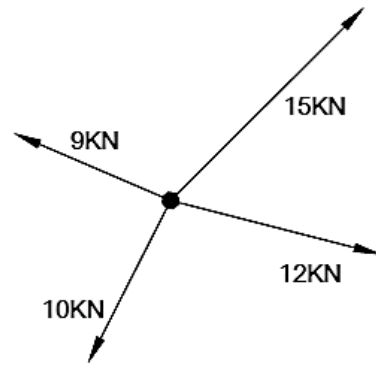


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Sub - Strand	TD11.4.1 FORCES
Content Learning Outcome	TD11.4.1.1 Recognize the impact of forces in nature and analyze Coplanar, Concurrent and Non-concurrent force systems.

**TYPES OF FORCE SYSTEMS**

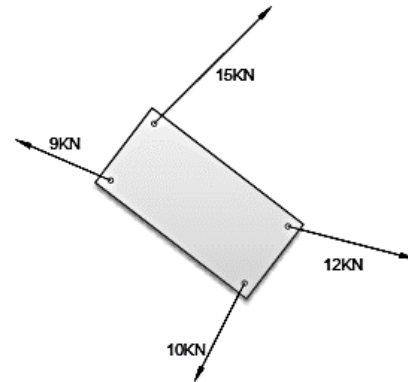
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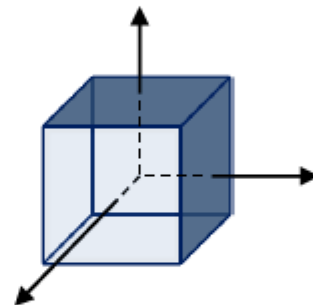
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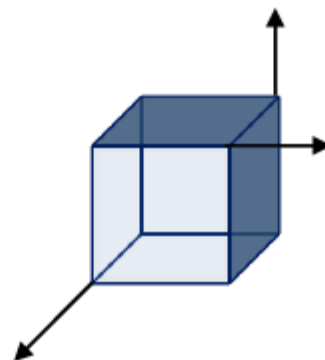
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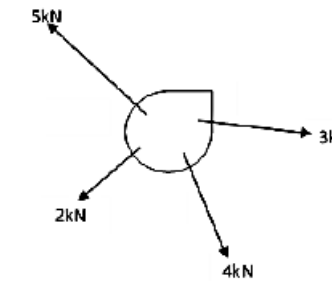


**WORKED EXAMPLE**

**Given:** a system of non-concurrent coplanar forces.

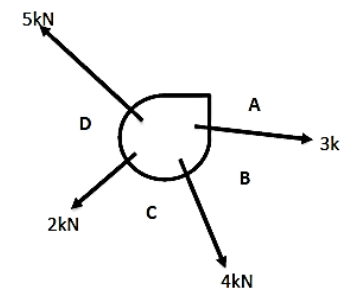
**Required:**

- Using starting point X a provided, draw the vector diagram and locate the position and the direction of the resultant forces.
- Show the direction and magnitude of the equilibrant forces on the space diagram.



**STEP 1**

Label the spaces between the forces as shown using bow's notation



**STEP 3**

Label the points of the vector diagram by small letters *a, b, c, d, e*. Thus, this vector *ab* will represent force *E* (12kN) which is lying between *AD*.

**STEP 4**

Select a suitable point *o* in the middle of the vector polygon (diagram)

**STEP 5**

Join *abcde* to the point *o*.

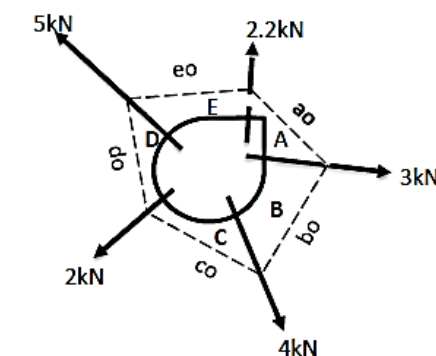
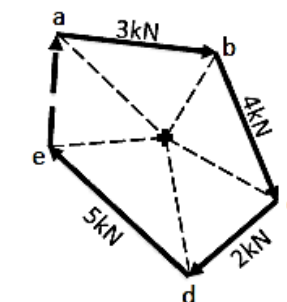
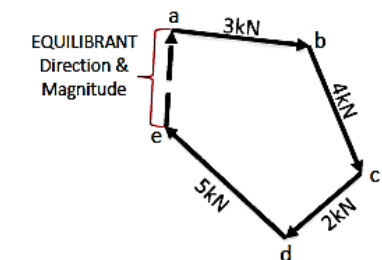
**STEP 6**

In the space diagram in space B, draw a line parallel to *ob*; in space C, a line to *oc*, and so forth completing the diagram with lines *od, oe, oa*.

