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For static equilibrium, the sums of the torques and the sums of the forces in each direction must be zero.

$$\sum_i \mathbf{F}_i = 0,$$

$$\sum_i \boldsymbol{\tau}_i = 0.$$

$$x: T_2 \cos \theta - T_1 \cos \phi = m a_x = 0 \rightarrow T_2 \cos \theta = T_1 \cos \phi$$

$$y: T_1 \sin \phi + T_2 \sin \theta - gm = m a_y = 0$$

For the torques, put the pivot at the center of the bar. Let CCW be positive.

$$\tau: -T_1[L/2]\sin\phi + T_2[L/2]\sin\theta + 0*gm*\sin? = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$T_2 \sin \theta = T_1 \sin \phi$$

Divide the torque equation by the x equation to get

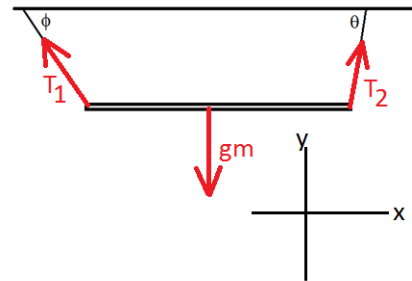
$$T_2 \sin \theta / T_2 \cos \theta = T_1 \sin \phi / T_1 \cos \phi$$

$$\tan \theta = \tan \phi$$

So if both angles are under 90° , they are equal.

$$\theta = \phi$$

Note that with this choice of pivot, we did not need the y equation.



b)

Move the center of mass to $3L/4$ from the left end of the beam. Put the pivot there too. The x and y equations are still valid. The torque equation becomes:

$$\tau: -T_1[3L/4]\sin\phi + T_2[L/4]\sin\theta + 0*gm*\sin? = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$T_2 \sin \theta = 3T_1 \sin \phi$$

Again, divide the torque equation by the x equation to obtain:

$$T_2 \sin \theta / T_2 \cos \theta = 3T_1 \sin \phi / T_1 \cos \phi$$

$$\tan \theta = 3 \tan \phi$$

