

## Facilitating an End Discussion (complete student solutions)

### INDIVIDUAL TASKS:

\*\*If you have already done the individual task from Activity #6, refer to your preparation notes from that activity.

On the following page is an introductory physics problem – pretend that your teaching team has decided to use this problem in the next discussion session.

1. Solve this problem by yourself.
2. Write down some notes about how you would prepare for this discussion session. Use the Discussion Preparation sheet as a guide.
  - a. What is the learning focus for this problem that you will emphasize?
  - b. What do you expect students to have difficulty with?
  - c. What questions can you ask students?
3. Write up a detailed “solution” to this problem that you would hand out to your students at the end of class.

### INDIVIDUAL & GROUP TASKS:

Following the problem statement are 8 complete student solutions to the problem. Notice that these are the same student solutions from Activity #6, but they are now longer. For this activity, you should pretend that you are approaching the end of teaching a discussion session with this problem. As you circulate the room one last time, you observe what students have written on their papers.

Choose 4 of the following 8 solutions to represent what your student groups have come to a consensus about for the problems. Ignore the other 4 solutions.

1. Based on the 4 completed solutions you have chosen, what will you ask student groups to put on the board for an end discussion?
2. After they put this on the board, what questions will you ask during the end-of-class discussion with all groups?


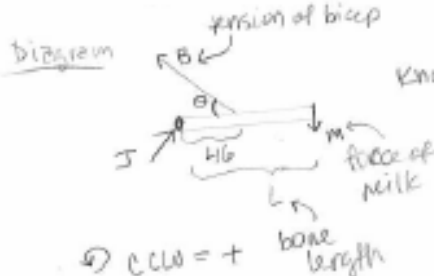
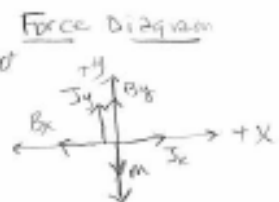
Be prepared to share your responses to these questions with your peers during TA Orientation.

NOTE: These partial student solutions were actually taken from individual solutions to a 1201 final exam problem in Fall 2005, from two different lecture sections. The problem was chosen because it is similar to most group problems given in discussion sessions.

**Problem:**

Your task is to design an artificial joint to replace arthritic elbow joints in patients. After healing, the patient should be able to hold at least a gallon of milk (3.76 liters) while the lower arm is horizontal. The bicep muscle is attached to the bone at the distance  $\frac{1}{6}$  of the bone length from the elbow joint, and makes an angle of  $80^\circ$  with the horizontal bone. For how strong of a force should you design the artificial joint? (The weight of the bone is negligible.)

**STUDENT #1:**

Picture  Diagram  Force Diagram 

Know:  $M$   
 $\theta = 90^\circ$   
 $L$

CCW = +  
bone length

Force Diagram

$B_x = B \cos \theta$   
 $B_y = B \sin \theta$   
 $\tan \theta = B_y / B_x$

$J = \sqrt{J_x^2 + J_y^2}$

By Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law the force of the joint on the bone is equal to the force of the bone on the joint.

Approach

use forces  $\Sigma F = 0$   
use torques  $\Sigma \tau = 0$   
ignore bone weight  
By Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law the force of the joint on the bone is equal to the force of the bone on the joint.

$\Sigma F_x = J_x - B_x = 0$   
 $\Sigma F_y = J_y + B_y - M = 0$   
 $\Sigma \tau = B_y \frac{L}{6} - ML = 0$  or  $B \sin \theta = \frac{L}{6} - ML$

Target: J

Find J  $J = \sqrt{J_x^2 + J_y^2}$  ①  $J_y, J_x$  unknown

Find  $J_y$   $J_y + B_y - M = 0$  ②  $B_y$

Find  $J_x$   $J_x - B_x = 0$  ③  $B_x$

Find  $B_y$   $B_y = B \sin \theta$  ④

Find  $B_x$   $B_x = B \cos \theta$  ⑤

5 unknowns 5 equations

Put ⑤ into ③ and solve for  $J_x$   
 $B_x = B \cos \theta, J_x = B \cos \theta$

Put ④ into ② and solve for  $J_y$   
 $B_y = B \sin \theta, J_y = -B \sin \theta + M$

now put  $J_y$  and  $J_x$  equations into ①

$J = \sqrt{(B \cos \theta)^2 + (-B \sin \theta + M)^2}$

note that  $B = \frac{L}{6} - ML$   
 $\sin \theta$   
(from the equation for  $\Sigma \tau$ )  
putting this into the equation for J:

$J = \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{L}{6} - ML\right) \cos \theta\right)^2 + \left(-\sin \theta + M\right)^2}$

