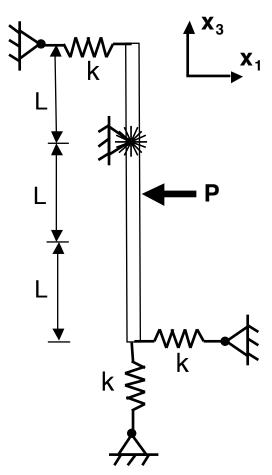
**M6.1** (15 points) A rigid bar of length 3L is supported by four springs as shown. The three springs at the two ends of the bar are of the linear type and each have the

a spring constant of k. The spring at the one-third point along the bar is of the torsional type and requires a moment of the same sense to the angle of rotation for displacement giving a constitutive relation of:  $M = k_T \theta$ , where  $k_T$  is the torsional spring constant. This is in addition to any reaction(s) due to the pin support at that point. The bar is loaded at the midpoint by a load of magnitude P in the negative  $x_1$ -direction.



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- (a) Draw the free body diagram(s) for this situation (Consider the overall system and any appropriate subsystems).
- (b) Determine whether this structural configuration is statically determinate or statically indeterminate and clearly explain your reasoning.
- (c) Determine the reaction forces, the deflection of each spring, and the overall deflection of the bar.