**STEP 7**

The point where *oe* and *oa* intersect, this will give the point through which the equilibrant ( $F_5$ ) maybe drawn parallel to *ae*.

**STEP 2**  
Construct a vector polygon (diagram) using the known forces to a suitable scale and close the polygon. This will be the equilibrant ( $F_5$ ) giving its magnitude and direction.



SHEET 2

EXAMPLE 3 - NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES

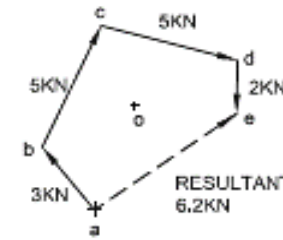
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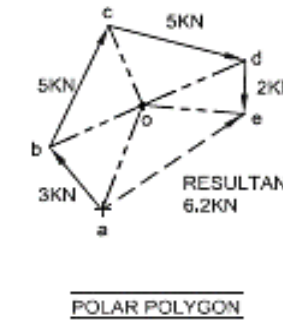
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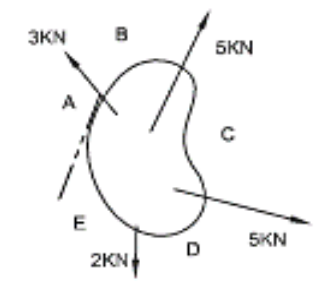
STEP 7  
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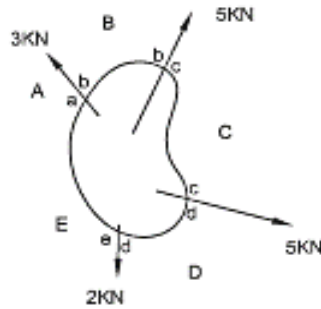
STEP 8  
JOIN THE CORNERS OF EACH VECTOR TO THE POLAR POINT 'O'



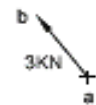
STEP 9  
IN SPACE 'A' OF THE SPACE DIAGRAM DRAW A LINE PARALLEL TO 'oa' AS SHOWN, LINE 'oa' TO BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE PLANE.



STEP 1  
LABEL THE SPACES BETWEEN THE FORCES USING BOW'S NOTATION, USE CAPITAL LETTERS IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION



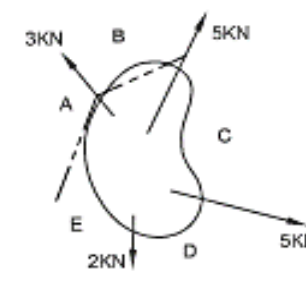
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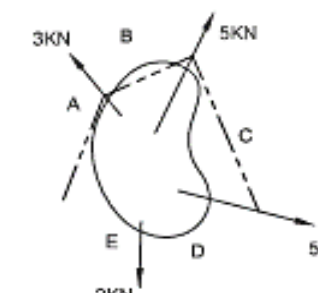
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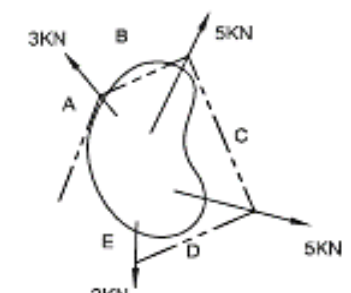
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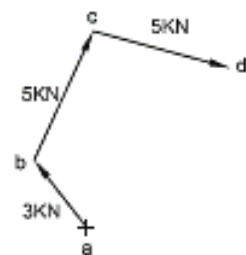
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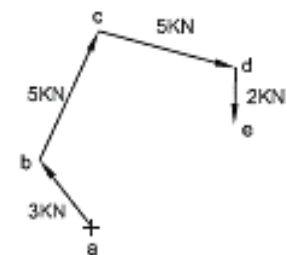
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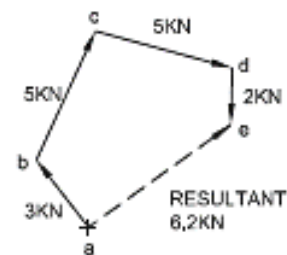
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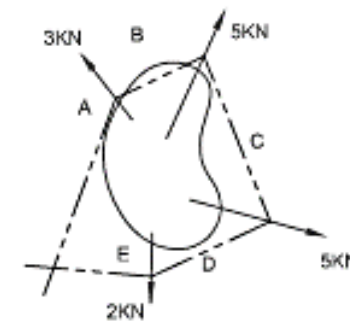
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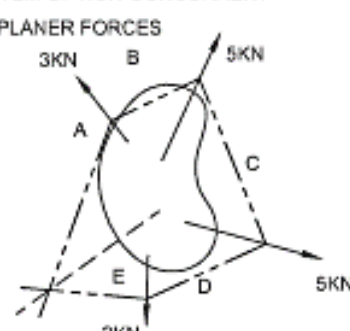
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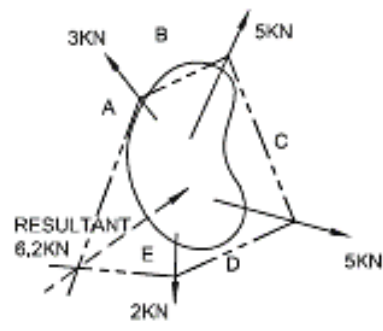
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STEP 14  
INTERSECTION OF LINES 'oe' AND 'oa' GIVES THE POINT THROUGH WHICH THE RESULTANT VECTOR WILL PASS, TRANSFER THE LINE OF ACTION OF RESULTANT VECTOR TO THE GIVEN SYSTEM OF NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES



