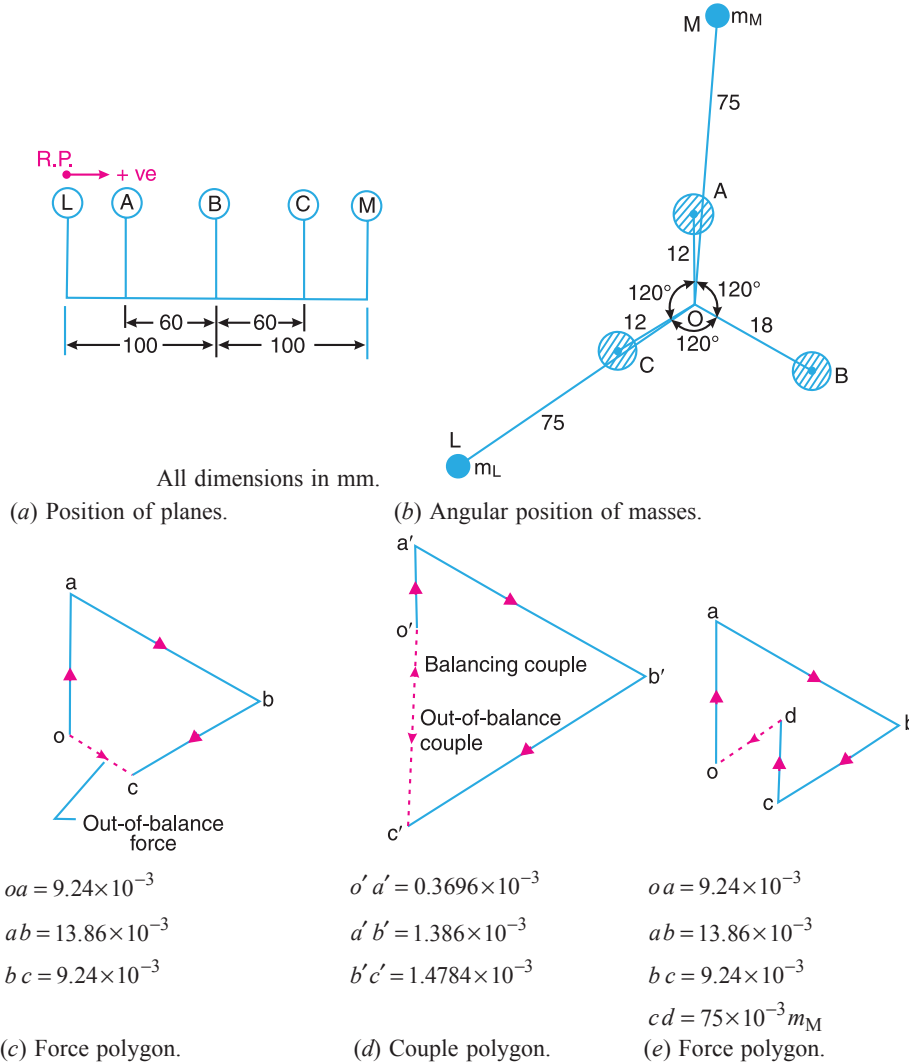


Fig. 21.12

Since the centrifugal force is proportional to the product of mass and radius (*i.e.*  $m.r$ ), therefore by measurement.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Out-of-balance force} &= \text{vector } oc = 4.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg-m} \\ &= 4.75 \times 10^{-3} \times \omega^2 = 4.75 \times 10^{-3} (62.84)^2 = 18.76 \text{ N Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

### *Out-of-balance couple*

The out-of-balance couple is obtained by drawing the couple polygon from the data given in Table 21.6 (column 6), as shown in Fig. 21.12 (*d*). The resultant  $o'c'$  represents the out-of-balance couple. Since the couple is proportional to the product of force and distance ( $m.r.l$ ), therefore by measurement,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Out-of-balance couple} &= \text{vector } o'c' = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg-m}^2 \\ &= 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \times \omega^2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} (62.84)^2 = 4.34 \text{ N-m Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

### *Amount of balancing masses and their angular positions*

The vector  $c'o'$  (in the direction from  $c'$  to  $o'$ ), as shown in Fig. 21.12 (*d*) represents the balancing couple and is proportional to  $15 \times 10^{-3} m_M$ , *i.e.*

$$15 \times 10^{-3} m_M = \text{vector } c'o' = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg-m}^2$$

or  $m_M = 0.073 \text{ kg Ans.}$

Draw  $OM$  in Fig. 21.12 (*b*) parallel to vector  $c'o'$ . By measurement, we find that the angular position of balancing mass ( $m_M$ ) is  $5^\circ$  from mass  $A$  in the clockwise direction. **Ans.**



Ship powered by a diesel engine.

