Lesson 2a - Moments and Balance

Physics - KS3

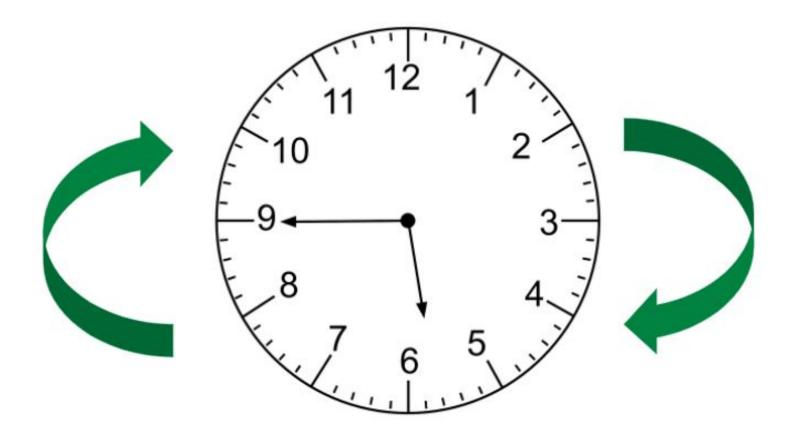
Forces In Action

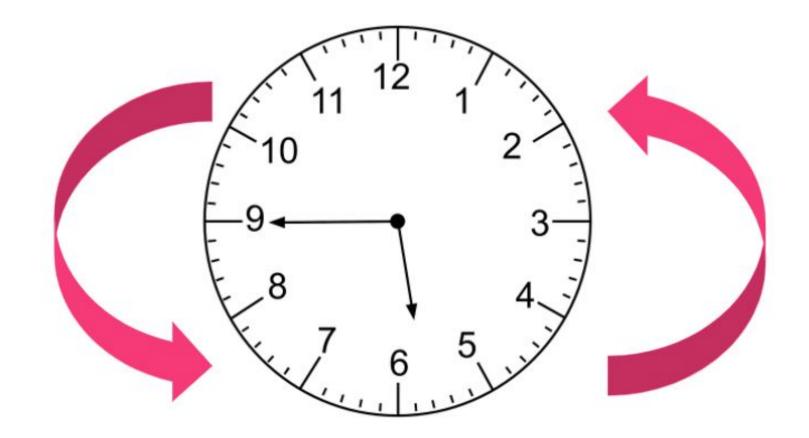
Mrs Wolstenholme



Clockwise

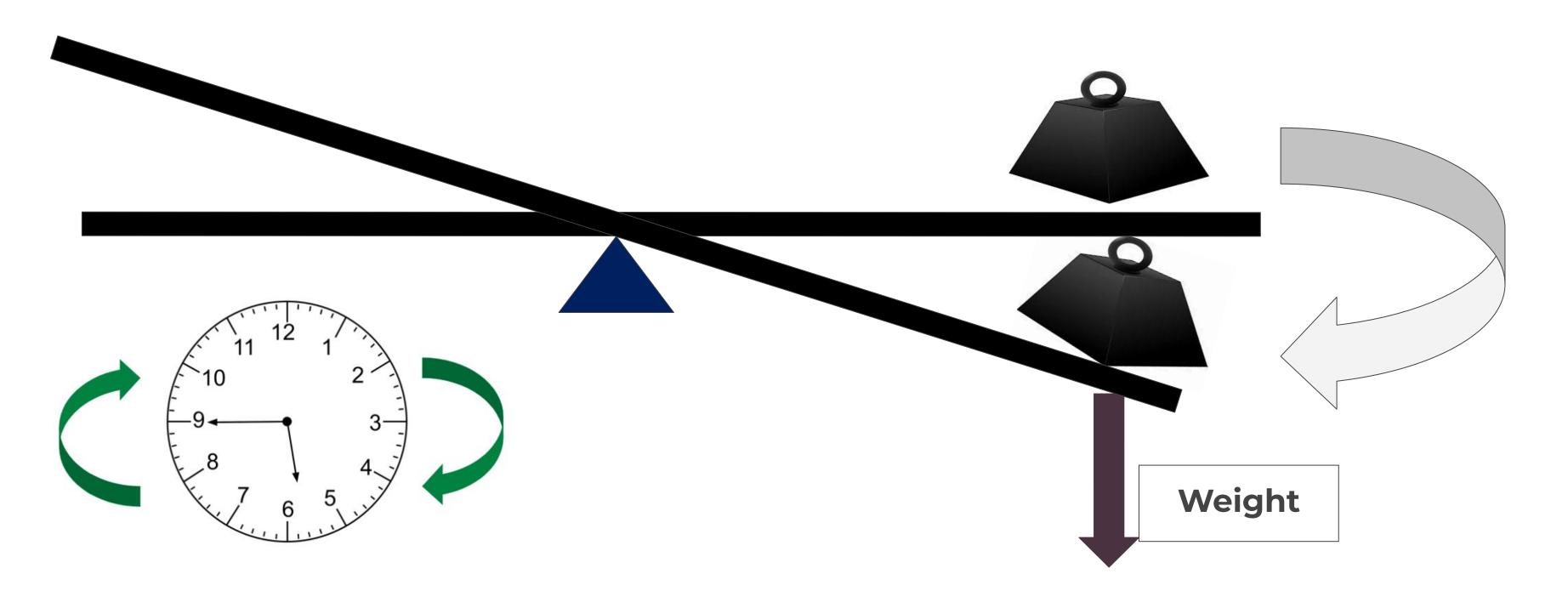
Anticlockwise





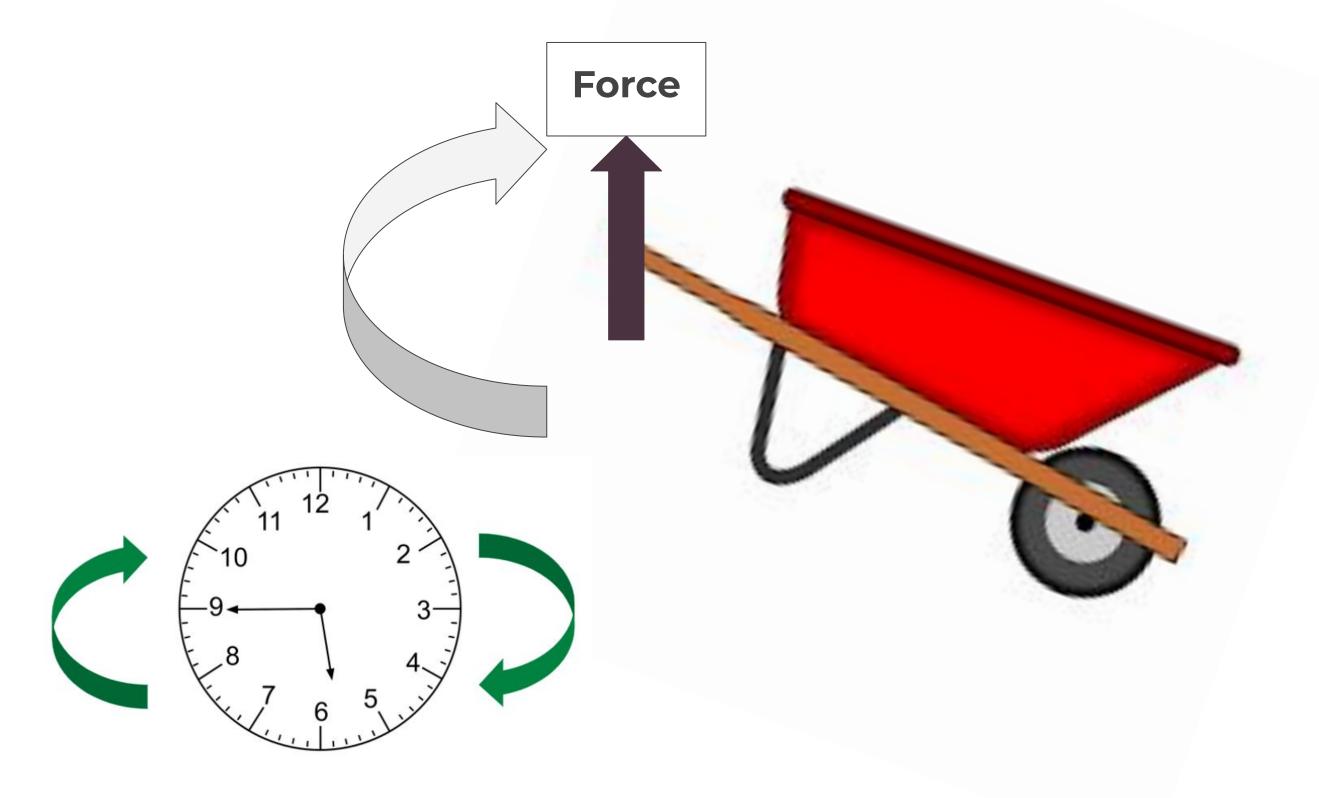


Clockwise moment

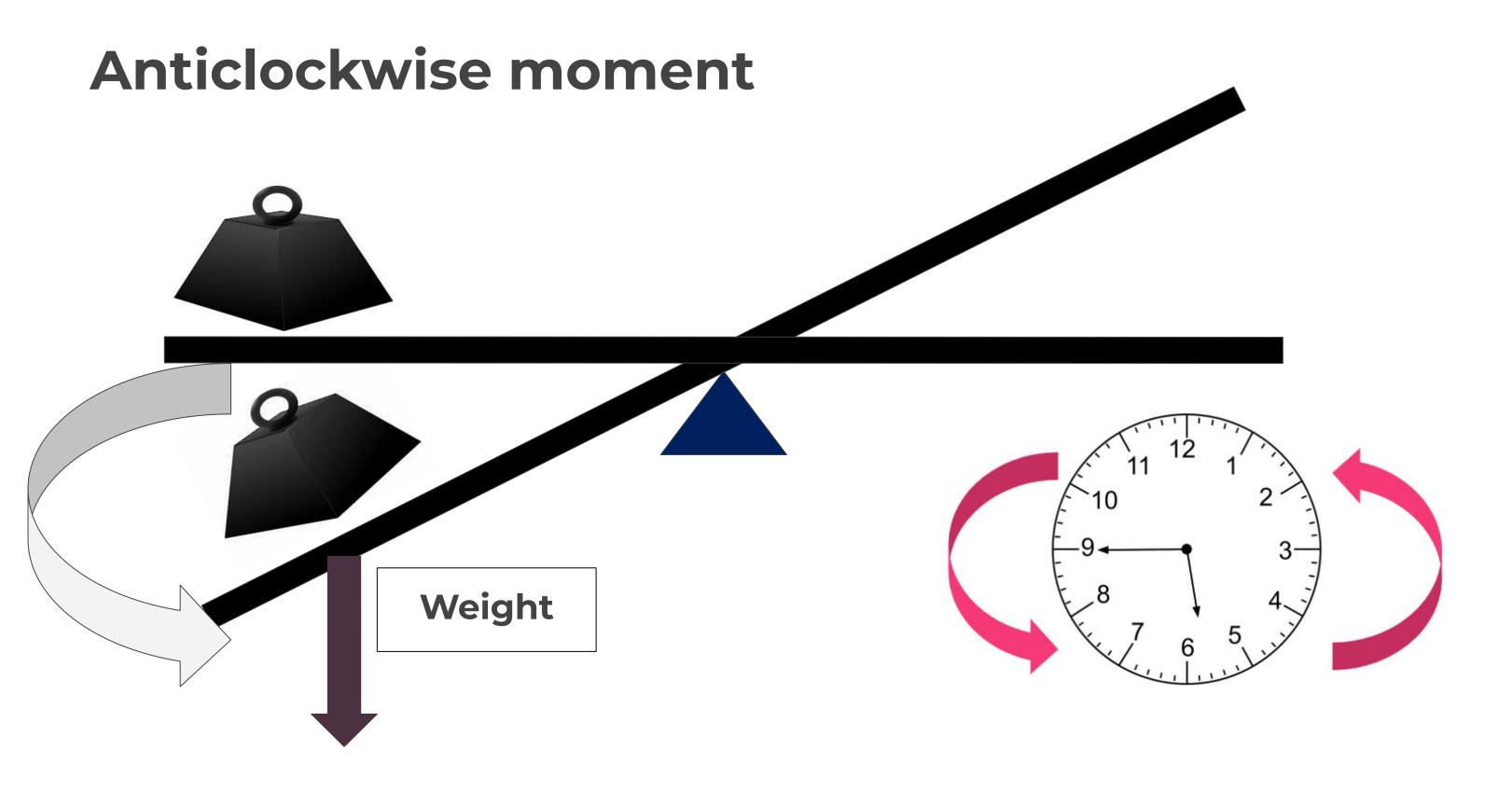




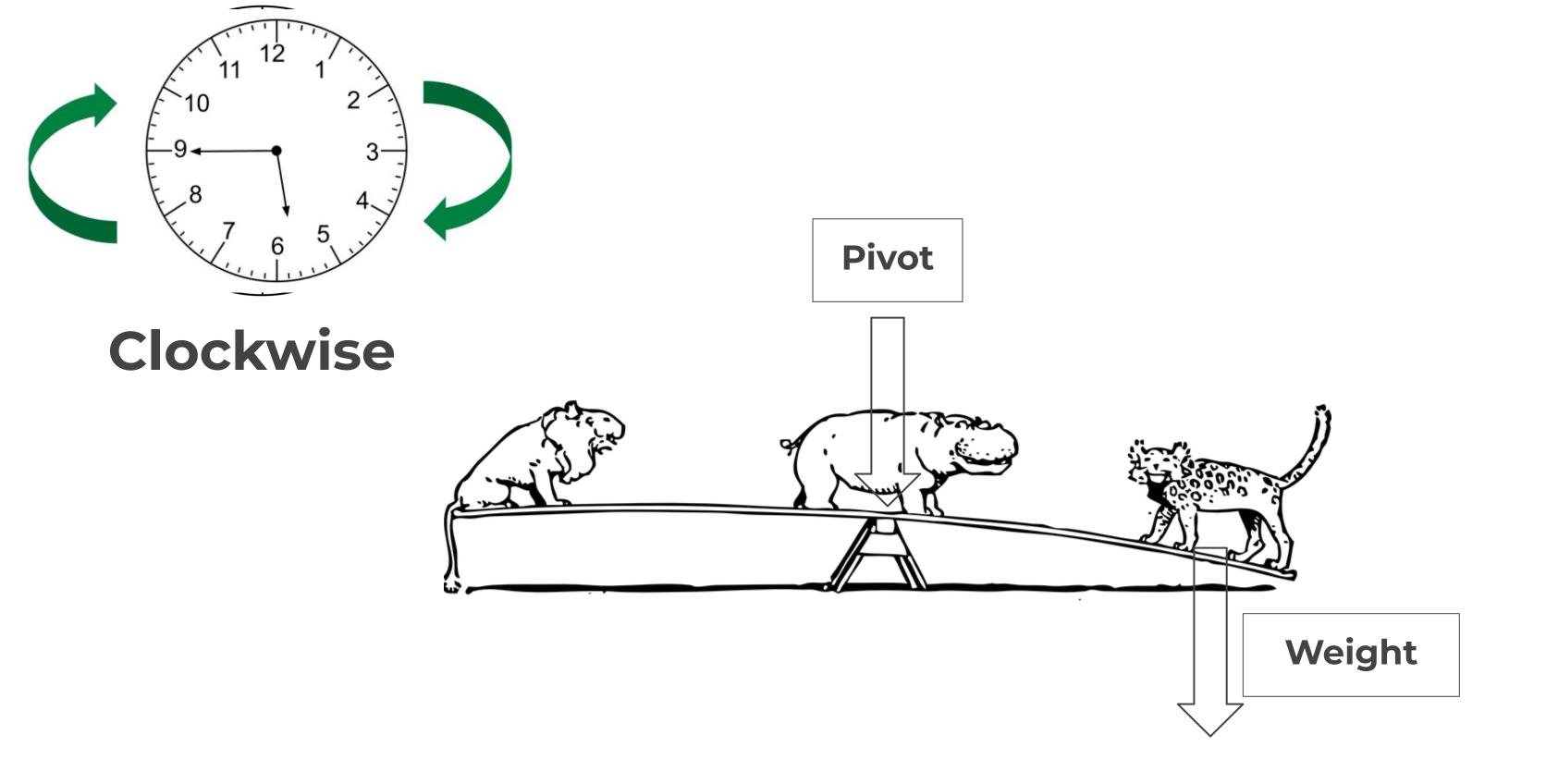
Clockwise Moment



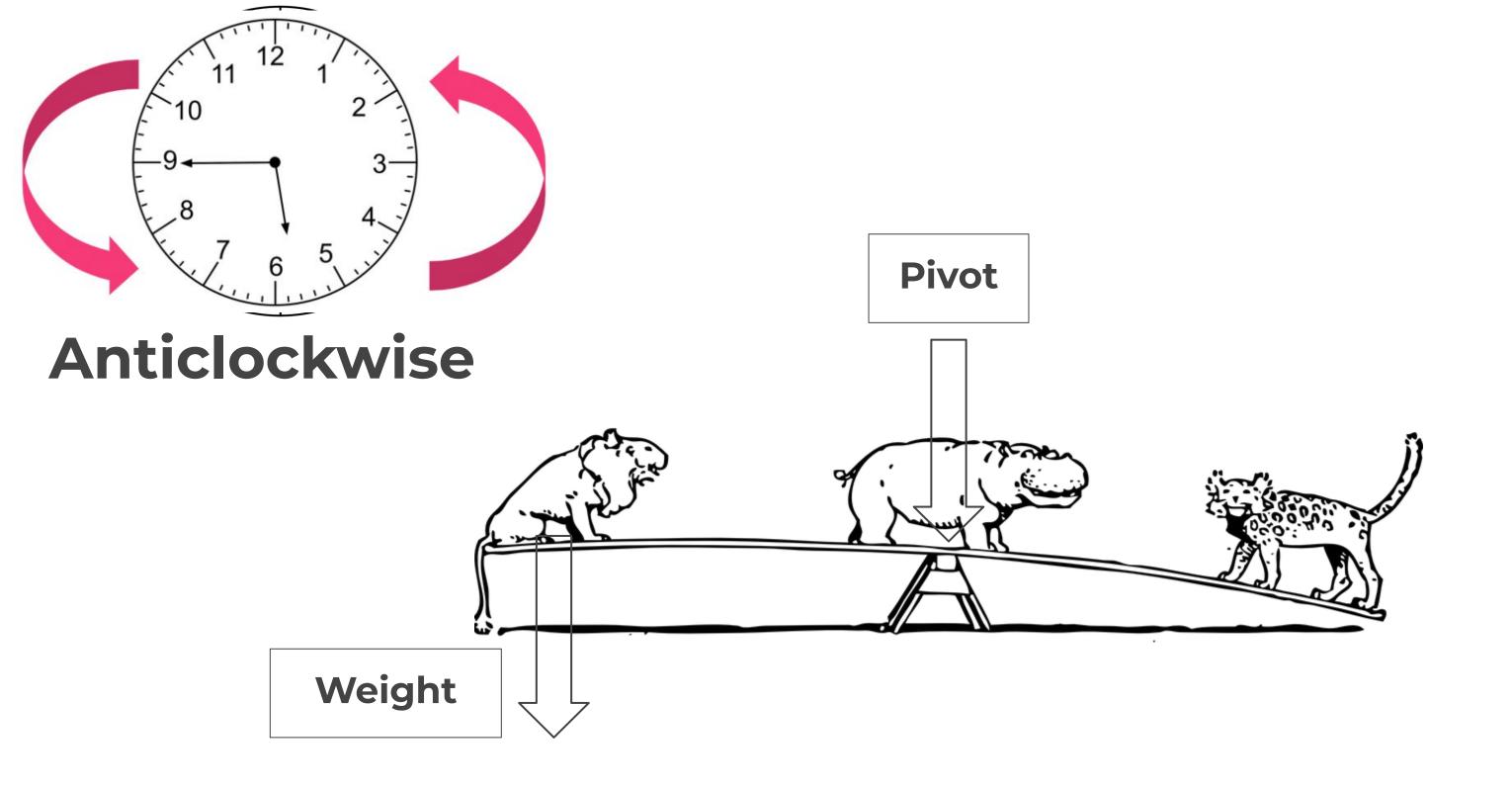










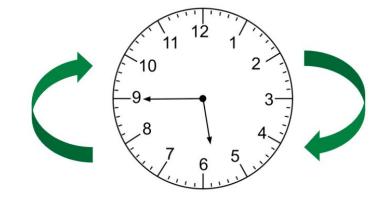




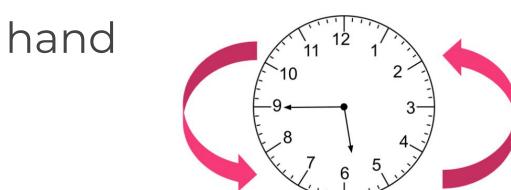
Summary