We know that  $\theta = 90^\circ$  and the M is a gallon of milk but not its weight or mass (gallon is a unit of volume) so putting in  $\theta$  gives:

$J = \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{L}{6} - ML\right) \cos(90^\circ)\right)^2 + \left(-\sin(90^\circ) + M\right)^2}$

check units:

$J = \sqrt{(\text{length})^2 + (\text{force})^2} = \sqrt{(\text{force})^2 + (\text{force})^2}$

$J = \sqrt{(\text{force})^2 + (\text{force})^2}$   
= force. OK units check

**STUDENT #2:**

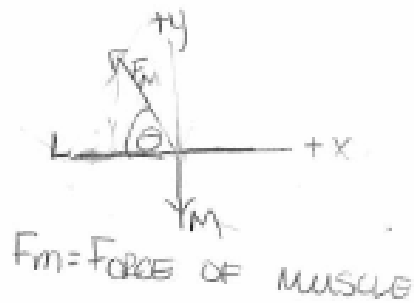
KNOWS

$M = 3.76$  LITERS.

$\theta = 50^\circ$

$L_2 = \frac{1}{12} L_1$

WEIGHT OF BONE NEGLIGIBLE.



APPROACH:

Q How STRONG A FORCE SHOULD THE ARTIFICIAL  
JOINT BE MADE  
USE FORCES NEGLECT BONE MASS

$$\sum F_x = L \cos \theta - m_x = 0 \quad \sum F_y = F_m \sin \theta - m_y = 0$$

$$\tau = r F \perp \quad \sum \tau = F \cos \theta - m = 0$$

QUESTION  
OF  
WEIGHT

$F_m = m_x - L_x$

FIND  $F_m$

$$F_m = m_x - L_x$$

$$L_x \cos \theta = m_x$$

$$m_x = L_x \cos \theta$$

$F_m$

$m_x$

$L_x$

$$L_x \cos \theta = F_m \sin \theta + F \cos \theta$$

$$L_x \cos \theta - F \cos \theta = F_m \sin \theta$$

$$F_m = \frac{L_x \cos \theta - F \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

**STUDENT #3:**

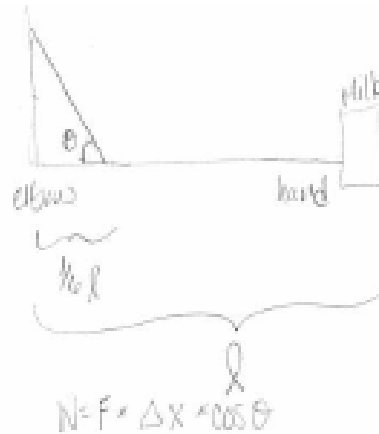
Known

• bicep muscle attached to bone at distance  $\frac{1}{6}$  bone length away from elbow joint

•  $\theta = 80^\circ$

Find

force



milk = 3.76 liters  
\*don't know how to convert liters to grams...

$$W_{\text{muscle}} \geq -W_{\text{gravity}}$$

$$F \times \Delta x \times \cos \theta \geq -mg \times \Delta x$$

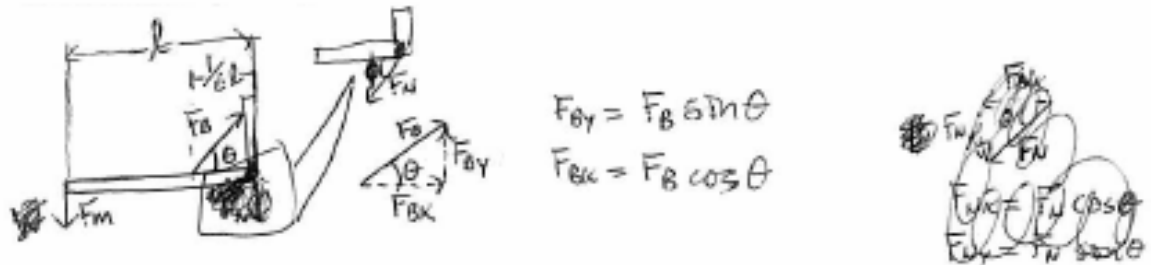
$$F \times \left(\frac{1}{6} l\right) \times \cos 80^\circ \geq - (3.76 \text{ liter}) g l$$

$$F \geq \frac{- (3.76 \text{ liter}) (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) l}{\frac{1}{6} l \cos 80^\circ}$$

$$F \geq 212 \text{ N}$$

The joint must be able to handle at least this much force.