In order to find the balancing mass ( $m_L$ ), a force polygon as shown in Fig. 21.12 (e) is drawn. The closing side of the polygon *i.e.* vector  $do$  (in the direction from  $d$  to  $o$ ) represents the balancing force and is proportional to  $75 \times 10^{-3} m_L$ . By measurement, we find that

$$75 \times 10^{-3} m_L = \text{vector } do = 5.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg-m}$$

or  $m_L = 0.0693 \text{ kg}$  **Ans.**

Draw  $OL$  in Fig. 21.12 (b), parallel to vector  $do$ . By measurement, we find that the angular position of mass ( $m_L$ ) is  $124^\circ$  from mass  $A$  in the clockwise direction. **Ans.**

**Example 21.7.** A shaft is supported in bearings 1.8 m apart and projects 0.45 m beyond bearings at each end. The shaft carries three pulleys one at each end and one at the middle of its length. The mass of end pulleys is 48 kg and 20 kg and their centre of gravity are 15 mm and 12.5 mm respectively from the shaft axis. The centre pulley has a mass of 56 kg and its centre of gravity is 15 mm from the shaft axis. If the pulleys are arranged so as to give static balance, determine : **1.** relative angular positions of the pulleys, and **2.** dynamic forces produced on the bearings when the shaft rotates at 300 r.p.m.

**Solution.** Given :  $m_A = 48 \text{ kg}$  ;  $m_C = 20 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_A = 15 \text{ mm} = 0.015 \text{ m}$  ;  $r_C = 12.5 \text{ mm} = 0.0125 \text{ m}$  ;  $m_B = 56 \text{ kg}$  ;  $r_B = 15 \text{ mm} = 0.015 \text{ m}$  ;  $N = 300 \text{ r.p.m.}$  or  $\omega = 2 \pi \times 300/60 = 31.42 \text{ rad/s}$

### 1. Relative angular position of the pulleys

The position of the shaft and pulleys is shown in Fig. 21.13 (a).

Let  $m_L$  and  $m_M$  = Mass at the bearings  $L$  and  $M$ , and

$r_L$  and  $r_M$  = Radius of rotation of the masses at  $L$  and  $M$  respectively.

Assuming the plane of bearing  $L$  as reference plane, the data may be tabulated as below :

**Table 21.7.**

| Plane  | Mass (m) kg | Radius (r) m | Cent. force $\div \omega^2$ (m.r) kg-m | Distance from plane L(l)m | Couple $\div \omega^2$ (m.r.l) kg-m <sup>2</sup> |
|--------|-------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| (1)    | (2)         | (3)          | (4)                                    | (5)                       | (6)  |
| A      | 48          | 0.015        | 0.72                                   | - 0.45                    | - 0.324  |
| L(R.P) | $m_L$       | $r_L$        | $m_L \cdot r_L$                        | 0                         | 0  |
| B      | 56          | 0.015        | 0.84                                   | 0.9                       | 0.756  |
| M      | $m_M$       | $r_M$        | $m_M \cdot r_M$                        | 1.8                       | $1.8 m_M \cdot r_M$                              |
| C      | 20          | 0.0125       | 0.25                                   | 2.25                      | 0.5625   |

First of all, draw the force polygon to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.13 (c), from the data given in Table 21.7 (column 4). It is assumed that the mass of pulley  $B$  acts in vertical direction. We know that for the static balance of the pulleys, the centre of gravity of the system must lie on the axis of rotation. Therefore a force polygon must be a closed figure. Now in Fig. 21.13 (b), draw  $OA$  parallel to vector  $bc$  and  $OC$  parallel to vector  $co$ . By measurement, we find that

Angle between pulleys  $B$  and  $A$  =  $161^\circ$  **Ans.**

Angle between pulleys  $A$  and  $C$  =  $76^\circ$  **Ans.**

and Angle between pulleys  $C$  and  $B$  =  $123^\circ$  **Ans.**

### 2. Dynamic forces at the two bearings

In order to find the dynamic forces (or reactions) at the two bearings  $L$  and  $M$ , let us first calculate the values of  $m_L \cdot r_L$  and  $m_M \cdot r_M$  as discussed below :