Moments can be clockwise or anticlockwise

Clockwise moments cause a rotation in the same direction of a clock hand



Anticlockwise moments cause a rotation in the opposite direction of a clock





Which Direction will an object rotate because of a clockwise moment?

Option 1

Option 2

Same as a clock hand

Up

Option 3

Option 4

Opposite to a clock hand

Down



Which Direction will an object rotate because of an anticlockwise moment?

Option 1

Option 2

Same as a clock hand

Up

Option 3

Option 4

Opposite to a clock hand

Down



Reminder: Calculating Moments

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Moment = Force x Perpendicular distance
(Nm) (N) (m)
(Ncm)
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Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment



For an object to be balanced:

Option 1

Left side moment = Right side moment

Option 3

Clockwise moment = Anticlockwise moment

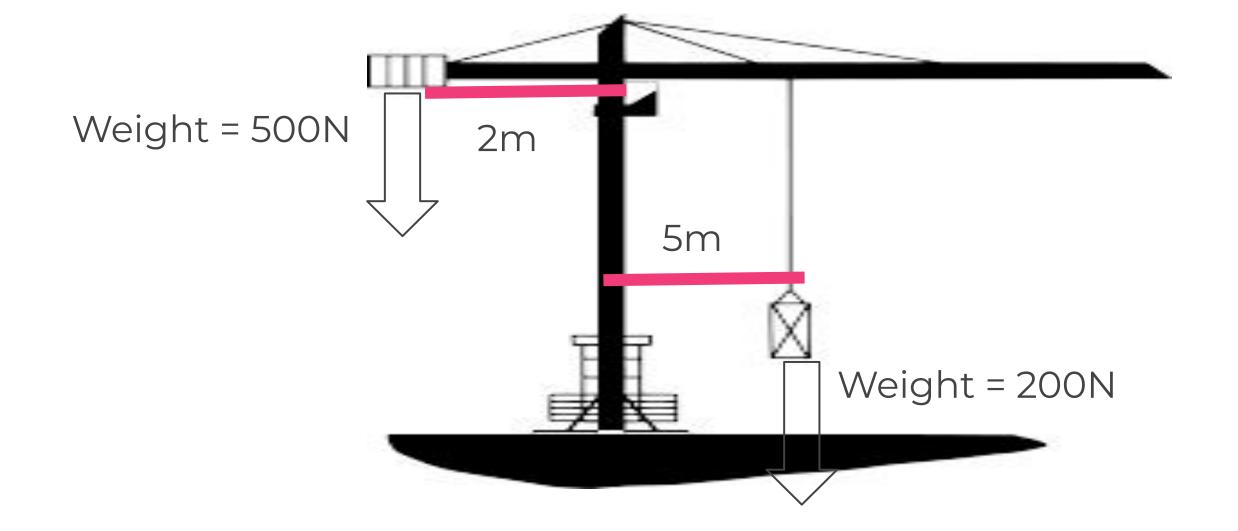
Option 2

Clockwise moment is larger than anticlockwise moment

Option 4

There are no forces on the object

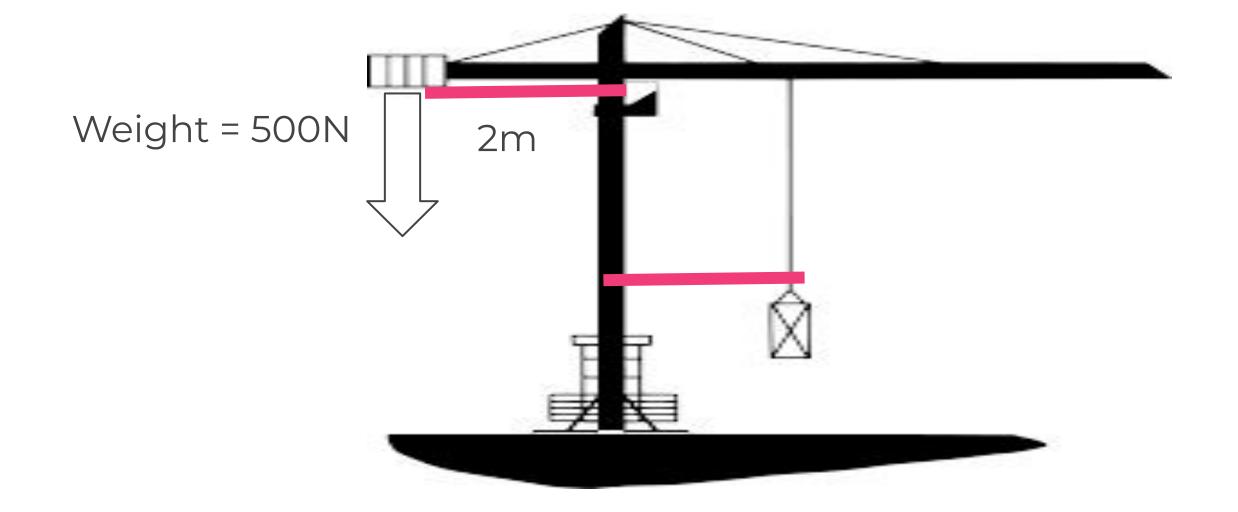




Is this crane balanced?

