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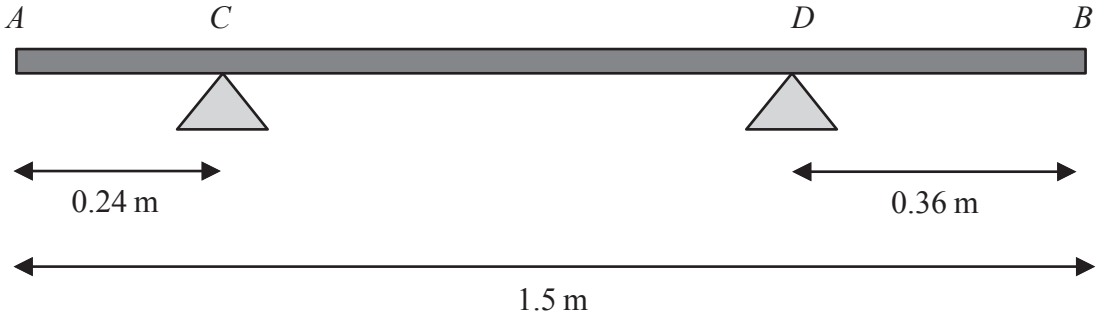


Figure 1

A branch AB, of length 1.5 m, rests horizontally in equilibrium on two supports.

The two supports are at the points C and D, where $AC = 0.24\,\text{m}$ and $DB = 0.36\,\text{m}$, as shown in Figure 1.

When a force of 150 N is applied vertically upwards at B, the branch is on the point of tilting about C.

When a force of 225 N is applied vertically downwards at B, the branch is on the point of tilting about D.

The branch is modelled as a non-uniform rod AB of weight W newtons.

The distance from the point C to the centre of mass of the rod is x metres.

Use the model to find

(i) the value of W

(ii) the value of x

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