* If a solid object has mass, treat the object as if all its mass were concentrated at a point - the center of mass.

Example: A uniform 1500 kg beam, 20.0 m long, supports a 15000 kg box of hamsters 5.0 m from the right support column. Calculate the magnitude of the forces on the beam exerted by each of the vertical support columns. (1.2 x 10⁵ N 4.2 x 10⁴ N)

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$$(1.2 \times 10^{5} \text{ N}, 4.2 \times 10^{4} \text{ N})$$

Fig. 1.1.

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Fig. 1.4.

Fig. 1.5.

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