STEP 15  
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**EXAMPLE 4 - NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES**

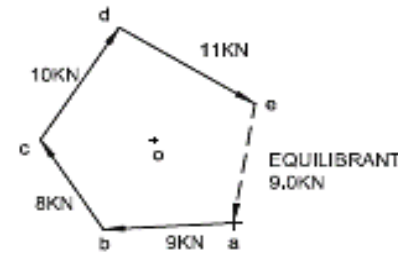
**GIVEN:** A SYSTEM OF NON-CONCURRENT FORCES ACTING ON THE SAME PLANE

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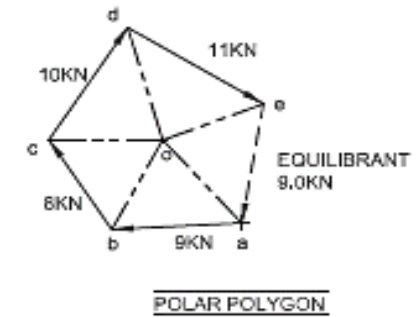
**NOTE:** USE THE GIVEN STARTING POINT TO LOCATE THE FIRST VECTOR,



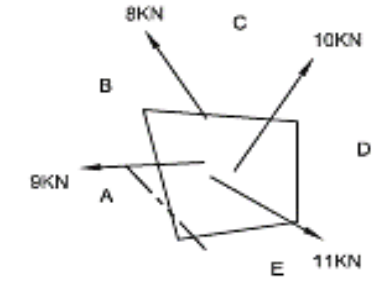
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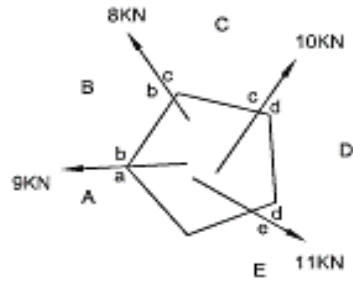
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JOIN THE CORNERS OF EACH VECTOR TO THE POLAR POINT 'O'



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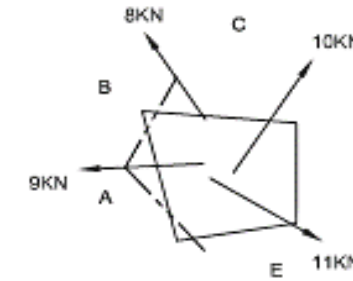
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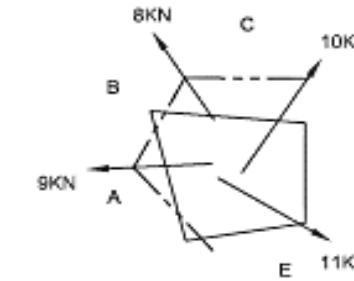
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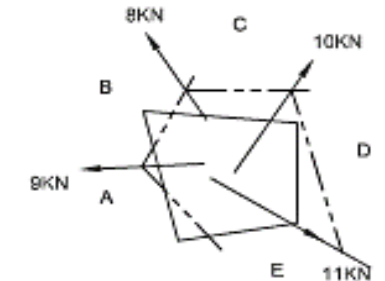
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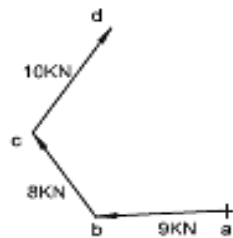
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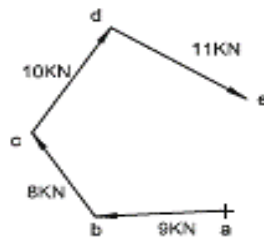
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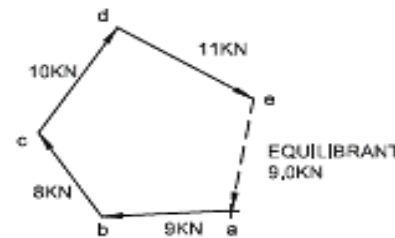
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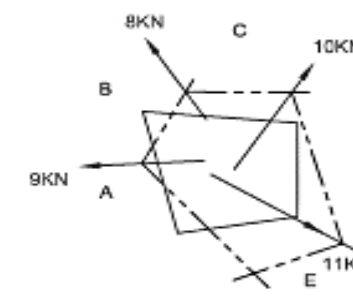
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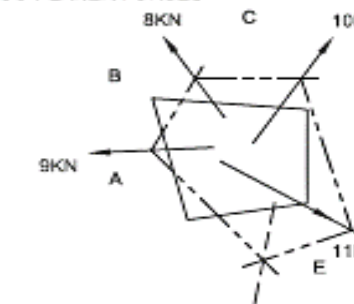
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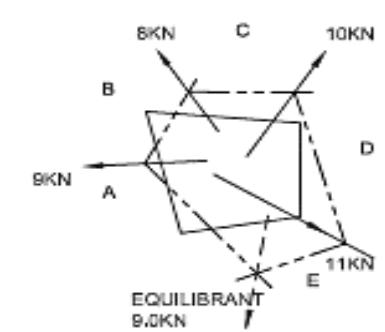
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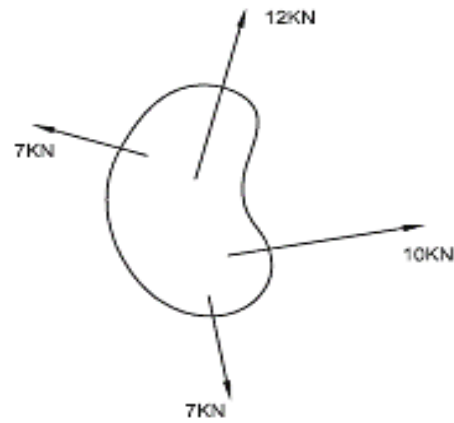


