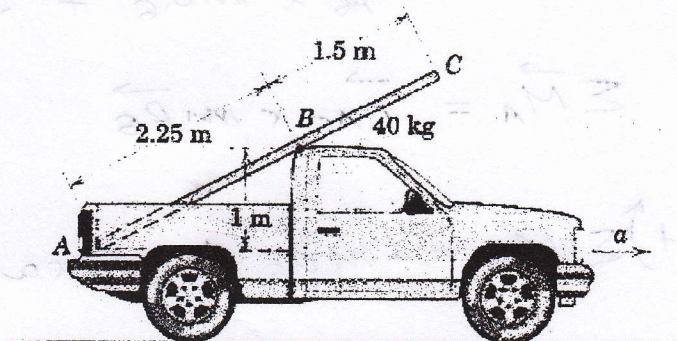
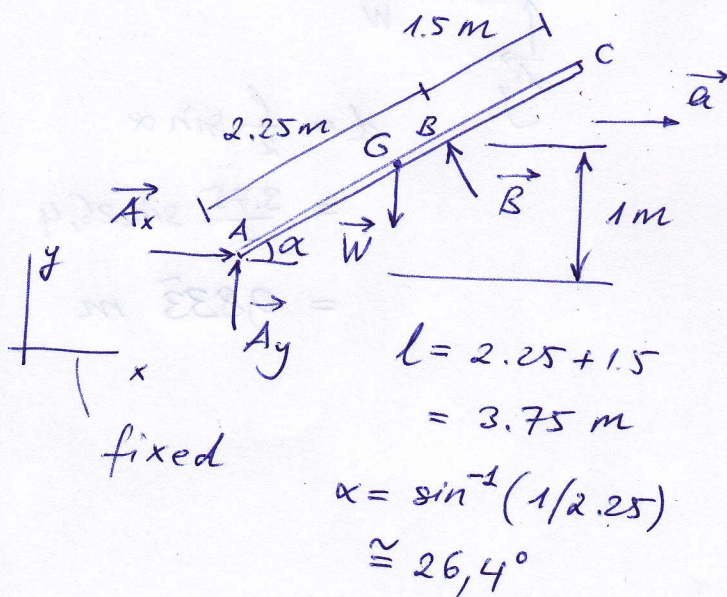


Problem: The uniform 40-kg plank is supported in the pickup truck at its end A and at B where it rests on the smooth top of the cab. Calculate the contact force at B if the truck starts forward with an acceleration of $a = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$. ($I_G = \frac{1}{12}ml^2$)



Solution: FBD:



Equations of motion:

$$\sum F_x = ma_x :$$

$$A_x - B \sin \alpha = ma_x \quad (1)$$

$$\sum F_y = may :$$

$$A_y - W + B \cos \alpha = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$+\uparrow \sum M_G = I_G \alpha :$$

$$A_x \cdot (l/2) \sin \alpha + B(l/2 - 1.5) - A_y (l/2) \cos \alpha = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow A_x = ma_x + B \sin \alpha \quad (4)$$

$$(2) \rightarrow A_y = W - B \cos \alpha \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (4), (5) \rightarrow (3) : & -ma_x(l/2) \sin \alpha + W(l/2) \cos \alpha \\ & = B \{ (l/2 - 1.5) + (l/2) \sin^2 \alpha + (l/2) \cos^2 \alpha \} \\ & = B \{ L - 1.5 \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{(40 \cdot 9.81 \cdot \cos 26,4^\circ / 2 - 40 \cdot 4 \cdot \sin 26,4^\circ / 2) \cdot 3.75}{(3.75 - 1.5)} = \frac{233,6}{2.25} \text{ N}$$

Alternatively:

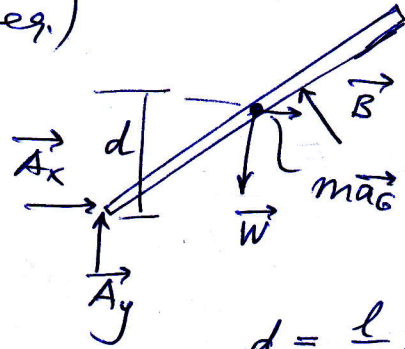
$$\begin{aligned}\sum \vec{M}_A &= \vec{r}_{AG} \times m\vec{a}_G + \sum \vec{M}_G \\ &= \vec{r}_{AG} \times m\vec{a}_G + \cancel{I_G \vec{\alpha}}_0\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \vec{M}_A = \vec{r}_{AG} \times m\vec{a}_G$$

$$\rightarrow +) \sum M_A = -m a_G d \quad (\text{scalar eq.})$$

$$B \cdot 2.25 - W \frac{3.75}{2} \cos \alpha = -40 \cdot 4 \cdot 0.833$$

$$\underline{B = 233.7 \text{ N}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}d &= \frac{l}{2} \sin \alpha \\ &= \frac{3.75}{2} \sin 26.4 \\ &= 0.833 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$