

- 3 A non-uniform bar AB makes an angle of 60° with a horizontal surface, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

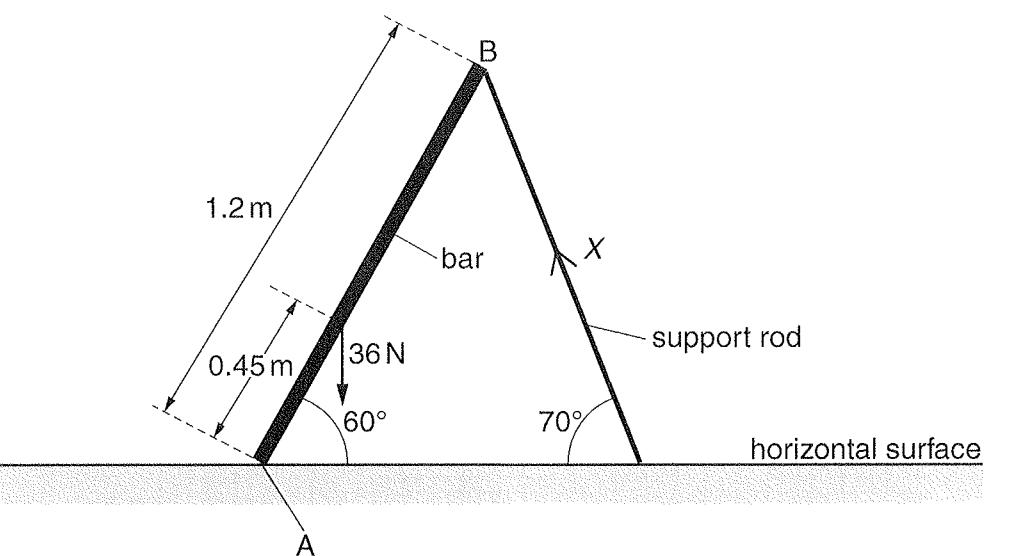


Fig. 3.1

The bar is hinged at A and is supported by a rod at B. The force X produced by the rod at B acts at an angle of 70° to the horizontal.

The bar has a length of 1.2 m and a weight of 36 N.

The centre of gravity of the bar is 0.45 m from A.

- (a) Use the principle of moments to show that the magnitude of X is 8.8 N.

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- (b) A force F acts on the bar at A.

- (i). Explain why a force is required to act on the bar at A to keep the bar in equilibrium.

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(ii) Calculate the magnitude of F .

$$F = \dots\dots\dots\dots\dots N [3]$$

(iii) On Fig. 3.1, draw an arrow to show the approximate direction of F .

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