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment



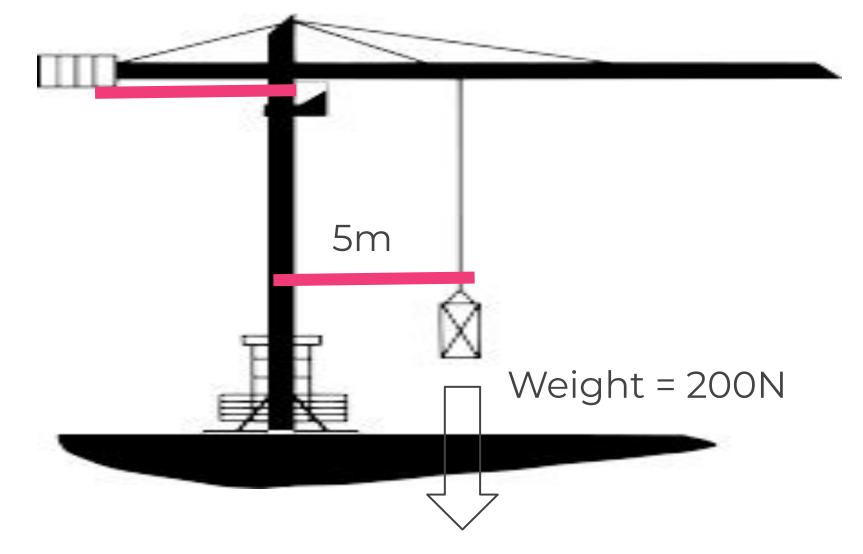


Anticlockwise moment = Force x perpendicular distance

 $= 500 \times 2$

= 1000Nm



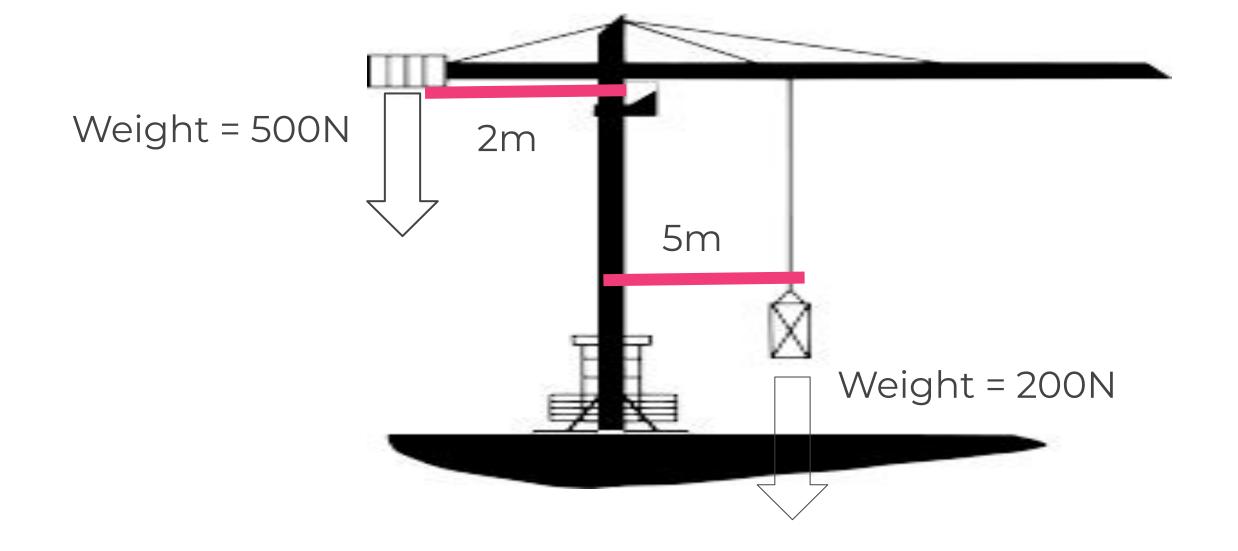


Clockwise moment = Force x perpendicular distance

 $= 200 \times 5$

= 1000Nm





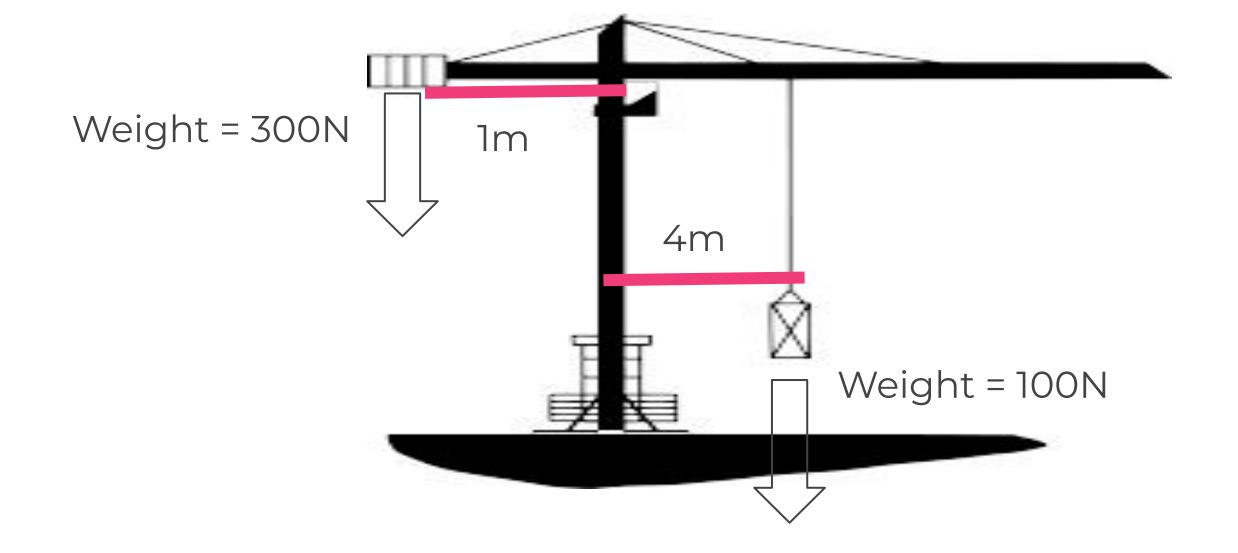
Anticlockwise moment = 1000Nm

Clockwise moment = 1000Nm

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment

Balanced!





Your Turn: Is this crane balanced?

Clockwise Moment = Anticlockwise Moment



Balance and Moments

See video for diagram

The seesaw is balanced.

What is the moment of child A?



Balance and Moments

See video for diagram

To be balanced, moment of child A = moment of child B

Moment of child B = Force x perpendicular distance

Moment of child B = 280 x 90

Moment of child B = 25200 Ncm -> Moment of Child A = 25200 Ncm



Your Turn: Balance and Moments

See video for diagram

350

40

The seesaw is balanced.

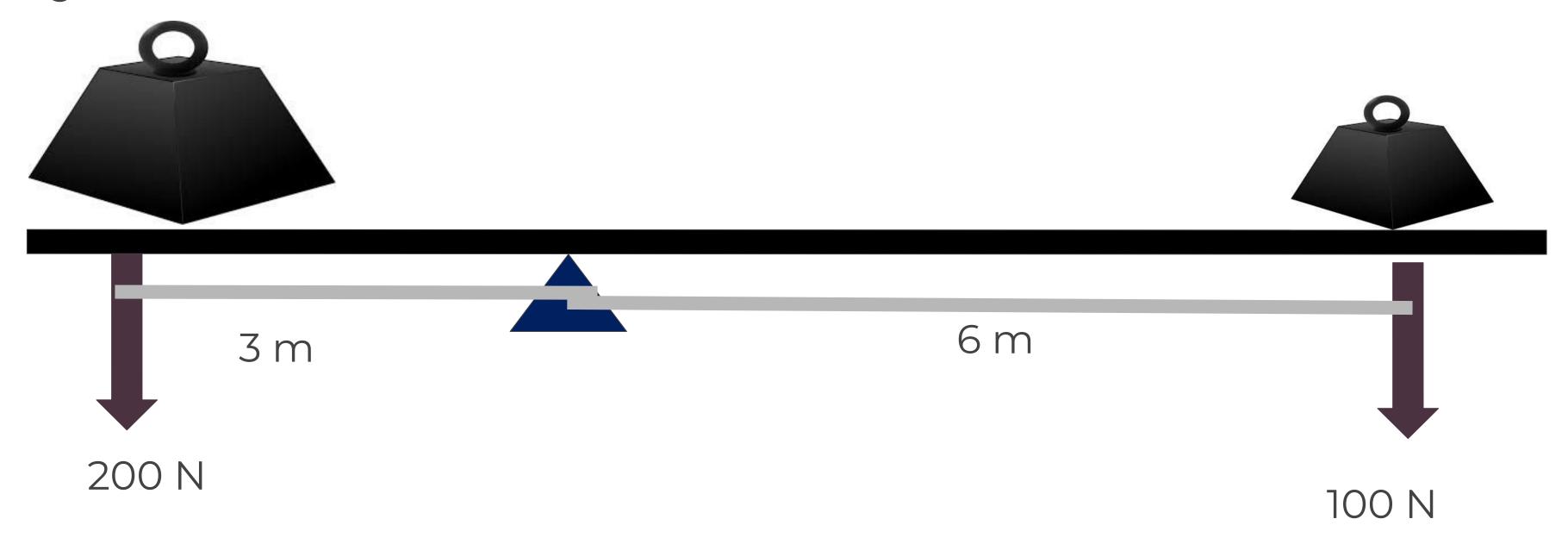
What is the moment of child A?



More Practice



Question 1: Is the bar balanced?

