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# MATHEMATICS (9709) P4

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## Chapter 4

# Newton's laws of motion



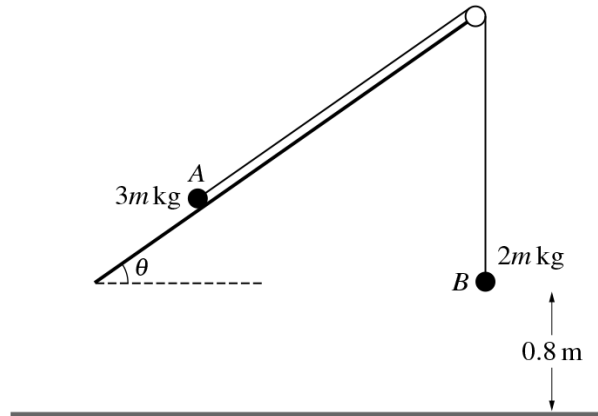








138. 9709\_s20\_qp\_43 Q: 7



Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $3m \text{ kg}$  and  $2m \text{ kg}$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley which is attached to the edge of a plane. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal.  $A$  lies on the plane and  $B$  hangs vertically,  $0.8 \text{ m}$  above the floor, which is horizontal. The string between  $A$  and the pulley is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane (see diagram). Initially  $A$  and  $B$  are at rest.

- (a) Given that the plane is smooth, find the value of  $\theta$  for which  $A$  remains at rest. [3]

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It is given instead that the plane is rough,  $\theta = 30^\circ$  and the acceleration of  $A$  up the plane is  $0.1 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ .

- (b) Show that the coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the plane is  $\frac{1}{10}\sqrt{3}$ . [5]

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139. 9709\_W20\_qp\_41 Q: 2

A car of mass 1400 kg is moving along a straight horizontal road against a resistance of magnitude 350 N.

- (a) Find, in kW, the rate at which the engine of the car is working when it is travelling at a constant speed of  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [2]

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- (b) Find the acceleration of the car when its speed is  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and the engine is working at 15 kW. [3]

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The force of magnitude 15 N is now replaced by a force of magnitude  $X$  N acting up the line of greatest slope.

- (ii) Find the greatest value of  $X$  for which the block does not move. [2]

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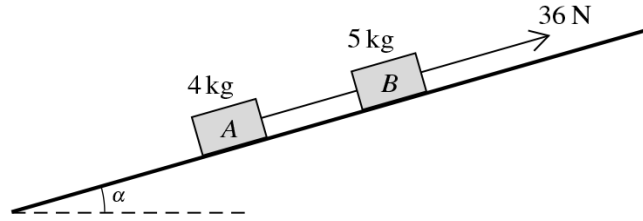
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147. 9709\_w19\_qp\_41 Q: 4



Two blocks  $A$  and  $B$  of masses 4 kg and 5 kg respectively are joined by a light inextensible string. The blocks rest on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{7}{24}$ . The string is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane with  $B$  above  $A$ . A force of magnitude 36 N acts on  $B$ , parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane (see diagram).

- (i) Find the acceleration of the blocks and the tension in the string. [5]

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- (ii) At a particular instant, the speed of the blocks is  $1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Find the time, after this instant, that it takes for the blocks to travel 0.65 m. [2]

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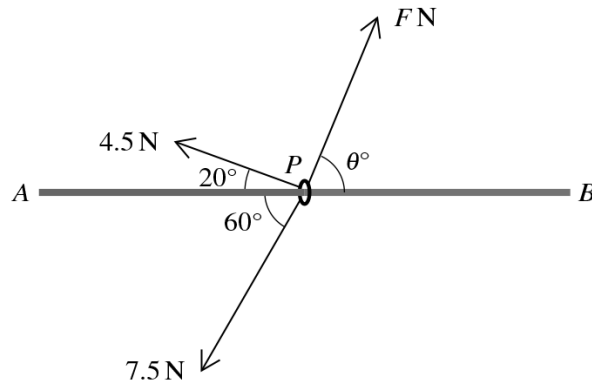
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148. 9709\_w19\_qp\_41 Q: 5



A small ring  $P$  is threaded on a fixed smooth horizontal rod  $AB$ . Three horizontal forces of magnitudes 4.5 N, 7.5 N and  $F$  N act on  $P$  (see diagram).

