2 A rod AB is hinged to a wall at A. The rod is held horizontally by means of a cord BD, attached to the rod at end B and to the wall at D, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

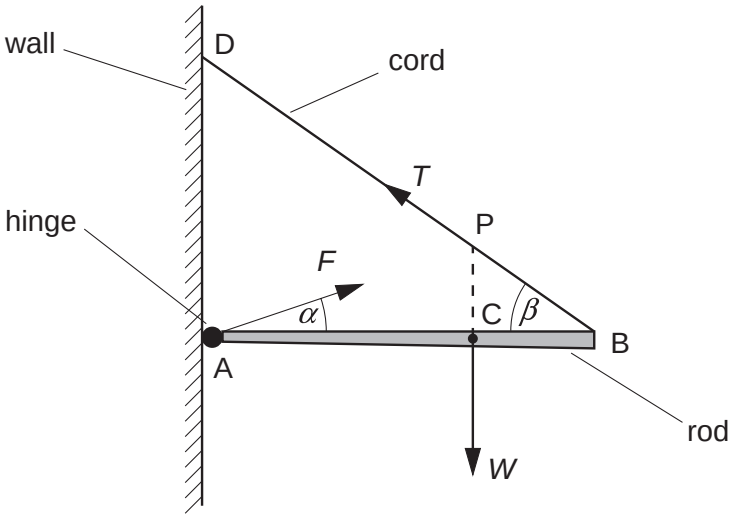

Fig. 2.1

The rod has weight *W* and the centre of gravity of the rod is at C. The rod is held in equilibrium by a force *T* in the cord and a force *F* produced at the hinge.

(a) Explain what is meant by

(i) the *centre of gravity* of a body,

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(ii) the *equilibrium* of a body.

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(b) The line of action of the weight *W* of the rod passes through the cord at point P.

Explain why, for the rod to be in equilibrium, the force *F* produced at the hinge must also pass through point P.

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(c) The forces *F* and *T* make angles α and β respectively with the rod and AC = $\frac{2}{3}$AB, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

Write down equations, in terms of *F*, *W*, *T*, α and β, to represent

(i) the resolution of forces horizontally,

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(ii) the resolution of forces vertically,

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(iii) the taking of moments about A.

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