

- 2 Fig. 2.1 shows a body P supported by 3 wires under tension. The tension in each wire is represented by T_1 , T_2 and T_3 . Body Q sits on a flat surface.

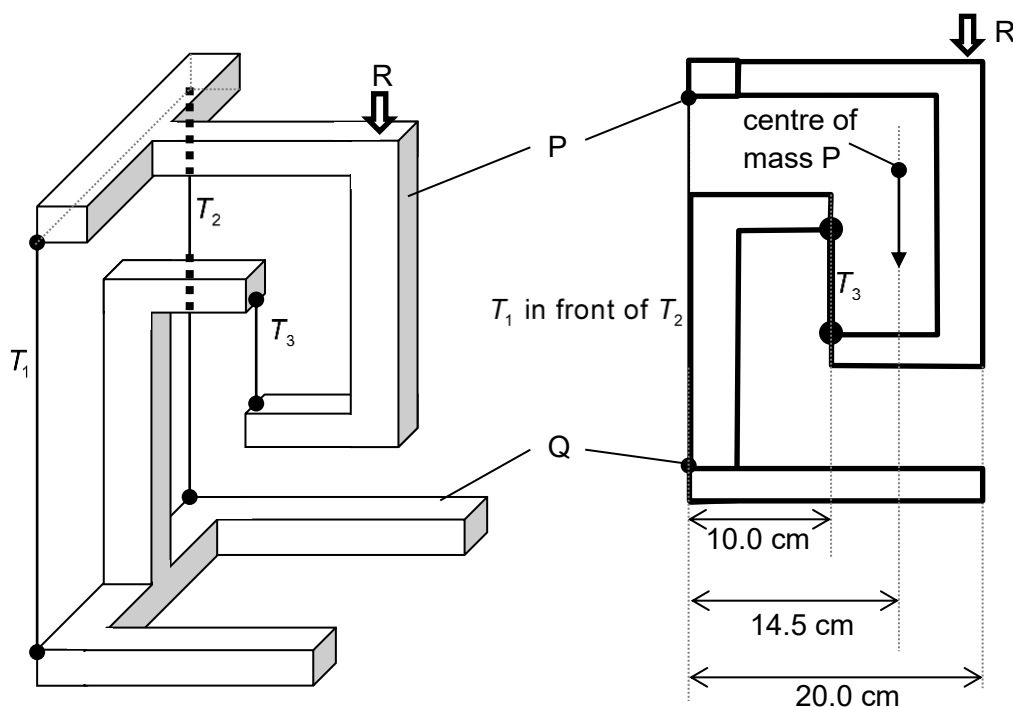


Fig. 2.1

Fig. 2.2

Fig. 2.2 shows the side view of the 2 structures. The mass of body P is 350 g, and acts at a point along a vertical that is 14.5 cm away from wires under tension T_1 and T_2 .

- (a) On Fig. 2.1, draw arrows to indicate the direction of tensile forces in each of the 3 wires acting on body P. [1]
- (b) At equilibrium, the magnitude of tensile forces in wire 1 and wire 2 is the same, $|T_1| = |T_2|$.
Determine the magnitude of T_3 .

$$T_3 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ N} \quad [2]$$

- (c) Without further calculation, explain which of the wire(s) is/are more likely to break if a further load is placed onto the structure at location R.

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