Chapter 10 Problem 22 †

Given

$$au = 35.0 \ N \cdot m$$

 $r = 24.0 \ cm = 0.24 \ m$

Solution

a) Find the force needed when applied at right angles with the wrench shaft.

From the definition of the magnitude of torque,

$$\tau = rF\sin\theta\tag{1}$$

Solving for force gives

$$F = \frac{\tau}{r \sin \theta} = \frac{(35.0 \ N \cdot m)}{(0.24 \ m) \sin(90^\circ)} = 146 \ N$$

b) Find the force needed when applied at 110° with respect to the wrench shaft.

Using the definition of torque (equation 1) and solving for force gives

$$F = \frac{\tau}{r \sin \theta} = \frac{(35.0 \ N \cdot m)}{(0.24 \ m) \sin(110^\circ)} = 155 \ N$$

[†]Problem from Essential University Physics, Wolfson