- (i) Given that these three forces are in equilibrium, find the values of  $F$  and  $\theta$ . [6]

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(ii) It is given instead that the values of  $F$  and  $\theta$  are 9.5 and 30 respectively, and the acceleration of the ring is  $1.5 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Find the mass of the ring. [2]

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149. 9709\_w19\_qp\_41 Q: 6

A particle of mass  $0.4 \text{ kg}$  is released from rest at a height of  $1.8 \text{ m}$  above the surface of the water in a tank. There is no instantaneous change of speed when the particle enters the water. The water exerts an upward force of  $5.6 \text{ N}$  on the particle when it is in the water.

- (i) Find the velocity of the particle at the instant when it reaches the surface of the water. [2]

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- (ii) Find the time that it takes from the instant when the particle enters the water until it comes to instantaneous rest in the water. You may assume that the tank is deep enough so that the particle does not reach the bottom of the tank. [4]

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- (iii) Sketch a velocity-time graph for the motion of the particle from the instant at which it is released until it comes to instantaneous rest in the water. [3]



150. 9709\_w19\_qp\_42 Q: 6

A block of mass 3 kg is initially at rest on a rough horizontal plane. A force of magnitude 6 N is applied to the block at an angle of  $\theta$  above the horizontal, where  $\cos \theta = \frac{24}{25}$ . The force is applied for a period of 5 s, during which time the block moves a distance of 4.5 m.

- (i) Find the magnitude of the frictional force on the block. [4]

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- (ii) Show that the coefficient of friction between the block and the plane is 0.165, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

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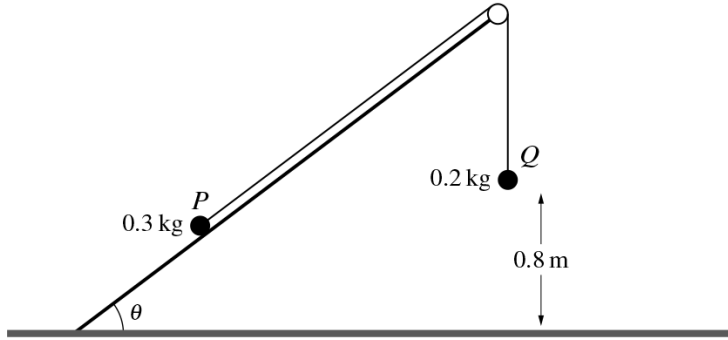
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151. 9709\_w19\_qp\_42 Q: 7



Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 0.3 kg and 0.2 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley which is attached to the edge of a smooth plane. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ .  $P$  lies on the plane and  $Q$  hangs vertically below the pulley at a height of 0.8 m above the floor (see diagram). The string between  $P$  and the pulley is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane.  $P$  is released from rest and  $Q$  moves vertically downwards.

- (i) Find the tension in the string and the magnitude of the acceleration of the particles. [5]

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(ii) Given instead that  $\theta = 30$ , find the acceleration of  $P$ .

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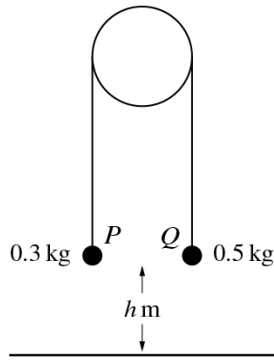








161. 9709\_w18\_qp\_43 Q: 5



Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 0.3 kg and 0.5 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley with the particles hanging freely below it.  $Q$  is held at rest with the string taut at a height of  $h$  m above a horizontal floor (see diagram).  $Q$  is now released and both particles start to move. The pulley is sufficiently high so that  $P$  does not reach it at any stage. The time taken for  $Q$  to reach the floor is 0.6 s.

