

- 3 (a) State the principle of moments.

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- (b) In a bicycle shop, two wheels hang from a horizontal uniform rod AC, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

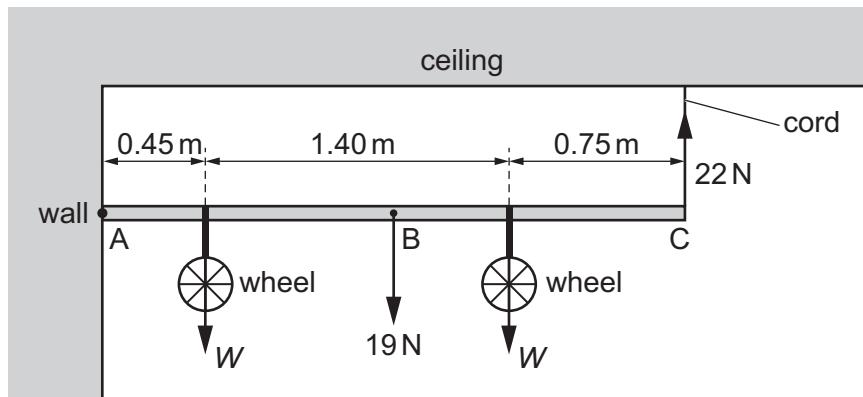


Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

The rod has weight 19 N and is freely hinged to a wall at end A. The other end C of the rod is attached by a vertical elastic cord to the ceiling. The centre of gravity of the rod is at point B. The weight of each wheel is W and the tension in the cord is 22 N.

- (i) By taking moments about end A, show that the weight W of each wheel is 14 N.

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- (ii) Determine the magnitude and the direction of the force acting on the rod at end A.

magnitude = N

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- (c) The unstretched length of the cord in (b) is 0.25 m. The variation with length L of the tension F in the cord is shown in Fig. 3.2.

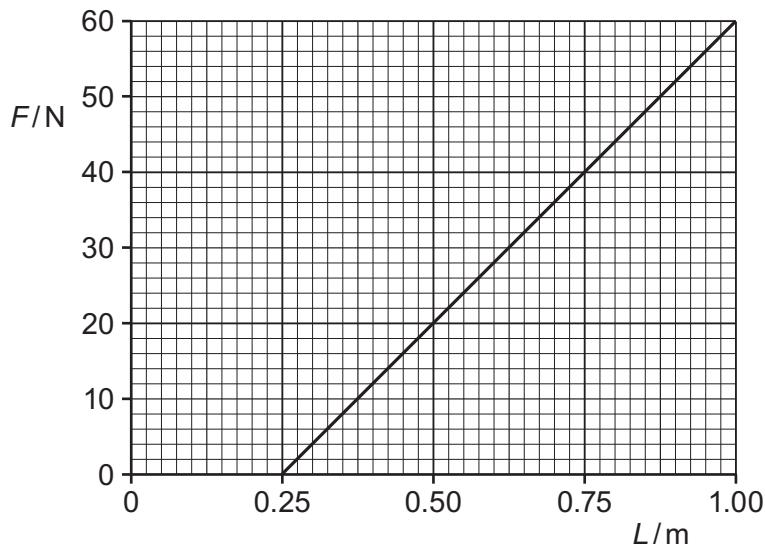


Fig. 3.2

- (i) State and explain whether Fig. 3.2 suggests that the cord obeys Hooke's law.

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- (ii) Calculate the spring constant k of the cord.

$$k = \dots \text{ N m}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (iii) On Fig. 3.2, shade the area that represents the work done to extend the cord when the tension is increased from $F = 0$ to $F = 40$ N. [1]