

Answer on Question #47251-Physics, Other

A wizard levitates himself to a pair of magical connections to points on the ceiling. He has $T = 6.00 \cdot 10^2 \text{ N}$ of tension in each connection, and the connections make angles of 45 degrees and 32 degrees with the ceiling. Assuming the arrangement balances him perfectly, what is the wizard's mass?

Solution

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$$W - T \sin 45 - T \sin 32 = 0 \rightarrow m = \frac{W}{g} = \frac{T(\sin 45 + \sin 32)}{g} = \frac{6.00 \cdot 10^2 (\sin 45 + \sin 32)}{9.81} = 75.66 \text{ kg}.$$

Answer: 75.66 kg.