- (i) Find the acceleration of  $Q$  before it reaches the floor and hence find the value of  $h$ . [6]

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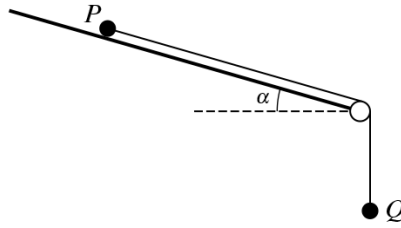








169. 9709\_w17\_qp\_42 Q: 6



Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , each of mass  $m$  kg, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley which is attached to the edge of a rough plane. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{7}{24}$ . Particle  $P$  rests on the plane and particle  $Q$  hangs vertically, as shown in the diagram. The string between  $P$  and the pulley is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The system is in limiting equilibrium.

- (i) Show that the coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the plane is  $\frac{4}{3}$ . [5]

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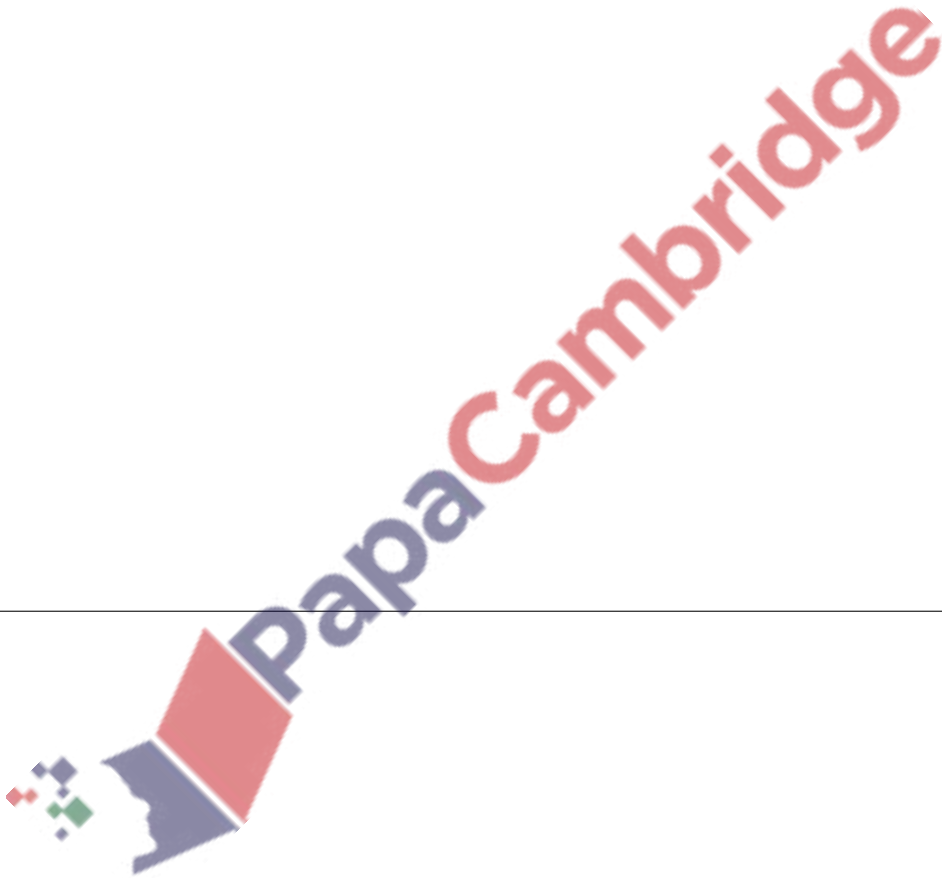




171. 9709\_m16\_qp\_42 Q: 4

A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.8 \text{ kg}$  is placed on a rough horizontal table. The coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the table is  $\mu$ . A force of magnitude  $5 \text{ N}$ , acting upwards at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$ , is applied to  $P$ . The particle is on the point of sliding on the table.

