#8.2

Lugnuts on a car can handle 65 newton • meters of torque. For the situation shown, what is the maximum force that can be applied without damaging the lugnut?



We know that:
$$|\Gamma_{about axis}| = |\vec{r} \times \vec{F}|$$

= $|\vec{r}||\vec{F}|\sin\phi$

So:

$$|F| = \frac{\Gamma_{about axis}}{|\vec{r}| \sin \phi}$$

$$= \frac{(65 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m})}{(.33 \text{ m}) \sin 75^{\circ}}$$

$$= 204 \text{ newtons}$$

Note that the angle ϕ is the angle between the LINE OF THE TWO VECTORS.