

- 3 (a) Define the *torque* of a couple.

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- (b) A torque wrench is a type of spanner for tightening a nut and bolt to a particular torque, as illustrated in Fig. 3.1.

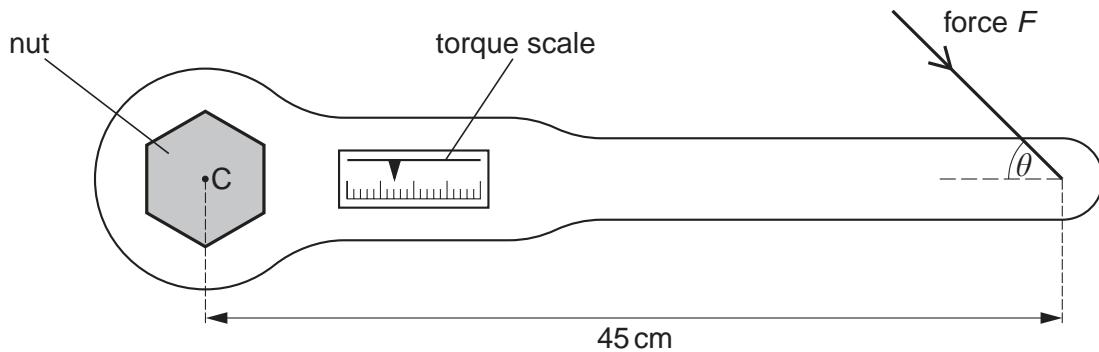


Fig. 3.1

The wrench is put on the nut and a force is applied to the handle. A scale indicates the torque applied.

The wheel nuts on a particular car must be tightened to a torque of 130 Nm. This is achieved by applying a force F to the wrench at a distance of 45 cm from its centre of rotation C. This force F may be applied at any angle θ to the axis of the handle, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

For the minimum value of F to achieve this torque,

- (i) state the magnitude of the angle θ that should be used,

$$\theta = \dots \text{ } [1]$$

- (ii) calculate the magnitude of F .

$$F = \dots \text{ N} [2]$$