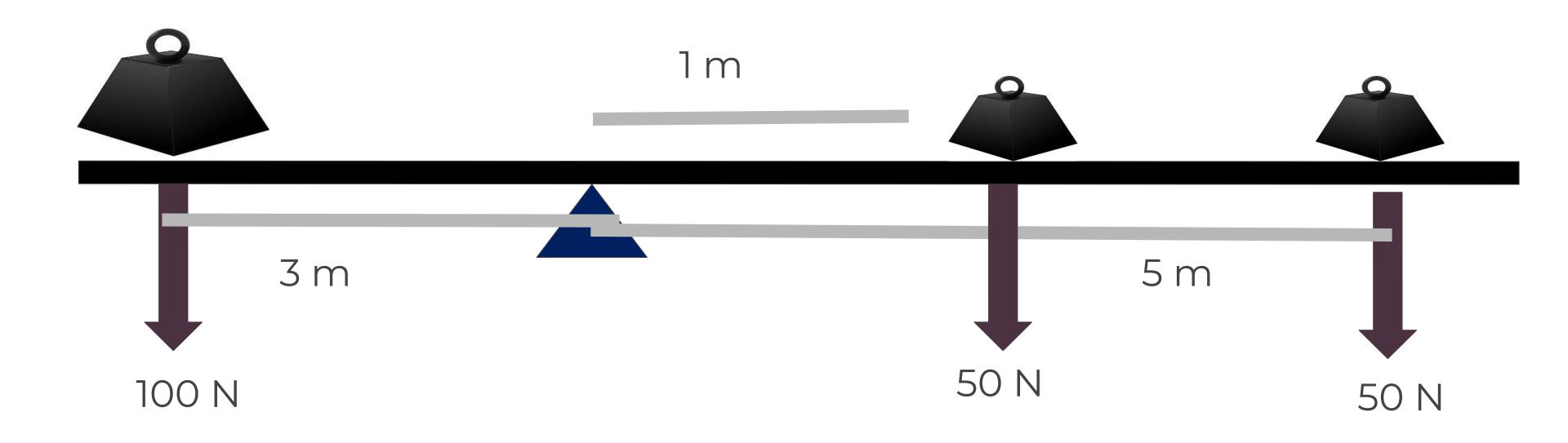




Question 2: Is the bar balanced? 6 m $3 \, \mathrm{m}$ 200 N 200 N

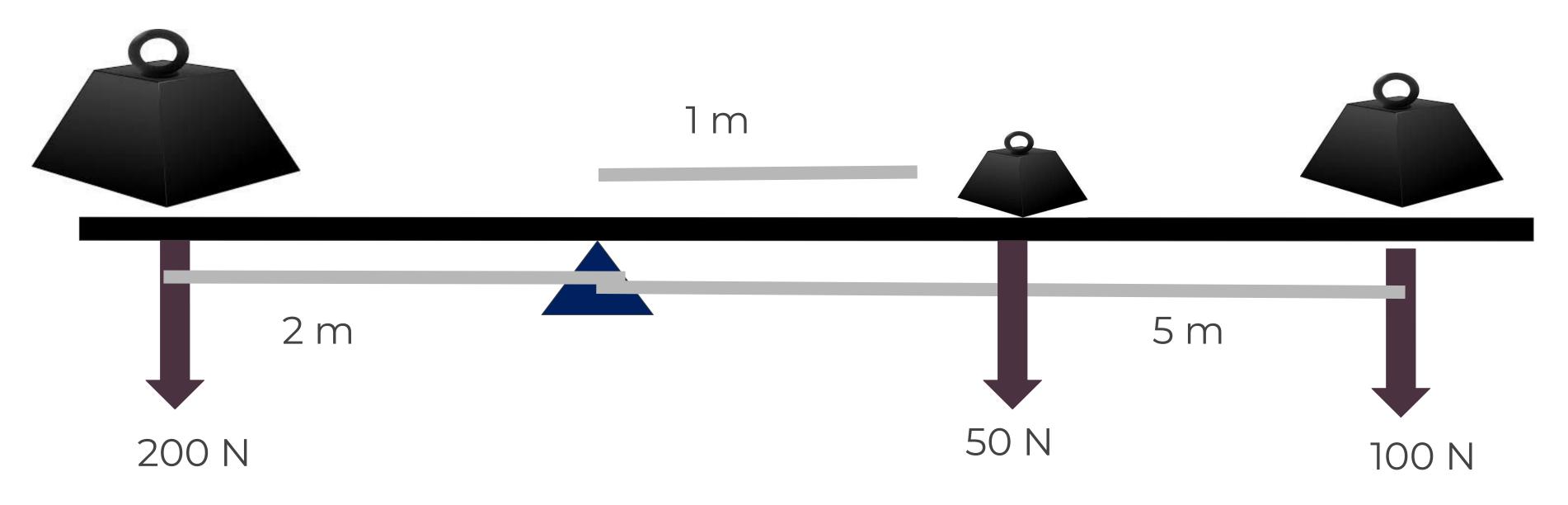


Question 3: Is the bar balanced?



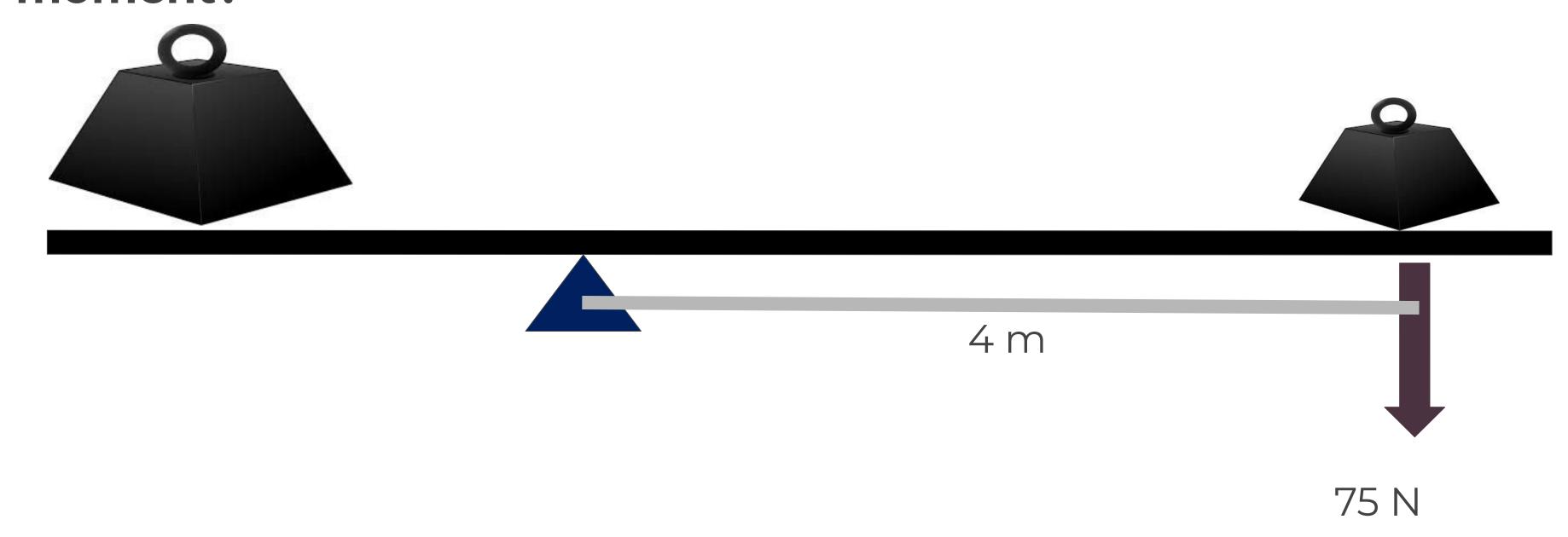


Question 4: Is the bar balanced?



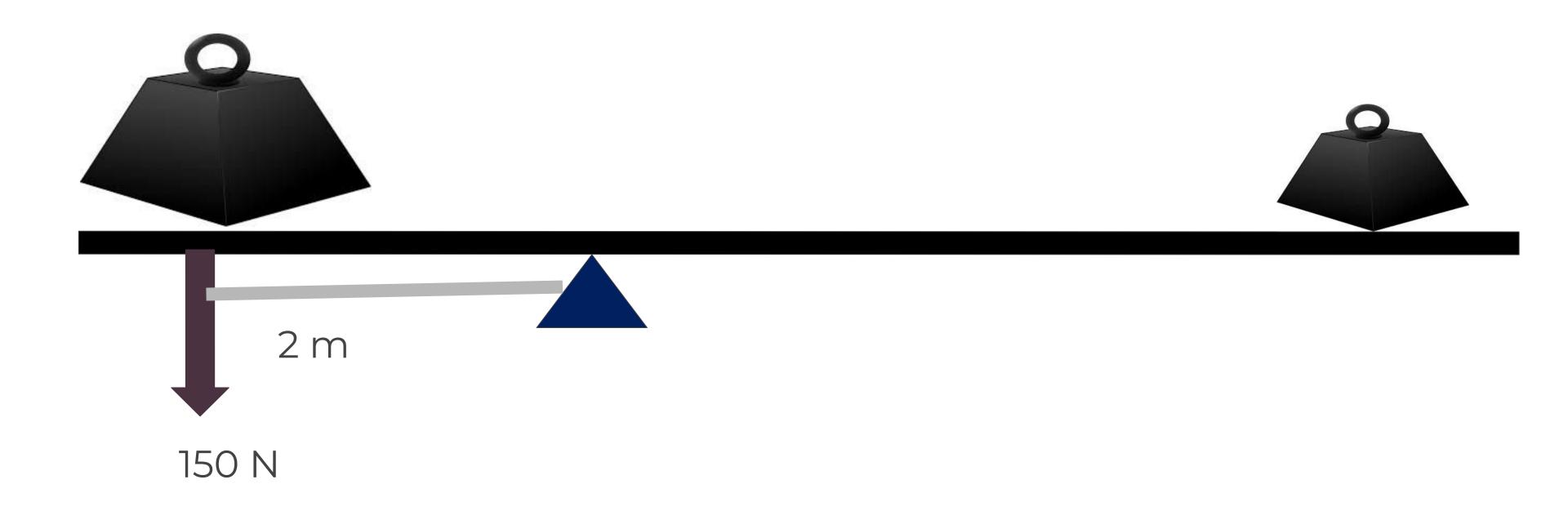


Question 5: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?



