

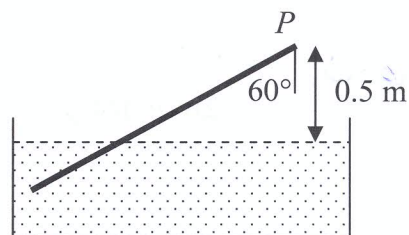
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(b)

A uniform rod, of length 1.5 m and weight  $W$ , is freely hinged at a point  $P$ .

The rod is free to move about a horizontal axis through  $P$ .

The other end of the rod is immersed in water.



The point  $P$  is 0.5 m above the surface of the water.

The rod is in equilibrium and is inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the vertical.

Find (i) the relative density of the rod

(ii) the reaction at the hinge in terms of  $W$ .

(i)

length of immersed part =  $x$

$$(1.5 - x)\cos 60 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

moments about  $P$ :

$$B\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)\sin 60 = W\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\sin 60$$

$$\text{and } B = \frac{\frac{1}{3}W(1)}{s} = \frac{W}{3s}$$

$$\frac{5W}{3s} = 3W$$

$$s = \frac{5}{9}$$

(ii)

$$B = \frac{W}{3s} = \frac{3W}{5}$$

$$B + R = W$$

$$\frac{3W}{5} + R = W$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{2W}{5}$$

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