

**Rod AC:**

Taking moments around C we get:

$$W(l \cos \beta) = X_1(2l \sin \beta) + Y_1(2l \cos \beta)$$

... divide by  $l \cos \beta$

$$\Rightarrow W = 2X_1 \tan \beta + 2Y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow W - 2Y_1 = 2X_1 \tan \beta \quad \dots \text{Equation (2)}$$

$$\underline{2W + 2Y_1 = 2X_1 \tan \beta} \quad \dots \text{Equation (1)}$$

( $\times 2$ )

Add:  $3W = 4X_1 \tan \beta$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 = \frac{3W}{4 \tan \beta} \quad \dots \text{substitute into Equation (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow W - 2Y_1 = 2 \left[ \frac{3W}{4 \tan \beta} \right] \tan \beta$$

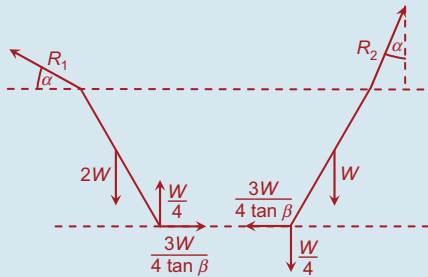
... multiply by 4

$$\Rightarrow 4W - 8Y_1 = 6W$$

$$\Rightarrow 8Y_1 = -2W$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1 = -\frac{W}{4} \quad \dots \text{the minus sign indicates that the actual direction of } Y_1 \text{ is opposite to the direction indicated in the diagram.}$$

(ii) Looking again at the two rods separately, we have the following:



$$\textcircled{1} R_1 \sin \alpha + \frac{W}{4} = 2W$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 \sin \alpha = \frac{7W}{4}$$

$$\textcircled{2} R_1 \cos \alpha = \frac{3W}{4 \tan \beta}$$

Dividing Equation (1) by Equation (2) gives:

$$\tan \alpha = \left( \frac{7W}{4} \right) \left( \frac{4 \tan \beta}{3W} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{7 \tan \beta}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{3} R_2 \sin \alpha = \frac{3W}{4 \tan \beta}$$

$$\textcircled{4} R_2 \cos \alpha = W + \frac{W}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_2 \cos \alpha = \frac{5W}{4}$$

Dividing Equation (3) by Equation (4) gives:

$$\tan \alpha = \left( \frac{3W}{4 \tan \beta} \right) \left( \frac{4}{5W} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{3}{5 \tan \beta}$$

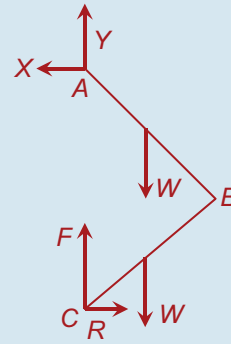
$$\Rightarrow \frac{7 \tan \beta}{3} = \frac{3}{5 \tan \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow 35 \tan^2 \beta = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \beta = \frac{9}{35}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \beta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{35}}$$

**Q. 9.** (i) Force diagram for the system including the friction force at C.



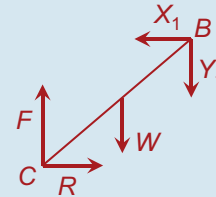
Take moments about A:

$$2W \left( \frac{l}{2} \sin \phi \right) = R(2l \cos \phi)$$

... divide by  $l \cos \phi$

$$\Rightarrow W \tan \phi = 2R \Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{2} W \tan \phi$$

Now, we look at the forces on the rod BC in isolation:



Taking moments around B we get:

$$F(l \sin \phi) = R(l \cos \phi) + W \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin \phi \right)$$

... divide by  $l \cos \phi$

$$\Rightarrow F \tan \phi = R + \frac{1}{2} W \tan \phi$$

... but  $R = \frac{1}{2} W \tan \phi$

$$\Rightarrow F \tan \phi = \frac{1}{2} W \tan \phi + \frac{1}{2} W \tan \phi$$

... divide by  $\tan \phi$