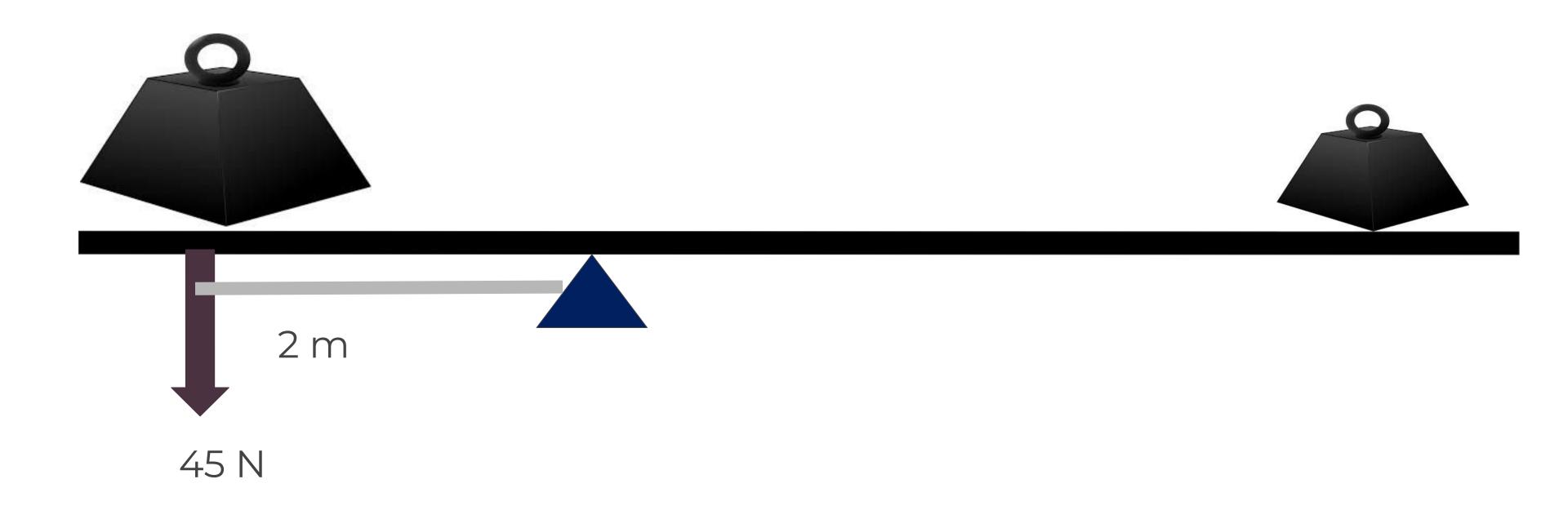


Question 6: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



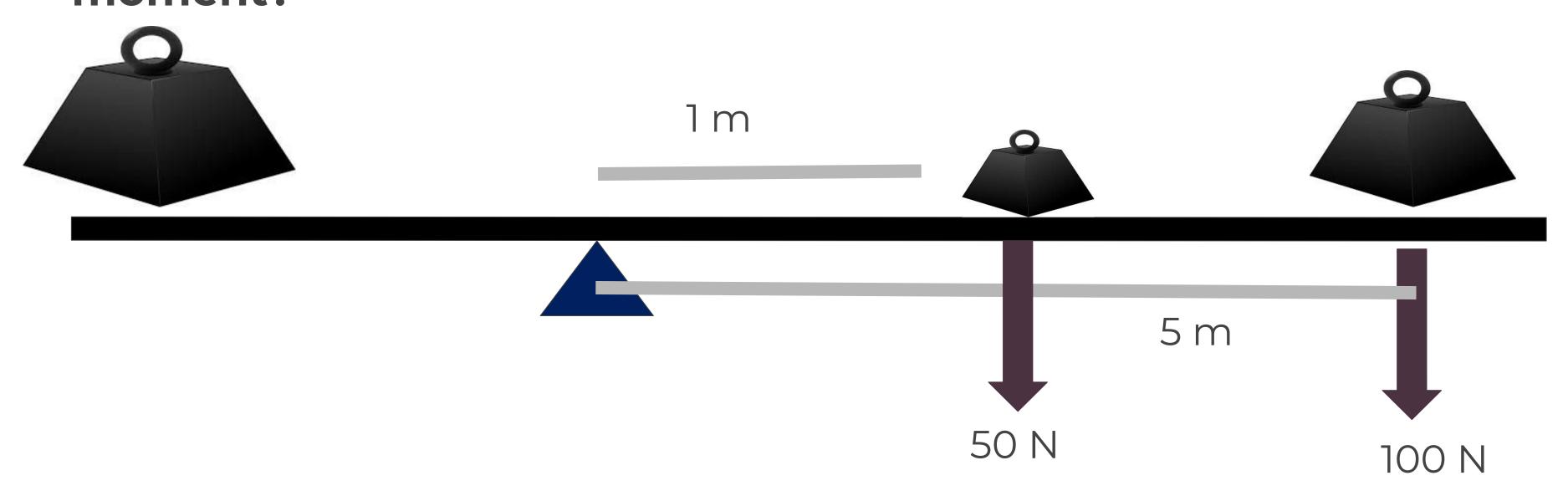


Question 7: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?





Question 8: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?

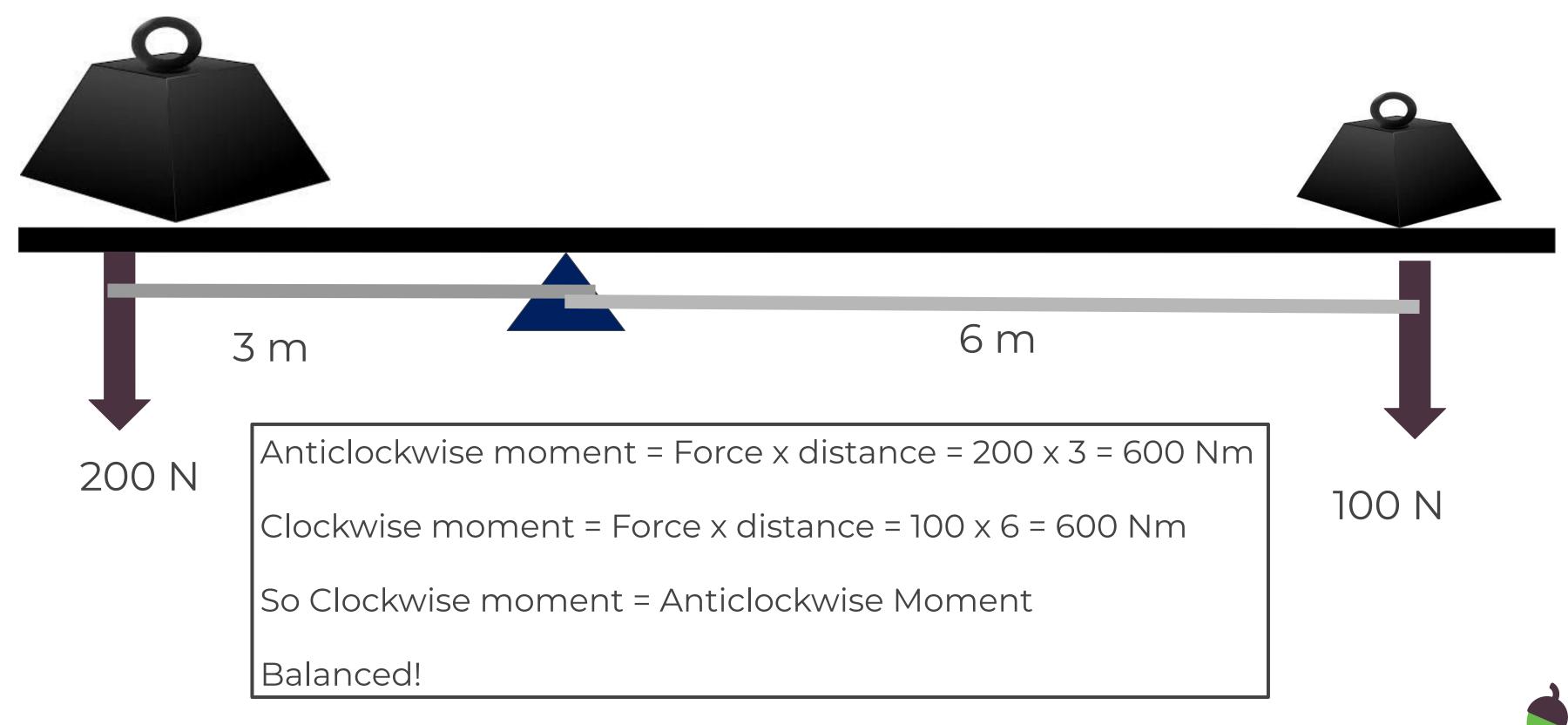




Answers

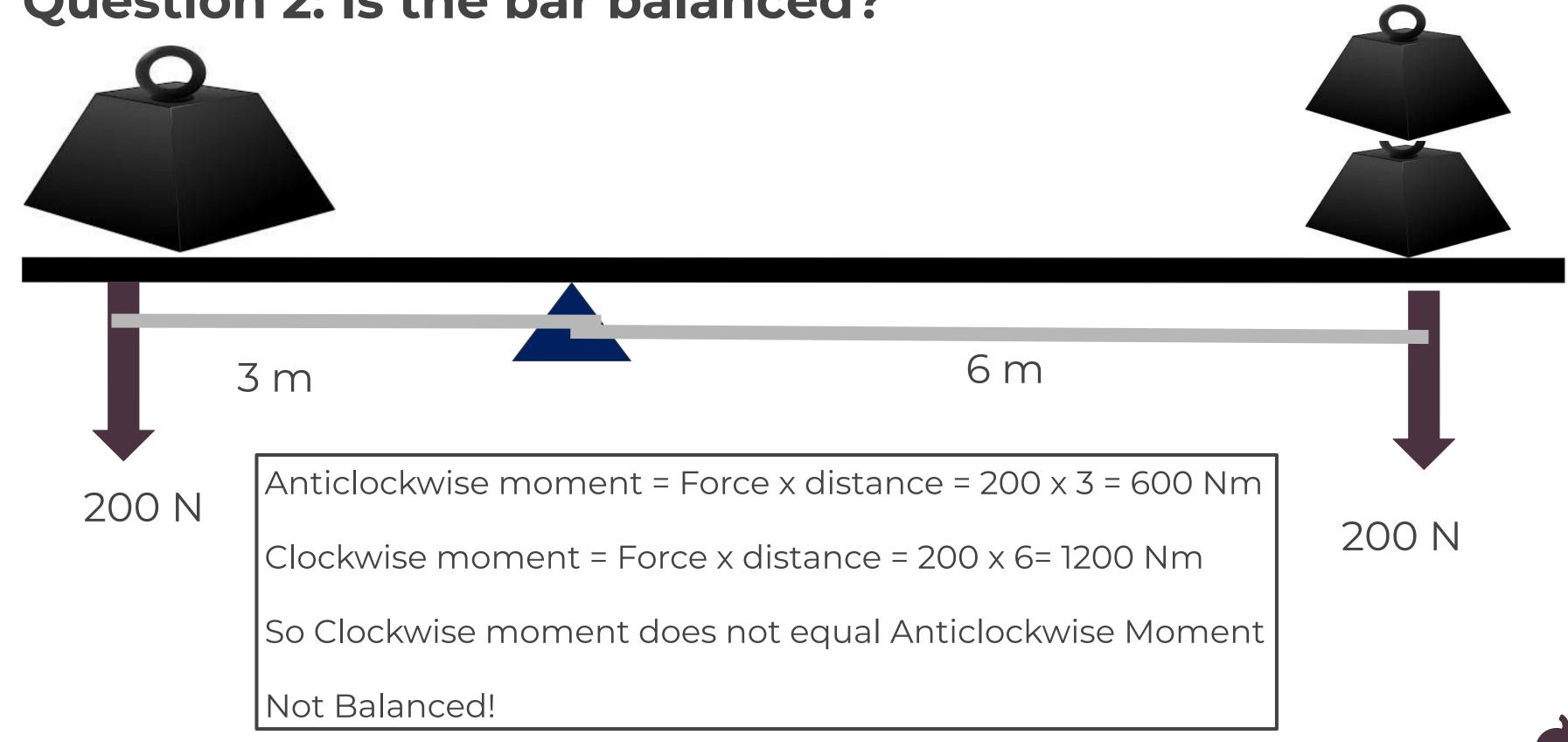


Question 1: Is the bar balanced?