**STUDENT #4:**



$$F_{By} = F_B \sin \theta$$

$$F_{Bx} = F_B \cos \theta$$

$$\textcircled{1} \sum F_x = F_{Bx} + F_{mx} = 0 = F_B \cos \theta + F_{mx} = 0 \Rightarrow F_B \cos \theta = F_{mx} \textcircled{1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \sum F_y = F_{By} + (F_m - F_{my}) = 0 = F_B \sin \theta + (F_m - F_{my}) = 0 \Rightarrow F_{my} = F_m + F_B$$

$$\textcircled{3} \sum \tau = (F_m \cdot L) + (F_{By} \cdot \frac{L}{6}) = F_m L + F_B \sin \theta \cdot \frac{L}{6} = 0 \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \frac{L}{6} \cdot F_B \sin \theta = L \cdot F_m$$

$$\textcircled{5} \frac{1}{6} \cdot F_B \sin \theta = F_m$$

$$F_B \sin \theta = 6 F_m$$

$$F_m = (3.76 L) (\text{pink}) (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) = 3.76 L \cdot 1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{L}} \cdot 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \sqrt{36.86} = F_m$$

$$\rho_{\text{pink}} \neq \rho_{\text{water}} = \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{\text{L water}}$$

$$F_B \sin \theta = 6(36.85 \text{ N}) = 221.1 \text{ N}$$

$F_N$  is the normal reaction force of the elbow joint on the bar and will be equal to the force that the joint should withstand

Put  $\textcircled{4}$  and  $\textcircled{6}$  into  $\textcircled{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow 221.1 \text{ N} + 36.85 \text{ N} = F_{my}$   
 Put  $\textcircled{3}$  into  $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$   
 $38.34 \text{ N} = F_{mx}$

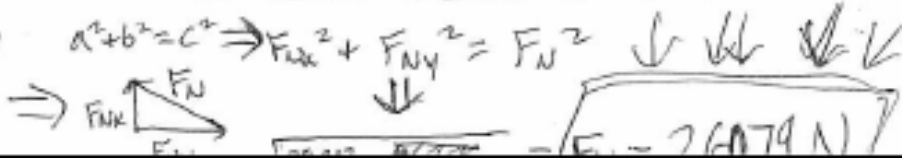
$$\textcircled{9} F_B \sin \theta = 221.1 \text{ N}; \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{\cos 80^\circ}$$

$$F_B = \frac{221.1 \text{ N}}{\frac{\cos 80^\circ}{\sin 80^\circ}} = \frac{221.1 \text{ N}}{0.1736} = 1273.26 \text{ N} \textcircled{7}$$

$$F_B \cos \theta = F_B (\sin 80^\circ) = \frac{221.1 \text{ N}}{\sin 80^\circ} \cdot \sin 80^\circ = 221.1 \text{ N} \textcircled{8}$$

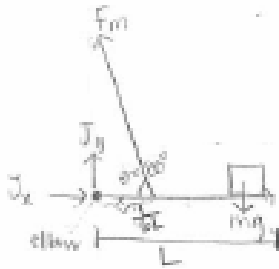
$$F_{my} = 257.95 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{mx} = 38.34 \text{ N}$$



**STUDENT #5:**

The objective of the problem is to determine the force of the elbow joint so that it can support 3.76L while lower arm is in horizontal.



$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{F_m}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{J_y}{F_m}$$

$$T = F \cdot d \sin \theta$$

$$3.76 \text{ liter} \left( \frac{10^3 \text{ m}^3}{1 \text{ liter}} \right) \left( \frac{10^3 \text{ kg}}{\text{m}^3} \right) = 3.76 \text{ kg}$$

$$T_{\text{joint}} = 0$$

$$T_{\text{muscle}} = F_m \cdot \frac{1}{L} \sin \theta$$

$$F_{\text{elbow}} = mg$$

$$F_{\text{elbow}} = 3.76 \text{ kg} \cdot 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \approx 37 \text{ N}$$

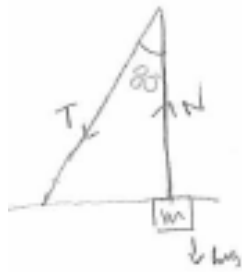
The elbow should be able to withstand 37N.

That seems reasonable, 37N  $\approx$  8 lbs.

Unit Analysis:

$$F = 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = \text{N}$$

**STUDENT #6:**



$\theta = 80^\circ$   
 $M = 3.76 \text{ liters}$

$F = mg$

question 7  
how strong a force should you design the artificial joint?



