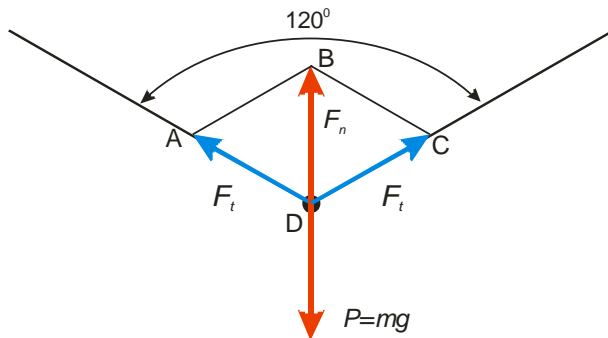


Question #29906

a 100kg weight is suspended from the center of a rope.. In equilibrium the two halves of the rope subtended an angle of 120 degrees with each other .Find the tension in the rope

Solution:



According to the third Newton's law the net force F_n is equal to the weight mg .

The net force F_n is the vector sum of two tension forces F_t .

From triangle ABD:

As angle ABD is equal to angle ADB and equal to 60 degree the triangle ABD is the right triangle, according to this:

$$F_t = F_n = P = mg$$

$$F_t = mg = 100 \times 9.8 = 980 \text{ N}$$

Answer: the tension in the rope is 980 N.