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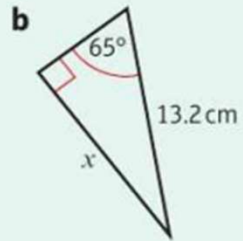
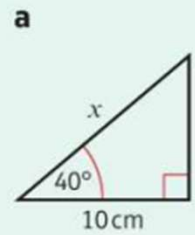
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Summary**

Prior knowledge check

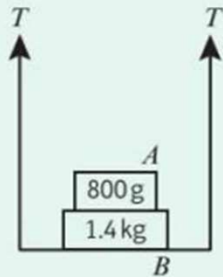
Prior knowledge check

1 Find the value of x in each of the following:



← GCSE Mathematics

2 Masses A and B rest on a light scale-pan supported by two strings, each with tension T .



Find:

- a** the value of T
- b** the normal reaction of the scale-pan on mass B
- c** the normal reaction of mass B on mass A .

← Year 1, Chapter 10

4.1) Moments

A moment has magnitude (Nm) and direction (clockwise or anticlockwise). It is the turning effect.

It is calculated as:

SIMPLE CASE where F and d are perpendicular: $F \times d$, but more generally:

$$F d \sin \theta$$

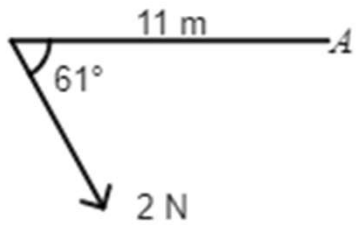
i.e. the product of the force causing the turn and the distance from the PIVOT and where the force acts. θ is the acute angle between the line which connects the force to the pivot and the direction of F.

Notes

Worked Example

646a: Calculate the moment of a force about a point.

Find the moment of the force about the point A .



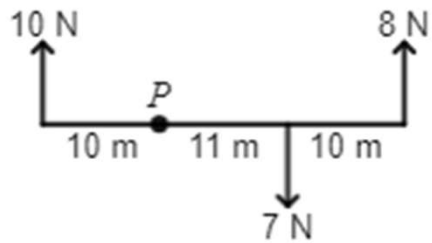
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

Nm anticlockwise

Worked Example

646b: Calculate the resulting moment of perpendicular forces about a point.

Find the resultant moment about the point P .

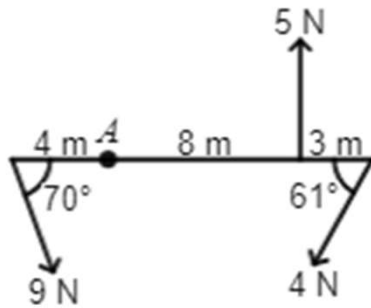


Nm clockwise

Worked Example

646c: Calculate the resulting moment of inclined forces about a point.

Find the resultant moment about the point A .



Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

Nm clockwise

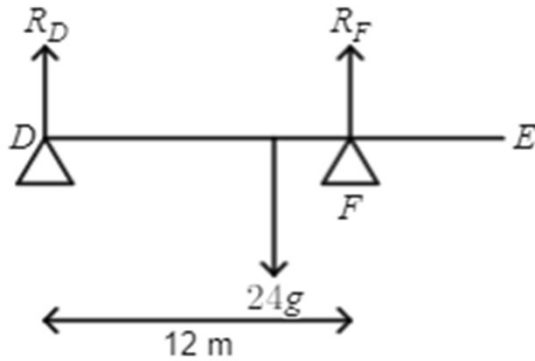
4.2) Resultant Moments

Notes

Worked Example

646d: Determine the reaction forces on a uniform rod resting on two supports.

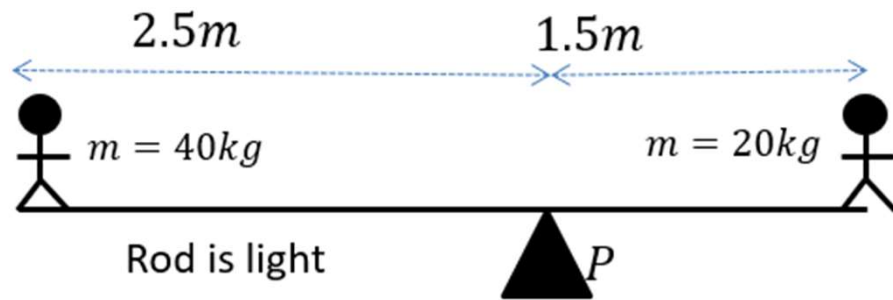
A uniform rod DE of mass 24 kg and length 18 m rests in equilibrium on supports at D and F with $DF = 12\text{ m}$.



