The rigid rotor shown from a machine has unbalanced masses on disks $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$ and E as indicated. Discs B and F are to be used for balancing. The shaft rotates at $1000 \mathrm{rev} / \mathrm{min}$.
(i) Calculate the rotating forces on the bearings before balancing.
(ii) Determine the masses and their angular position that must be placed on B and F at a radius of 60 mm in order to produce complete balance.


## SOLUTION

Angular velocity $\omega=2 \pi \mathrm{~N} / 60=2 \pi(2000) / 60=209.4 \mathrm{rad} / \mathrm{s}$
(i)

Use the tabular method. Make A the reference plane. X is measured from B
Remember centrifugal force $=M \omega^{2} r$ and the moment about the ref plane is $M \omega^{2} r x$ First find the out of balance moment.

| Plane | Mass | Radius | x | Mr | Mrx |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 0.1 | 25 | 100 | 2.5 | 250 |
| D | 0.08 | 40 | 200 | 3.2 | 640 |
| E | 0.06 | 50 | 250 | 3.0 | 750 |

These are vectors and we must find the resultant Mrx vector. Draw vector diagram and produce the resultant as shown.

$\mathrm{R}=\left(29.5^{2}+625^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}=625.7 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \quad \theta=\tan ^{-1}(29.5 / 625)=2.7^{\circ}$
The out of balance moment is $\omega^{2} \times 625.7 \times 10^{-6}=209.4^{2} \times 625.7 \times 10^{-6}=27.44 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{~m}$ based on plane A.

The force on bearing G that produces an equal and opposite couple is $27.44 / 0.35=78.4 \mathrm{~N}$

We need the resultant force so we must draw the MR polygon.


The total Mr is $\left(0.602^{2}+4^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}=4.04 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}$.
The out of balance force $\mathrm{F}=4.04 \times 10^{-3} \times 209.4^{2}=177.1 \mathrm{~N}$
The force on bearing A is $177.1-78.4=98.7 \mathrm{~N}$ in the same direction.

angle shown with forces vertical
(ii) Take B as the reference plane

| Plane | Mass | Radius | x | Mr | Mrx |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}$ | 60 | 0 | $60 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}$ | 0 |
| C | 0.1 | 25 | 50 | 2.5 | 125 |
| D | 0.08 | 40 | 150 | 3.2 | 480 |
| E | 0.06 | 50 | 200 | 3.0 | 600 |
| F | $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}$ | 60 | 250 | $60 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}$ | $15000 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}$ |

Draw the MRx vector diagram.


For complete balance R must be the MRx value for the mass on disk F .
$\mathrm{R}=\left(239.6^{2}+425^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}=487.9 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \quad \theta=\tan ^{-1}(239.6 / 425)=29.4^{\circ}$
It follows that for complete balance $15000 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}=487.9 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$
$\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}=487.9 / 15000=0.0325 \mathrm{~kg}$
Now draw the MR vectors. Evaluate $60 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{F}}=1.952$

$\mathrm{R}=\left(1.53^{2}+0.845^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}=1.75 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}$
This represents the disc B so $60 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}=1.75 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{~mm}$
$\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{B}}=0.0292 \mathrm{~kg}$
The angle for mass $B$ is $\tan ^{-1}(1.53 / 0.845)=61^{\circ}$ left of vertical down.


