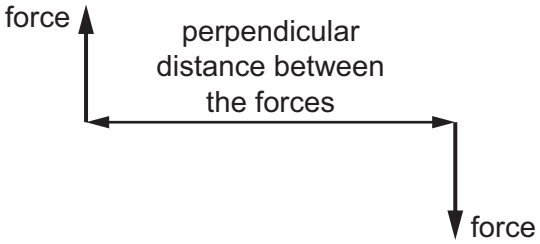
17 The diagram shows a couple.



How is the torque of the couple calculated?

A $\frac{1}{2}$ × perpendicular distance between the forces × magnitude of one of the forces

B perpendicular distance between the forces × magnitude of one of the forces

C perpendicular distance between the forces × magnitude of the sum of the forces

D 2 × perpendicular distance between the forces × magnitude of one of the forces