Find the force exerted by each of the supports.

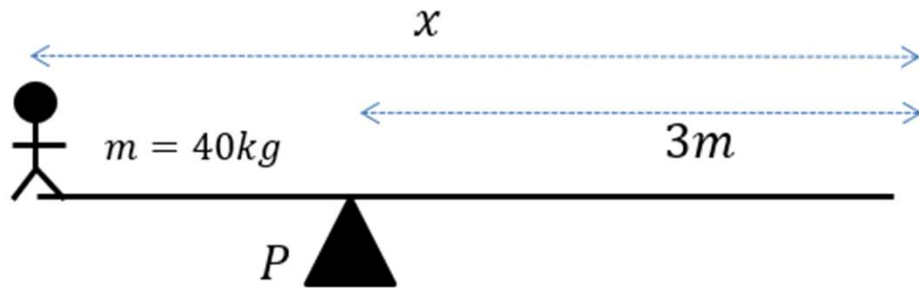
Worked Example

Find the resultant moment acting about P



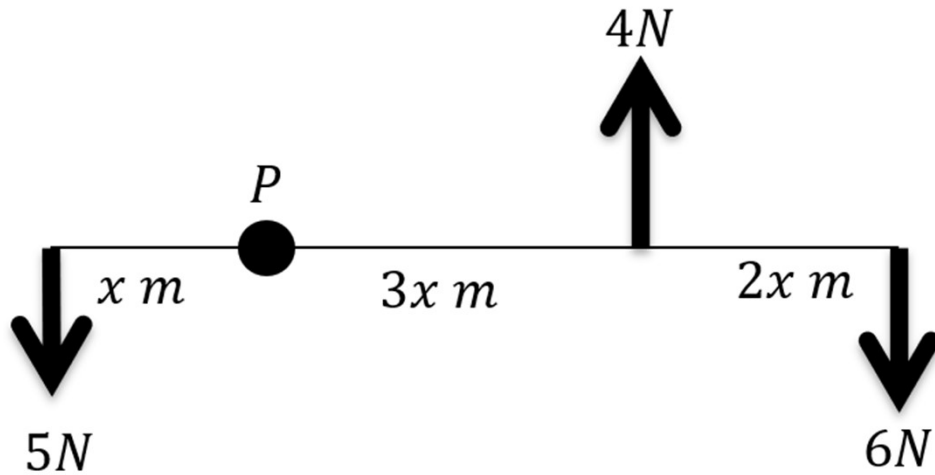
Worked Example

The rod is light. Calculate the resultant moment acting about P .



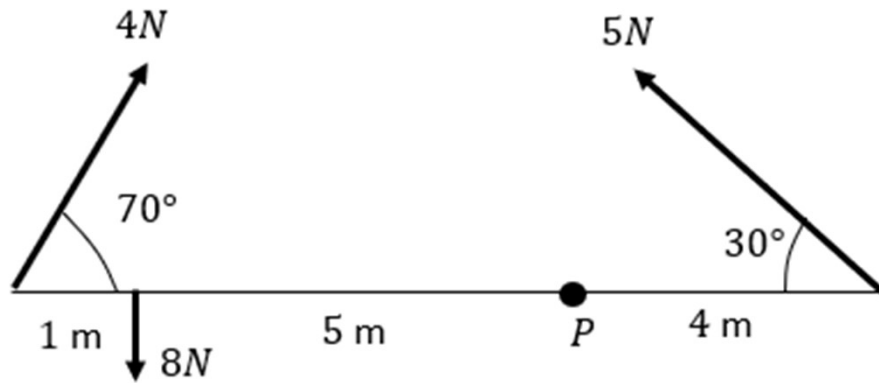
Worked Example

A set of forces act on a light rod.
The resultant moment of P is 26 Nm
clockwise. Find the value of x



