# Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown with one finger under each of the points A, B and C.

Can the body be supported this way?





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What are the force magnitudes at A, B and C in order from smallest to largest?

- AB is 5 cm long and weighs 5 N, BC is 7 cm long and weighs 7 N
- the mass is uniformly distributed.





### What are the force magnitudes at A, B and C in order from smallest to largest?

Hint: Think of the forces required to sustain the weight of AB by itself, then the forces required to sustain the weight of BC by itself, and then combine.





# Intuitive approach

Combine:

- forces required to balance weight of AB alone
- forces required to balance weight of BC alone



Which forces contribute to the moment summation  $\Sigma M|_{Ax} = 0$ ?

(Neglect thickness compared with long dimensions)



# In the moment summation $\Sigma M|_{Ax} = 0$ , the moment arm for C is:







### **Imposition of Equilibrium Equations**

In the moment summation  $\Sigma M|_{Ax} = 0$ , force C contributes a moment which is:





#### **Imposition of Equilibrium Equations**

$$\Sigma M|_{Ax} = C(7) - 7(7/2) = 0$$

C = 7/2 N



### **Imposition of Equilibrium Equations**

Which forces contribute to the moment summation  $\Sigma M|_{By} = 0$ ?



In the moment summation  $\Sigma M|_{By} = 0$ , the moment arm for A is:



In the moment summation  $\Sigma M|_{By} = 0$ , force A contributes a moment which is:



$$\Sigma M|_{By} = -A(5) + 5(5/2) = 0$$

A = 5/2 N



$$A = 5/2 N, C = 7/2 N$$

$$\Sigma F_z = A + B + C - 7 - 5 = 0$$

B = 6 N



Can the member be supported by one finger under some point of the body?



No

### **Equilibrium in 3-D: Center of Gravity**

Locate single force which is statically equivalent to the 7 N and 5 N forces



12 N force must produce the same moments  $M|_x$  and  $M|_y$  as the original forces:



"L" member cannot be supported by one finger under some point of the body, because the "L" center of gravity is located outside its boundary

Can the member be supported by two fingers, each under a different point of the body?



Select one support point D at a distance d from B along BC.

Can you always balance the member with a second support point E at a distance e from B along BC (no matter where D is between B and C)?





View Member from top (gravity still acts along -z) One finger is placed at D near end of long member. Where should support point E be?



Support point E should be along line connecting D and center of gravity.





If E is not on line P-P, it produces an unbalanced moment

- let E be at end of short member.
- again D must be on the line joining E and centroid.
- if D is any lower, E would have to be off the end of member



**Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by:** 

- two fingers applying upward forces
- a nut driver applying <u>only a couple</u> to the nut located near B

The member can be balanced by a couple of the right magnitude and direction acting at B and forces applied to the following pairs of points:

A and B:YesGrNoPiA and C:YesGrNoPiB and C:YesGrNoPi



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### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at B and C

The couple applied to the nut to maintain equilibrium is described by:



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Couple is  $M_v < 0$ .

What is the magnitude M of the couple applied at the nut?

$$M = (7.0)(3.5) \text{ N-cm} \quad Gr$$
$$M = (2.5)(2.5) \text{ N-cm} \quad Pi$$
$$M = (7.0)(2.5) \text{ N-cm} \quad Bl$$
$$M = (12) (2.5) \text{ N-cm} \quad Ye$$
$$M = (5.0) (2.5) \text{ N-cm} \quad Wh$$



Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at B and C

With fingers under B and C, what is the magnitude of the couple applied at the nut?

Set 
$$\Sigma M|_{Bv} = 5(5/2) - M = 0$$

M = (5)(2.5) N-cm **Wh** 

![](_page_26_Picture_5.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at B and C

Given the whole member weighs 12 N, what are the forces exerted by the fingers?

$$B = 5.0 \text{ N}, C = 7.0 \text{ N}$$
 Gr  

$$B = 8.5 \text{ N}, C = 3.5 \text{ N}$$
 Pi  

$$B = 7.5 \text{ N}, C = 4.5 \text{ N}$$
 Bl  

$$B = 3.5 \text{ N}, C = 8.5 \text{ N}$$
 Ye  

$$B = 9.5 \text{ N}, C = 3.5 \text{ N}$$
 Wh

![](_page_27_Figure_4.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at B and C

Given the whole member weighs 12 N, and there are fingers under B and C, what are the forces exerted by the fingers?

$$\Sigma M|_{Bx} = 7(7/5) - C(7) = 0$$

$$\Sigma F_z = B + C - 12 = 0$$

$$7 \text{ cm}$$
  $5 \text{ N}$   
7 cm  $3 \text{ cm}$   $5 \text{ N}$   
 $5 \text{ cm}$   
 $5 \text{ cm}$ 

B = 8.5 N, C = 3.5 N **Pi** 

Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

![](_page_29_Picture_2.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

The couple applied to the nut to maintain equilibrium is described by:

![](_page_30_Figure_3.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

Given the whole member weighs 12 N, what are the forces exerted by the fingers?

$$A = 5.0 \text{ N}, C = 7 \text{ N}$$
Gr $A = 8.5 \text{ N}, C = 3.5 \text{ N}$ Pi $A = 7.5 \text{ N}, C = 4.5 \text{ N}$ Bl $A = 3.5 \text{ N}, C = 8.5 \text{ N}$ Ye $A = 9.5 \text{ N}, C = 3.5 \text{ N}$ Wh

![](_page_31_Figure_4.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

Given the whole member weighs 12 N, and there are fingers under A and C, what are the forces exerted by the fingers?

$$\Sigma M|_{Ax} = 7(7/5) - C(7) = 0$$

 $\Sigma F_z = A + C - 12 = 0$ 

$$A = 8.5 N, C = 3.5 N$$
 Pi

![](_page_32_Figure_6.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

The couple applied to the nut to maintain equilibrium is described by  $M_v > 0$ :

What is the magnitude of the couple applied at the screw?

$$M = 8.75$$
 N-cmGr $M = 12.5$  N-cmPi $M = 30$  N-cmBl $M = 42.5$  N-cmYe $M = 55$  N-cmWh

![](_page_33_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Consider supporting the member in the orientation shown by applying: a couple to the nut located near B + two forces with the fingers at C and A

7 N

The couple applied to the nut to maintain equilibrium is described is  $M_v > 0$ :

$$\Sigma M|_{By} = +5(5/2) - 8.5(5) + M = 0$$
  
 $M = 30 \text{ N-cm}$ 
Bl
 $3.5 \text{ N}$ 
 $7 \text{ cm}$ 
 $M = 5 \text{ cm}$ 
 $5 \text{ cm}$ 
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