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Examples / Teeter

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```
module Examples.Teeter where
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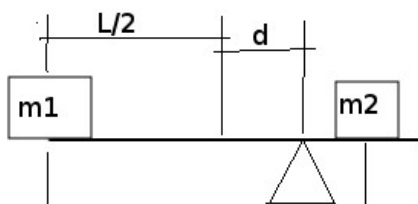
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import Dimensions.TypeLevel
import Dimensions.Quantity
import Prelude hiding (length)
```

Two boxes, m_1 and m_2 , rests on a beam in balance.

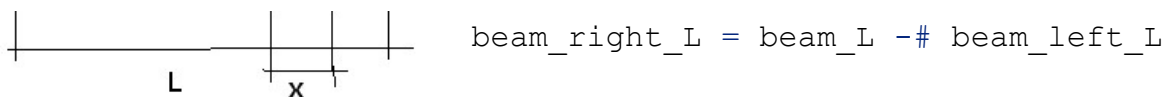
Known values:

```
beam_M = 1.0 # mass
m1 = 2.0 # mass
m2 = 5.0 # mass
d = 0.75 # length
beam_L = 5.0 # length
two = 2.0 # one
g = 9.0 # acceleration
```



Direct implication:

```
beam_left_L = (beam_L /# two) +# d
```



We want to be able to represent the torques.

A torque (sv. vridmoment) is defined as:

$$\tau = \text{distance from turning point} \cdot \text{force}$$

$$\tau = \text{distance from turning point} \cdot \text{mass} \cdot \text{gravitation}$$

$$m1_torq = m1 \cdot (g \cdot \text{beam_left_L})$$

To get the beam's torque on one side, we need to divide by 2 because the beam's torque is spread out linearly (the density of the beam is equal everywhere), which means the left part's mass centre is *half the distance* of the left part's total length.

$$\text{beam}L_{\tau} = \text{beam}L_M \cdot \text{gravity} \cdot \frac{\text{beam left length}}{2}$$

where

$$\text{beam}L_M = \frac{\text{beam left length}}{\text{beam length}} \cdot \text{beam}_M$$

$$\text{beamL_torq} = ((\text{beam_left_L} / \text{beam_L}) \cdot (\text{beam_M} \cdot g)) \cdot (\text{beam_left_L} / 2)$$

$$\text{beamR_torq} = ((\text{beam_right_L} / \text{beam_L}) \cdot (\text{beam_M} \cdot g)) \cdot (\text{beam_right_L} / 2)$$

We make an expression for $m2_{\tau}$, which involves our unknown distance x .

$$m2_{\tau} = m2 \cdot \text{gravitation} \cdot x$$

For the teeter to be in balance, both sides' torques should be equal.

$$\text{Left side torque} = \text{Right side angular torque}$$

We try to break out $m2_{\tau}$ and then x .

$$m1_{\tau} + \text{beam}L_{\tau} = m2_{\tau} + \text{beam}R_{\tau}$$

$$m1_{\tau} + \text{beam}L_{\tau} - \text{beam}R_{\tau} = m2_{\tau}$$

$$\text{the distance } x = \frac{m_2 \tau}{m_2 \cdot \text{gravitation}}$$

Our solution:

```
x = (m1_torq +# beamL_torq -# beamR_torq) /# (m2 *# g)
```

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m2_torq = (m2 *# g) *# x
```

```
left_side_torque = m1_torq +# beamL_torq
right_side_torque = m2_torq +# beamR_torq
```

We can control that both sides total torque are equal, and that the dimensions of x is a length.

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