



A mulching machine with center of gravity G has a total weight of W lbs and is supported by two wheels at B and C and a smooth contact point at A . Determine the vertical support reactions.

$$\Sigma(M_x)_A = 0 \rightarrow d_1 N_B - d_1 N_C = 0 \rightarrow N_B = N_C$$

$$\Sigma(M_y)_B = 0 \rightarrow d_2 W - (d_2 + d_3) N_A = 0 \rightarrow N_A = \frac{d_2}{d_2 + d_3} W$$

$$\Sigma F_z = 0 \rightarrow N_A + N_B + N_C - W = 0 \rightarrow N_B = N_C = \frac{W - N_A}{2}$$