$\Sigma F_x = 0$

$\Sigma F_y = N + T \cos \theta - mg$

$N + T \cos \theta = mg$

$\sin \theta = \frac{T_x}{T}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{T_y}{T}$

$T \cos \theta = T_y$

$T \cos \theta = \frac{mg}{N}$

$T = \frac{mg}{N \cos \theta}$        $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

$\frac{36.848 \text{ liters} \cdot \text{m/s}^2}{N \cdot 0.1736}$

$N = 0.1736$

$TN = 212.258 \text{ liters} \cdot \text{m/s}^2$

unit

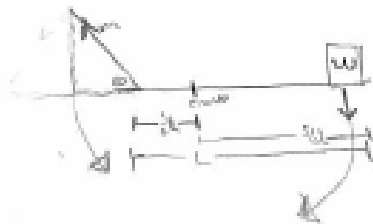
$T = \frac{mg}{N \cos \theta}$

T and mg are force

N cos theta is just number.



**STUDENT #7:**

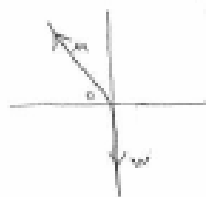


known  
 $W = 320 \text{ lbs}$   
 $\theta = 80^\circ$   
 I got an approximation of 8 lbs

Approach: Find  $m$  as a factor of the angle it  
 attaches to the beam, the weight the patient  
 must hold.

Question: How big should  $M$  be?

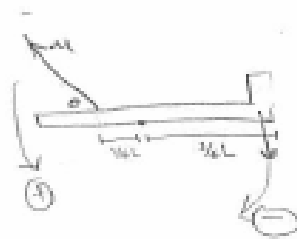
$$\frac{F_x}{m \cos \theta} \quad \frac{F_y = 0}{m \sin \theta - W = 0}$$



Target quantity:  $M$

$t = rF \sin \theta$   
 torque balance

$$-\left(\frac{5}{8}L\right)W = \text{torque of milk}$$



$$+\left(\frac{1}{8}L\right)M \sin \theta = \text{torque of muscle}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{8}L\right)M \sin \theta - \left(\frac{5}{8}L\right)W = 0$$

$$M = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{8}L\right)W}{\left(\frac{1}{8}L\right) \sin \theta} = 40.6 \text{ lbs}$$

Unit check

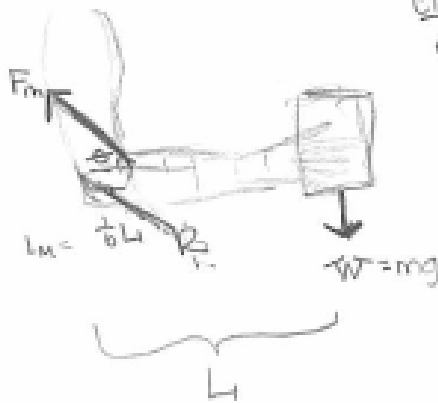
$$\frac{(m)(lb)}{(m)} = \text{lbs} \quad (\text{so it works})$$

$\sin \theta$  is unitless

- The bigger the mass of  $W$  and the further away it is  
 from the pivot point means you need a stronger  
 bicep.

**STUDENT #8:**

Diagram:



Given:  
 $\theta = 80^\circ$   
 $L_m = \frac{1}{6}L$   
 $m = 3.76 \text{ kg}$   
 $W = 36.8 \text{ N}$

Goal: Determine the force of the joint R using forces and torque equilibrium

Free Body Diagram:



convert  
 $3.76 \text{ kg} = 3.76 \text{ kg}$

Force Equilibrium:  $\sum F = 0$

x-direction:  
 $F_m \cos \theta - R \cos \theta = 0$

y-direction:  
 $F_m \sin \theta - W - R \sin \theta = 0$

①  $F_m \cos \theta = R \cos \theta$   
 $230 \text{ N} \cos 80^\circ = R \cos 80^\circ = 39.9 \text{ N}$

②  $230 \sin 80^\circ - 36.8 \text{ N} = R \sin \theta = 189.7 \text{ N}$

$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2}$

$R = \sqrt{(39.9 \text{ N})^2 + (189.7 \text{ N})^2}$

$R = \sqrt{1592 + 35986 \text{ N}}$

\*  $R = 193.8 \text{ N}$

Torque:  $T = F d \sin \theta$        $\sum T = 0$

$T_{\text{muscle}} = F_m \frac{1}{6}L \sin 80^\circ$

$T_{\text{weight}} = F_w L \sin 90^\circ = 36.8(L) \text{ Nm}$

$T_R = F_R (xL) \sin \theta = 0$

$T_w = T_R$

$36.8 \text{ Nm} = F_m \frac{1}{6}L \sin 80^\circ$

$\frac{36.8 \text{ Nm}}{.16 \text{ m}} = \frac{.16 F_m}{.16 \text{ m}}$

$230 \text{ N} = F_m$