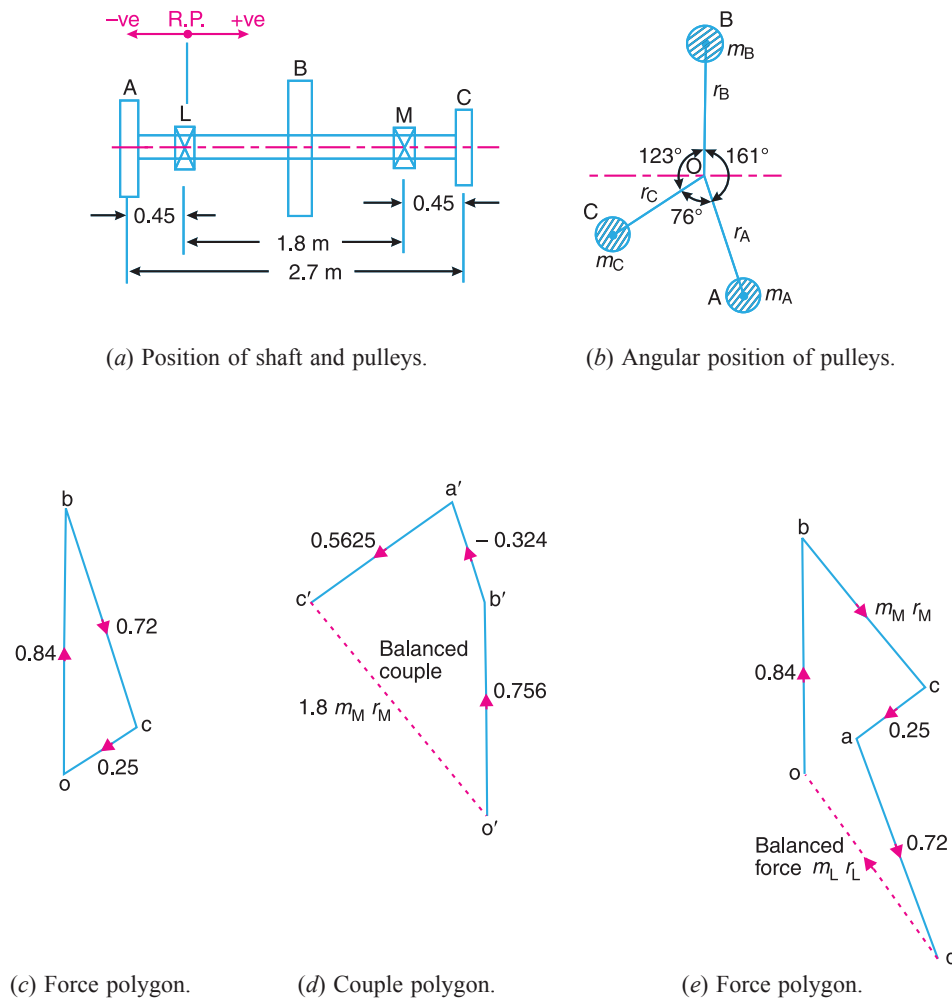


Fig. 21.13

1. Draw the couple polygon to some suitable scale, as shown in Fig. 21.13 (d), from the data given in Table 21.7 (column 6). The closing side of the polygon (vector  $c'o'$ ) represents the balanced couple and is proportional to  $1.8 m_M r_M$ . By measurement, we find that

$$1.8 m_M r_M = \text{vector } c'o' = 0.97 \text{ kg-m}^2 \quad \text{or} \quad m_M r_M = 0.54 \text{ kg-m}$$

$\therefore$  Dynamic force at the bearing  $M$

$$= m_M r_M \omega^2 = 0.54 (31.42)^2 = 533 \text{ N Ans.}$$

2. Now draw the force polygon, as shown in Fig. 21.13 (e), from the data given in Table 21.7 (column 4) and taking  $m_M r_M = 0.54 \text{ kg-m}$ . The closing side of the polygon (vector  $do$ ) represents the balanced force and is proportional to  $m_L r_L$ . By measurement, we find that

$$m_L r_L = 0.54 \text{ kg-m}$$

$\therefore$  Dynamic force at the bearing  $L$

$$= m_L r_L \omega^2 = 0.54 (31.42)^2 = 533 \text{ N Ans.}$$