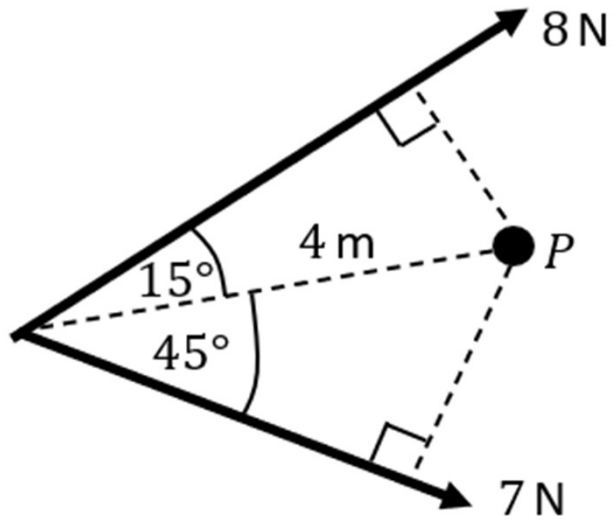
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4.3) Equilibrium

Forces AND moments are balanced

Resultant force = 0

Anticlockwise moments = clockwise moments
about any point

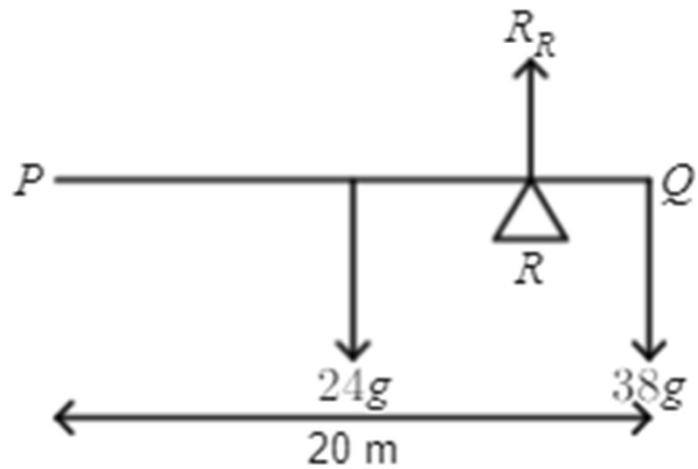
Notes

Worked Example

646f: Determine the distance of a support from a point on a uniform rod when the rod is in equilibrium.

A uniform beam PQ of mass 24 kg and length 20 m rests in equilibrium on a single support R .

An object of mass 38 kg is attached to the beam at Q



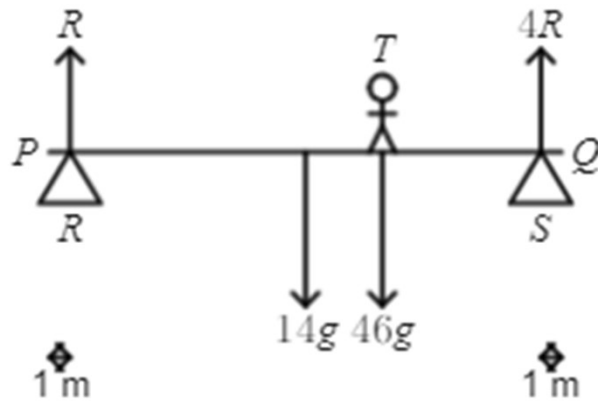
Find the distance PR .

Worked Example

646g: Determine a distance on a uniform rod when reaction forces are connected.

A uniform beam PQ of mass 14 kg and length 25 m rests in equilibrium on supports at R and S with $PR = 1\text{ m}$ and $QS = 1\text{ m}$.

When a man of mass 46 kg stands on the beam at T , the magnitude of the reaction at S is 4 times the magnitude of the reaction at R .