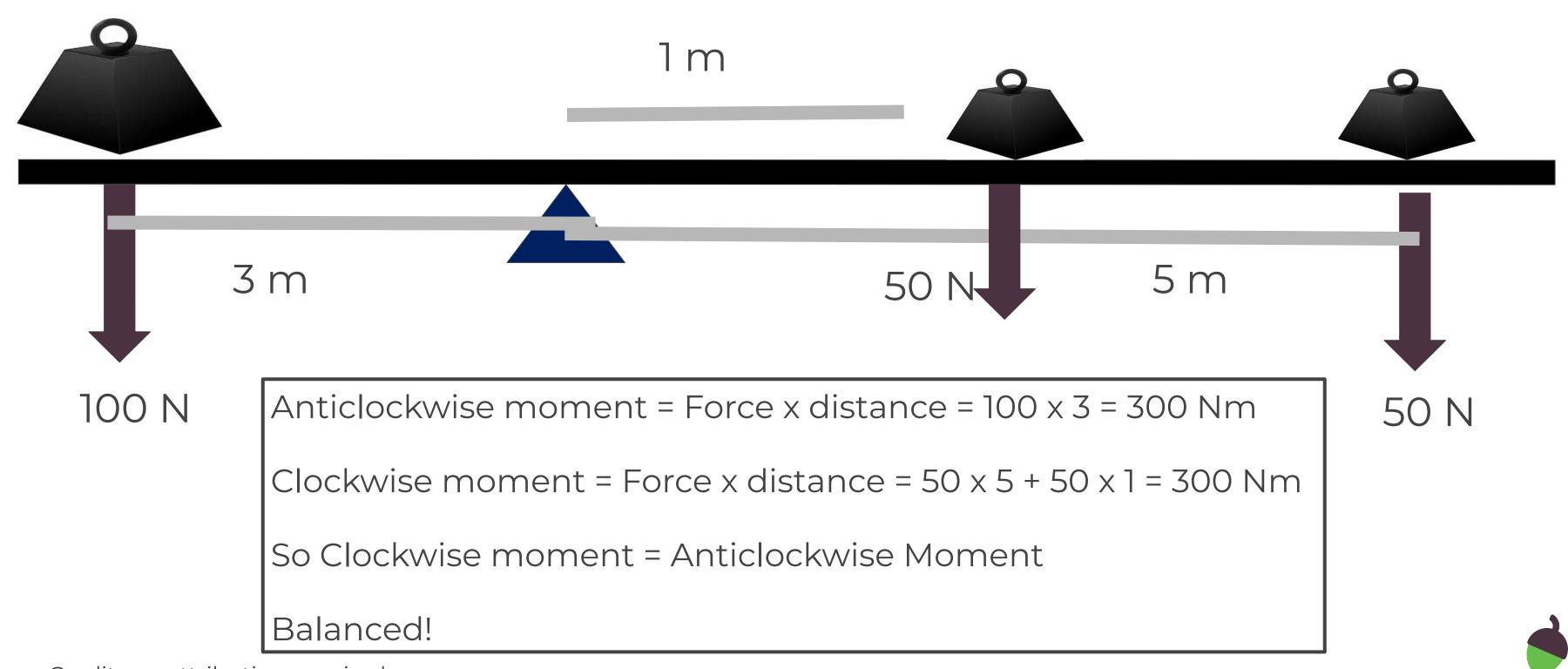


Question 2: Is the bar balanced?

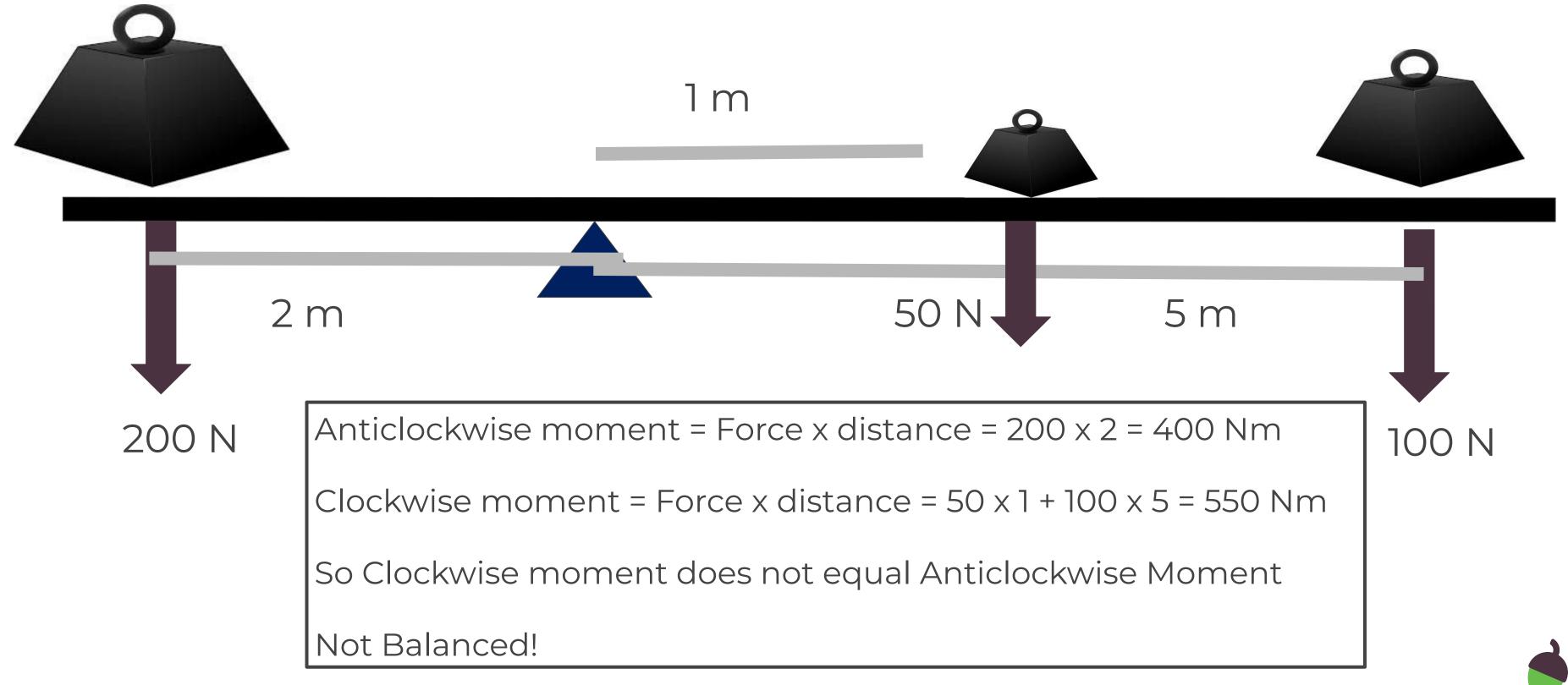




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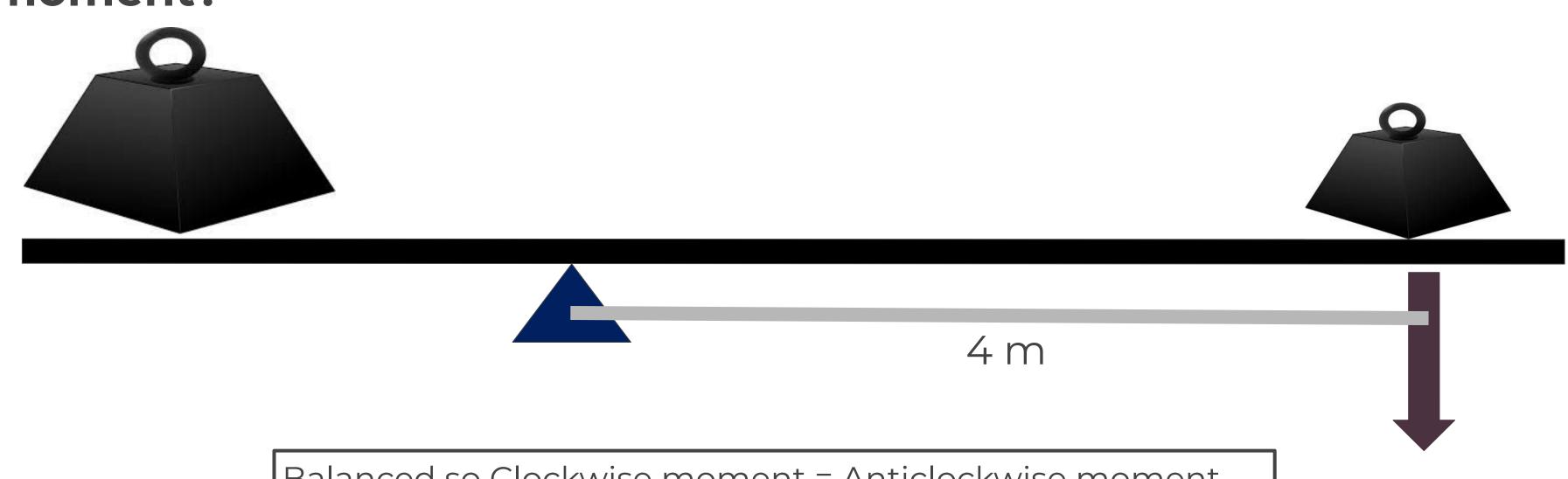


Question 4: Is the bar balanced?





