**Question.** A 2100 kg of a rectangular box is suspended from a height of 15 m. What is the minimum force required to displace a hanging object at a particular degree? **Given.** m = 2100 kg; l = 15 m. **Find.** F = f(x).**Solution** 



For small angles

 $F = T \sin \alpha$  $mg = T \cos \alpha$ 

We have

 $\frac{F}{mg} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \rightarrow \frac{F}{mg} = \tan \alpha \rightarrow F = mg \tan \alpha \approx mg \sin \alpha = mg \frac{x}{l} = 2100 \cdot 9.8 \cdot \frac{x}{15} = 1372 \cdot x$ 

If  $\alpha = 1^{\circ} = 0.0174 \, rad$  then  $x = 0.0174 \cdot 15 = 0.262 \, m$  and

$$F = 1372 \cdot 0.262 = 359 N$$

**Answer.**  $F = mg \frac{x}{l} = 1372 \cdot x.$ 

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