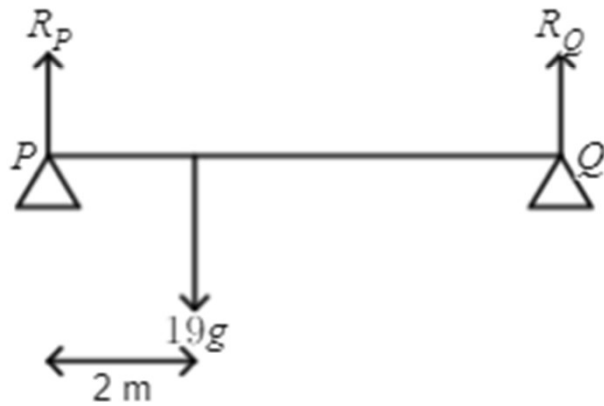


Find the distance PT .

Worked Example

646h: Determine the reaction forces on a non-uniform rod resting on two supports.

A non-uniform beam PQ of mass 19 kg and length 7 m rests in equilibrium on supports at P and Q . The centre of mass is 2 m away from P .



Find the force exerted by each of the supports.

Worked Example

A uniform beam AB , of mass 20 kg and length 10m, rests horizontally on supports at C and D , where $AC = DB = 2$ m.

When a man of mass 60kg stands on the beam at E the magnitude of the reaction at D is three times the magnitude of the reaction at C .

By modelling the beam as a rod and the man as a particle, find the distance AE .

Worked Example

A uniform rod AB has length 5 m and mass 20 kg .

The rod is in equilibrium in a horizontal position, resting on two smooth supports at C and D , where $AC = 0.4$ metres and $DB = x$ metres.

Given that the magnitude of the reaction on the rod at D is three times the magnitude of the reaction on the rod at C , find the value of x

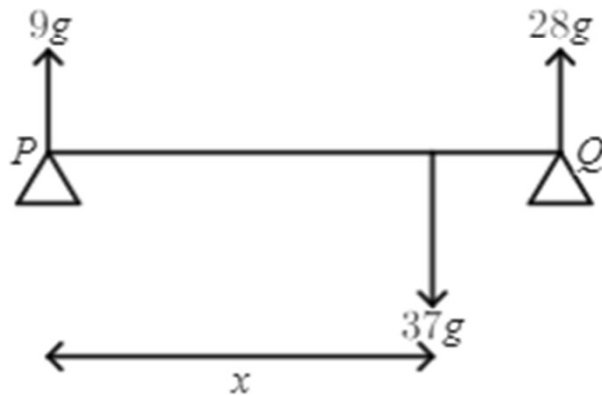
4.4) Centres of mass

Notes

Worked Example

646i: Determine the centre of mass of a non-uniform rod resting on two supports.

A non-uniform beam PQ of mass 37 kg and length 12 m rests in equilibrium on supports at P and Q . The reactions at these supports are $9g\text{ N}$ and $28g\text{ N}$ respectively.

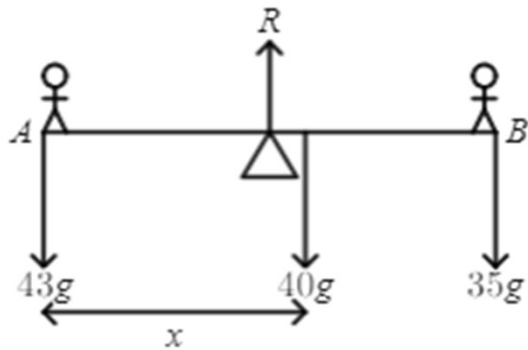


Find the distance of the centre of mass of the beam from P .

Worked Example

646j: Determine the centre of mass of a non-uniform rod resting on a single support.

A non-uniform beam AB of mass 40 kg and length 19 m is pivoted at the midpoint of the rod. The plank is in equilibrium in a horizontal position when a child of mass 43 kg sits at A and a child of mass 35 kg sits at B .



Find the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from A .

Worked Example

Sam and Tamsin are sitting on a non-uniform plank AB of mass 45kg and length 2m .

The plank is pivoted at M , the midpoint of AB .

The centre of mass of AB is at C where AC is 0.8 . Sam has mass 70 kg .

Tamsin has mass 50 kg and sits at A .

Where must Sam sit for the plank to be horizontal?

Worked Example

A non-uniform rod AB is 6 m long and has weight 40 N .

It is in a horizontal position resting on supports at points C and D , where $AC = 0.5\text{ m}$ and $AD = 5\text{ m}$.

The magnitude of the reaction at C is four times the magnitude of the reaction at D .

