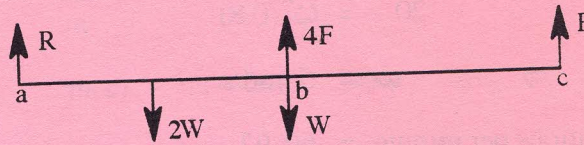


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Moments about a

$$4F(1) + F(2) =$$

$$2W(0.5) + W(1)$$

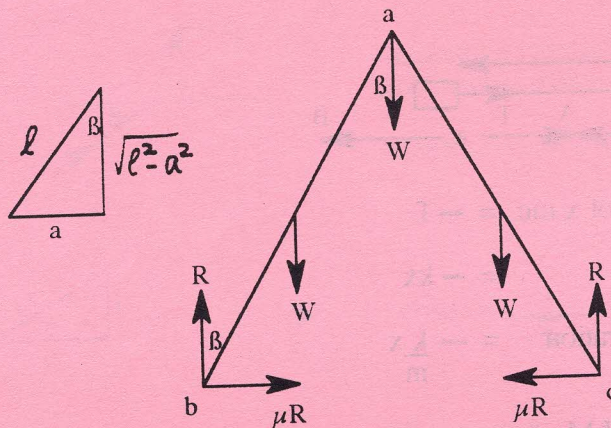
$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{W}{3}$$

Resolve vertically

$$R + 5F = 3W$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{4W}{3}$$

(b)



Force W at a

Other forces

$$\text{Resolve vertically: } 2R = 3W$$

$$R = \frac{3W}{2}$$

Moments about a for rod ab

$$\mu R \cdot l \cos \beta + W \cdot \frac{1}{2} l \sin \beta =$$

$$R \cdot l \sin \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu R + \frac{1}{2} W \tan \beta = R \tan \beta$$

$$\mu R = \frac{2}{3} R \tan \beta$$

$$\mu = \frac{2a}{3\sqrt{l^2 - a^2}}$$