Question 5: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?



Balanced so Clockwise moment = Anticlockwise moment

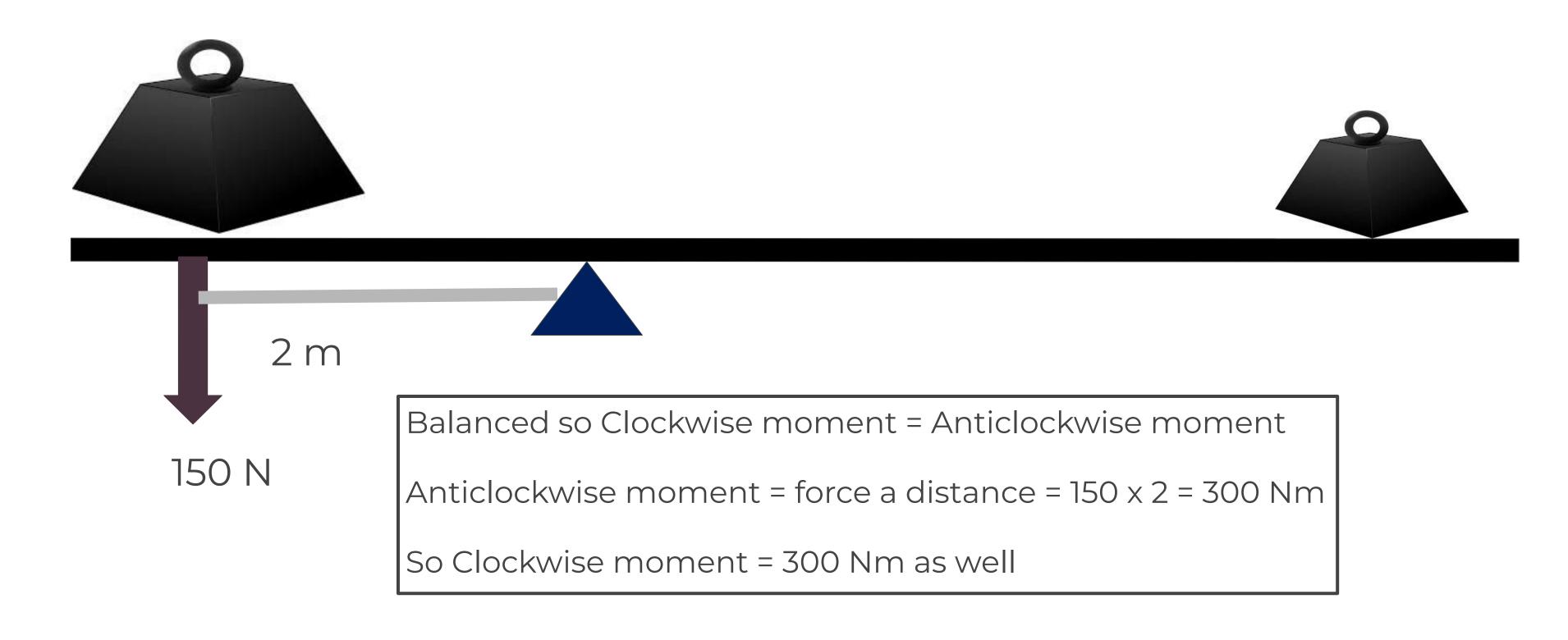
Clockwise moment = force a distance = $75 \times 4 = 300 \text{ Nm}$

So Anticlockwise moment = 300 Nm as well

75 N

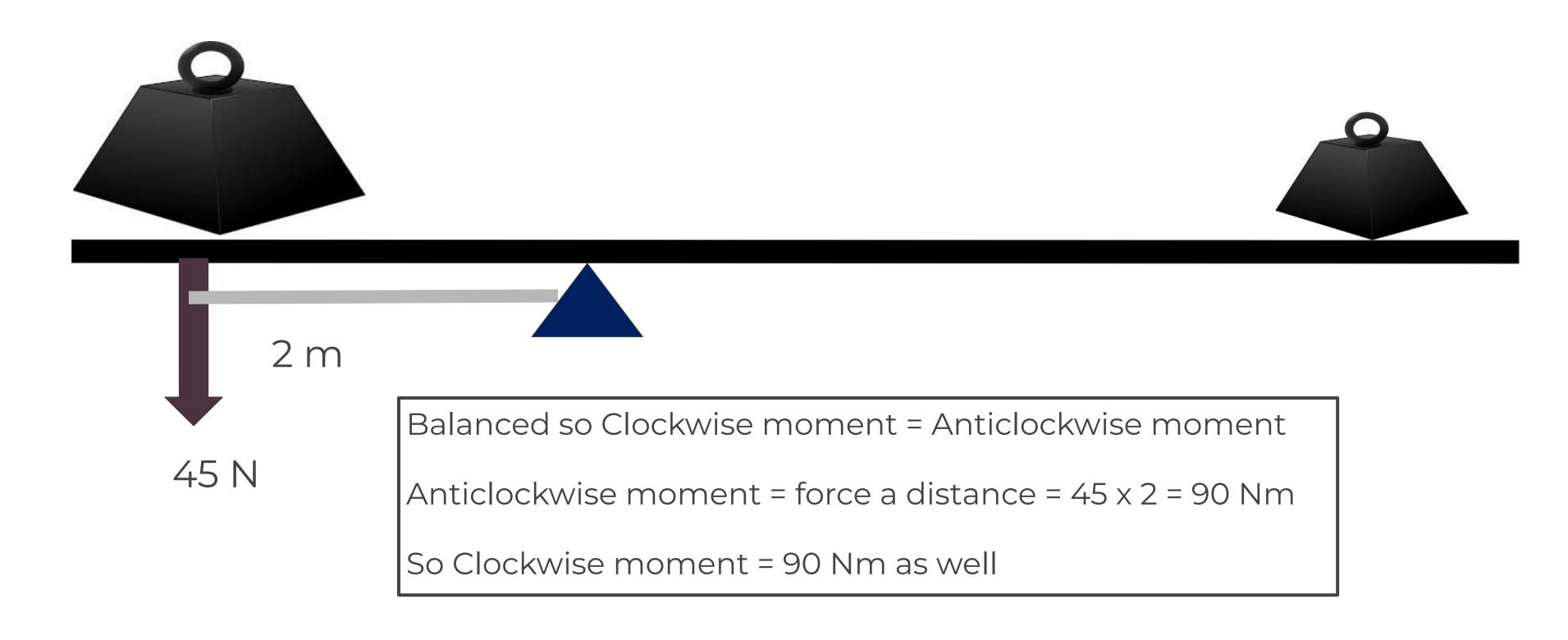


Question 6: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?



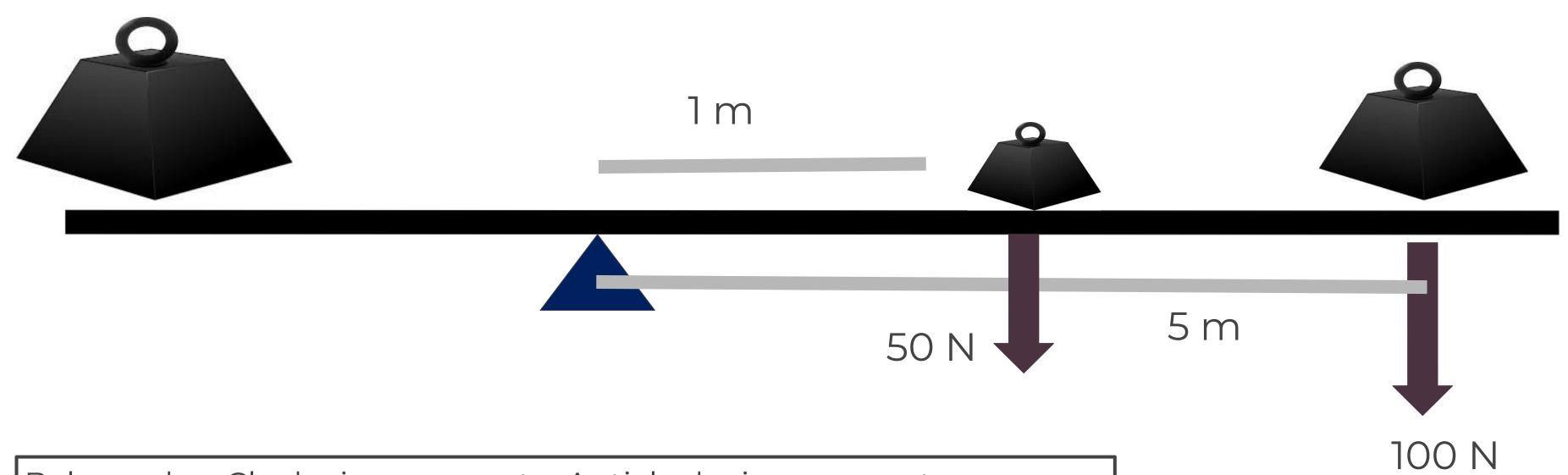


Question 7: The bar is balanced. What is the clockwise moment?





Question 8: The bar is balanced. What is the anticlockwise moment?



Balanced so Clockwise moment = Anticlockwise moment

Clockwise moment = force a distance = $50 \times 1 + 100 \times 5 = 550 \text{ Nm}$

So Anticlockwise moment = 550 Nm as well