Find the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from A

4.5) Tilting

Notes

Worked Example

A uniform beam AB , of mass 54kg and length 8m , rests horizontally on supports C and D where $AC = 2\text{ m}$ and $CD = 7\text{ m}$.

When an object is placed at A , the beam is on the point of tilting about C .

Determine the mass of the object.

Worked Example

A non-uniform rod AB , of length 5 m and weight 80 N, is suspended from a pair of light cables attached to C and D where $AC = 2$ m and $BD = 1$ m.

When a weight of 50 N is hung from A the rod is on the point of rotating.

Find the distance of the centre of mass of the rod from A .

Worked Example

A beam AB has length 25 m . The beam rests horizontally in equilibrium on two smooth supports at the points P and Q , where $AP = 4\text{ m}$ and $QB = 5\text{ m}$.

When an adult of mass 60 kg stands on the beam at A , the beam remains in equilibrium and is on the point of tilting about P .

When the same child stands on the beam at B , the beam remains in equilibrium and is on the point of tilting about Q .

The child is modelled as a particle and the beam is modelled as a non-uniform rod.

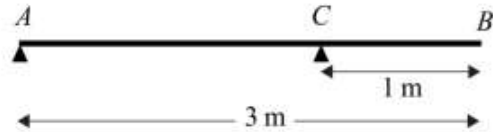
- a) Find the mass of the beam
- b) Find the distance of the centre of mass of the beam from A

Past Paper Questions

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Figure 3



A uniform beam AB has mass 12 kg and length 3 m . The beam rests in equilibrium in a horizontal position, resting on two smooth supports. One support is at the end A , the other at a point C on the beam, where $BC = 1\text{ m}$, as shown in Figure 3. The beam is modelled as a uniform rod.

(a) Find the reaction on the beam at C .

(3)

A woman of mass 48 kg stands on the beam at the point D . The beam remains in equilibrium. The reactions on the beam at A and C are now equal.

(b) Find the distance AD .

(7)



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- Formula Booklet
- Past Papers
- Practice Papers
- past paper Qs by topic

Past paper practice by topic. Both new and old specification can be found via this link on hgsmaths.com

Diagram (p) showing a beam with forces: $2g$ (down at A), $48g$ (up at D), $15g$ (up at C), and $2g$ (down at B). Distance $AD = x$.

Diagram (q) showing a beam with forces: $15g$ (up at C) and $8g$ (down at B).

Equations for (p):

$$M(A): 2 \times 3 = 15g \times 1.2 + 48g \times x$$

$$2 = 30g$$

$$32 = 48g + 15g$$

$$8 = 63g$$

Equations for (q):

$$M(A): 15g \times 1.2 = 8 \times 3$$

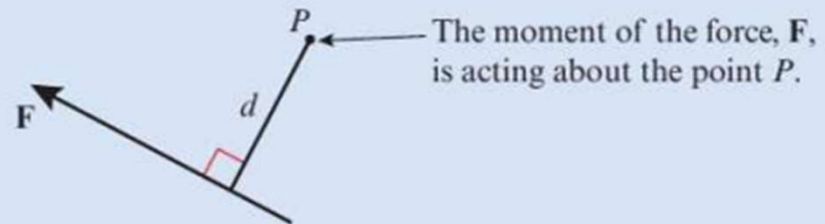
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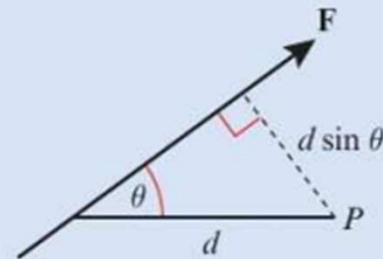
Summary of Key Points

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1 Moment of \mathbf{F} about $P = |\mathbf{F}| \times d$ clockwise



2 Moment of \mathbf{F} about $P = |\mathbf{F}| \times d \sin \theta$ clockwise



3 The sum of the moments acting on a body is called the resultant moment.

4 When a rigid body is in equilibrium the resultant force in any direction is 0N and the resultant moment about any point is 0N m.

5 When a rigid body is on the point of tilting about a pivot, the reaction at any other support (or the tension in any other wire or string) is zero.