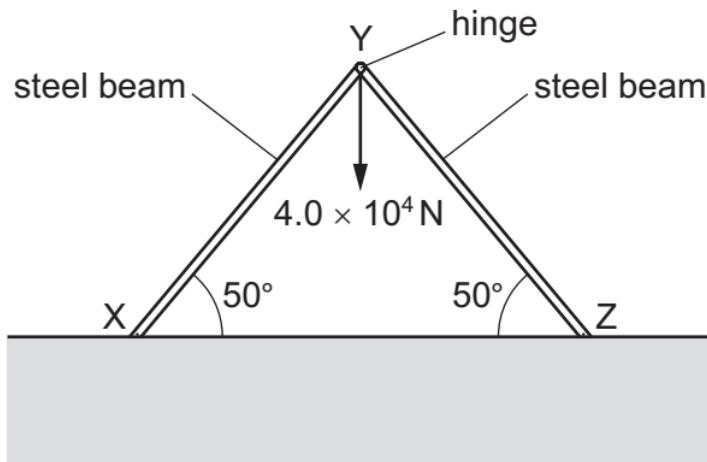


- 14 Two rigid steel beams XY and YZ are fixed at their lower ends and are hinged at Y. Each beam is inclined at 50° to the horizontal, as shown. A weight of $4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ hangs from Y. The structure is in equilibrium.



What is the force exerted by each beam on the hinge at Y?

- A $2.6 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ B $3.1 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ C $5.2 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$ D $6.2 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$