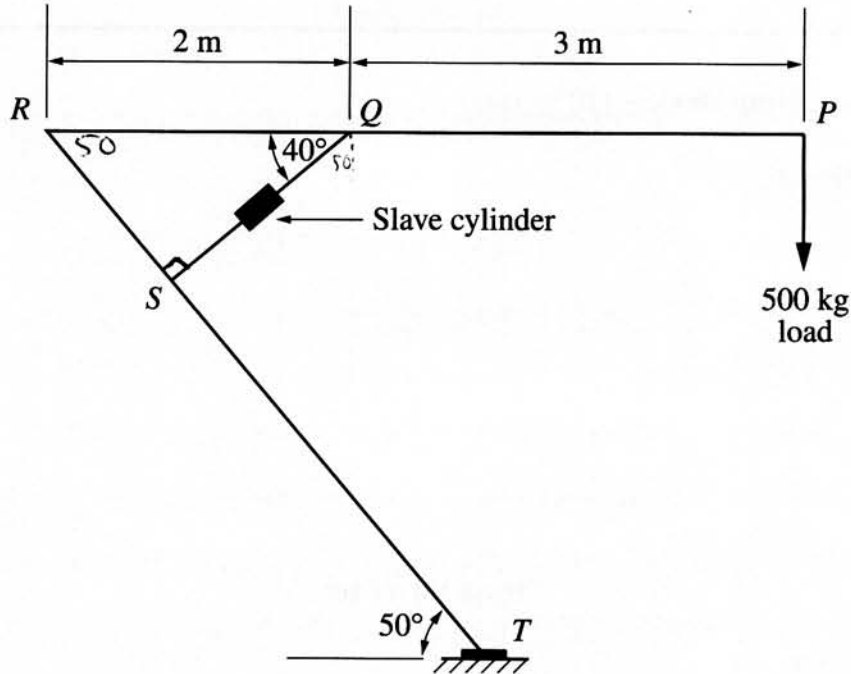


Question 14 — Lifting Devices (10 marks)

The diagram shows a lifting device. Arm RP is raised or lowered by a hydraulic system comprising a master cylinder and a slave cylinder.



- (a) The lifting device is required to hold a load of 500 kg. Determine the minimum force required in member QS to keep arm RP horizontal. 2

taking $g = 10$

$$\sum M_R = 0$$

$$0 = -(500 \times 10) \times 5 + 2 \times (QS \sin 40^\circ)$$

$$0 = 5 \times -5000 + 2 QS \sin 40$$

$$25000 = 2 QS \sin 40$$

$$QS = \frac{25000}{2 \sin 40}$$

$$QS = 19446.55 \text{ N}$$

$$0 = -5000 \times 5 + 2 \times (21.35 \sin 40)$$

$$5000 \times 5 = 42.7 \sin 40$$

$$P = \frac{42.7 \sin 40}{5}$$

$$P = 5.489 \text{ kN}$$

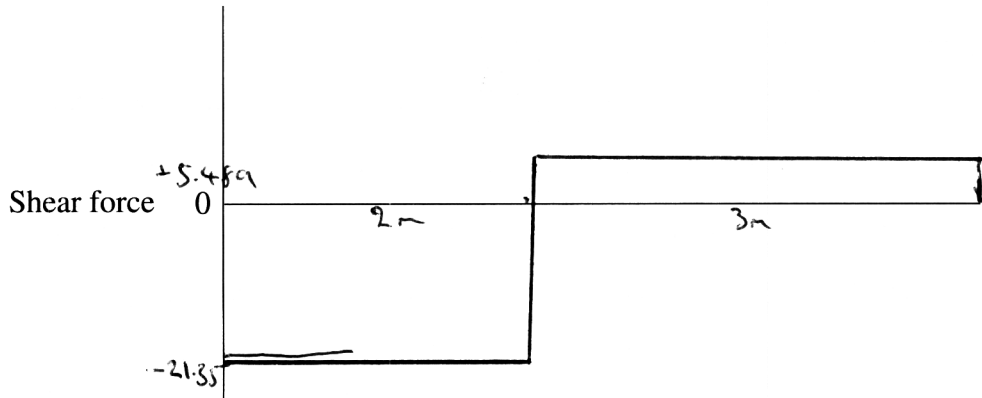
Minimum force = 19446.55 N

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Question 14 (continued)

(b) For another set of conditions, the force in member *QS* was found to be 21.35 kN.

- (i) Draw the shear-force diagram for the arm *RP*. Label the values on the diagram. The mass of the arm should not be considered. 2



- (ii) Determine the diameter of the master cylinder if the mechanical advantage of the hydraulic system is 3. The slave cylinder has a cross-sectional area of 2800 mm². 3

$$\frac{M_A}{S_A} = 3$$

$$\frac{M_A}{2800 \text{ mm}^2} = 3$$

$$M_A = 3 \times 2800 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$M_A = 8400 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$8400 = \pi r^2$$

$$r^2 = \frac{8400}{\pi}$$

$$r^2 = 2673.803 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$r = 51.709$$

$$2 \times r = D$$

$$D = 2 \times 51.71$$

$$= 103.42 \text{ mm}$$

Diameter = 103.42 mm

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Question 14 (continued)

- (c) Gears used in lifting devices can be manufactured by powder-forming or by a variety of other processes. 3

Identify an alternative manufacturing process, and contrast the properties of gears formed by this process with the properties of the powder-formed gears.

gears can also be machined by specially designed machines. Machined gears however do not have as great a strength as powder-formed gears as the grain of the machined gears is not perpendicular to the surface & therefore has plans of weakness, whereas powder-formed gears have the grain perpendicular to the surface & no planar weakness.

End of Question 14