**STEP 15**  
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**EXERCISE 5 - NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES**

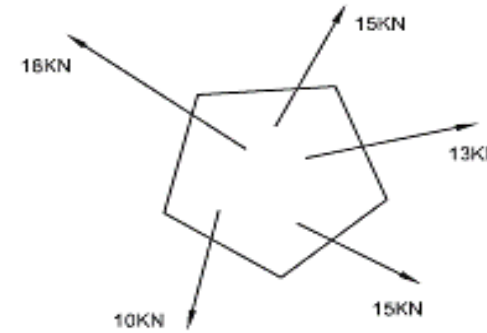
**GIVEN:** A SYSTEM OF NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES  
**REQUIRED:** 1. FIND THE MAGNITUDE AND DIRECTION OF THE RESULTANT FORCE  
 2. LOCATE THE POSITION OF THE RESULTANT FORCE ON THE GIVEN PLANE  
**NOTE:** USE THE GIVEN STARTING POINT TO LOCATE THE FIRST VECTOR.



START HERE SCALE 4mm : 1kN

**EXERCISE 6 - NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES**

**GIVEN:** A SYSTEM OF NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES  
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**NOTE:** USE THE GIVEN STARTING POINT TO LOCATE THE FIRST VECTOR.

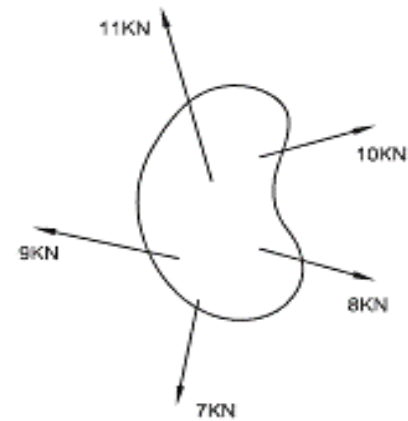


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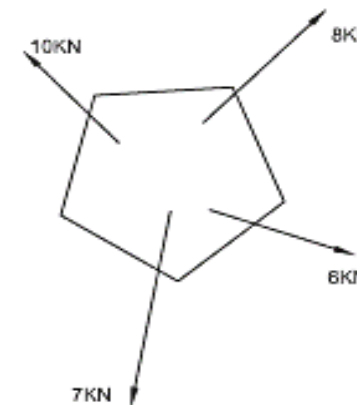
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**EXERCISE 8 - NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES**

**GIVEN:** A SYSTEM OF NON-CONCURRENT CO-PLANER FORCES  
**REQUIRED:** 1. FIND THE MAGNITUDE AND DIRECTION OF THE EQUILIBRANT FORCE  
 2. LOCATE THE POSITION OF THE EQUILIBRANT FORCE ON THE GIVEN PLANE  
**NOTE:** USE THE GIVEN STARTING POINT TO LOCATE THE FIRST VECTOR.



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