

Answer on Question # 70438, Physics / Other

Question A 22.00kg girl and her 95.00kg father sit on the opposite ends of 10.00m, 25.00kg uniform plank of wood. where must the fulcrum be placed to balance the plank wood?

Solution The condition of balance is

$$22 \cdot x + 25 \cdot x/10 \cdot x/2 = 95 \cdot (10 - x) + 25 \cdot (10 - x)/10 \cdot (5 + x/2)$$

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$$22x + 25/20x^2 = 950 - 95x + 125 - 12.5x + 12.5x - 2.5/2x^2$$

The solution of this equation is $x \approx 9.2$. The fulcrum must be placed at distance 9.2 from girl.