

50. (a) Choosing an axis through the hinge, perpendicular to the plane of the figure and taking torques that would cause counterclockwise rotation as positive, we require the net torque to vanish:

$$FL \sin 90^\circ - Th \sin 65^\circ = 0$$

where the length of the beam is $L = 3.2$ m and the height at which the cable attaches is $h = 2.0$ m. Note that the weight of the beam does not enter this equation since its line of action is directed towards the hinge. With $F = 50$ N, the above equation yields $T = 88$ N.

- (b) To find the components of \vec{F}_p we balance the forces:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_x &= 0 &\implies & F_{px} = T \cos 25^\circ - F \\ \sum F_y &= 0 &\implies & F_{py} = T \sin 25^\circ + W\end{aligned}$$

where W is the weight of the beam (60 N). Thus, we find that the hinge force components are $F_{px} = 30$ N rightward and $F_{py} = 97$ N upward.