

STATIC EQUILIBRIUM

UNIT 1- SECTION 4
PHYSICS 3204

- There are two types

Type 1: Balancing forces (Translational)

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{net}} = \Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}$$

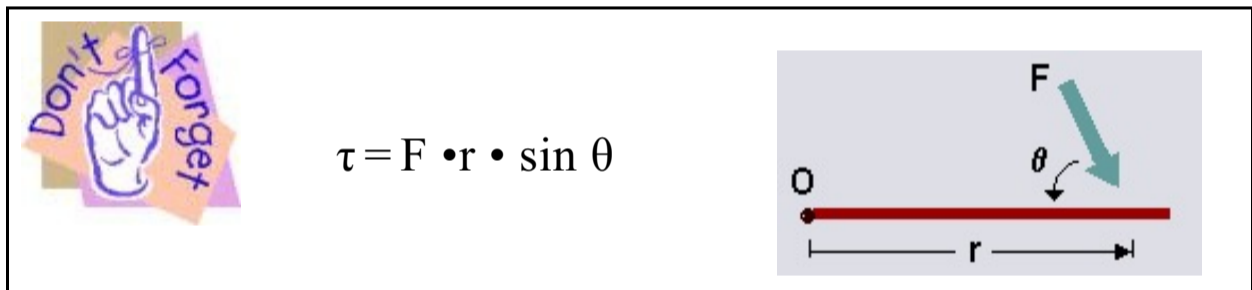
note must consider things in two dimensions

$$\Sigma F_x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma F_y = 0$$

- practice problems involve hanging picture frames (tension) and with booms.

Type 2: Balancing Torques (Rotation)

$$\Sigma \tau_{\text{cw}} = \Sigma \tau_{\text{ccw}}$$



Steps to solving problems:

- 1) Choose a pivot point and measure the radius from there. Note that there is no torque at the pivot point.
 - 2) Don't forget the center of mass, Use $F_g = mg$
- practice problems involve boom with an hinge, person on a beam, or person on a ladder.