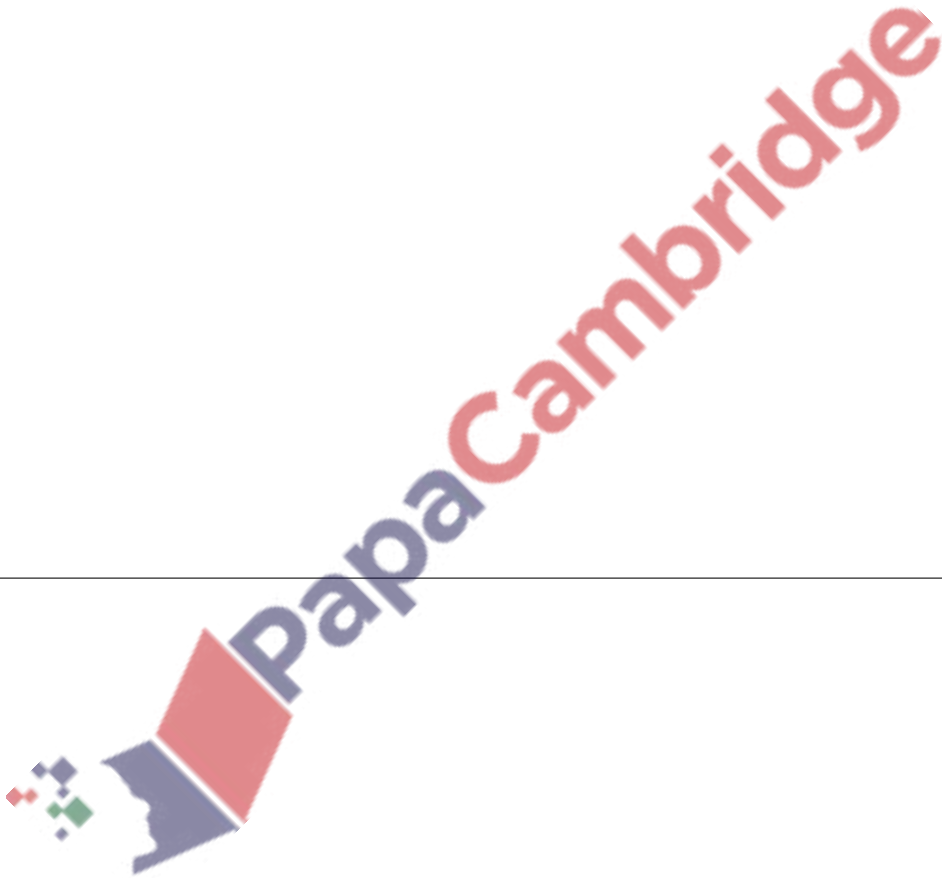
- (i) Find the value of  $\mu$ . [4]
- (ii) The magnitude of the force acting on  $P$  is increased to  $10 \text{ N}$ , with the direction of the force remaining the same. Find the acceleration of  $P$ . [3]



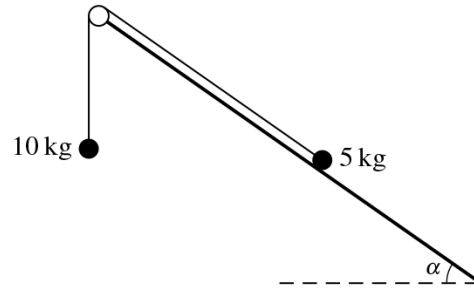
172. 9709\_m16\_qp\_42 Q: 6

Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $0.8\text{ kg}$  and  $0.2\text{ kg}$  respectively, are connected by a light inextensible string. Particle  $A$  is placed on a horizontal surface. The string passes over a small smooth pulley  $P$  fixed at the edge of the surface, and  $B$  hangs freely. The horizontal section of the string,  $AP$ , is of length  $2.5\text{ m}$ . The particles are released from rest with both sections of the string taut.

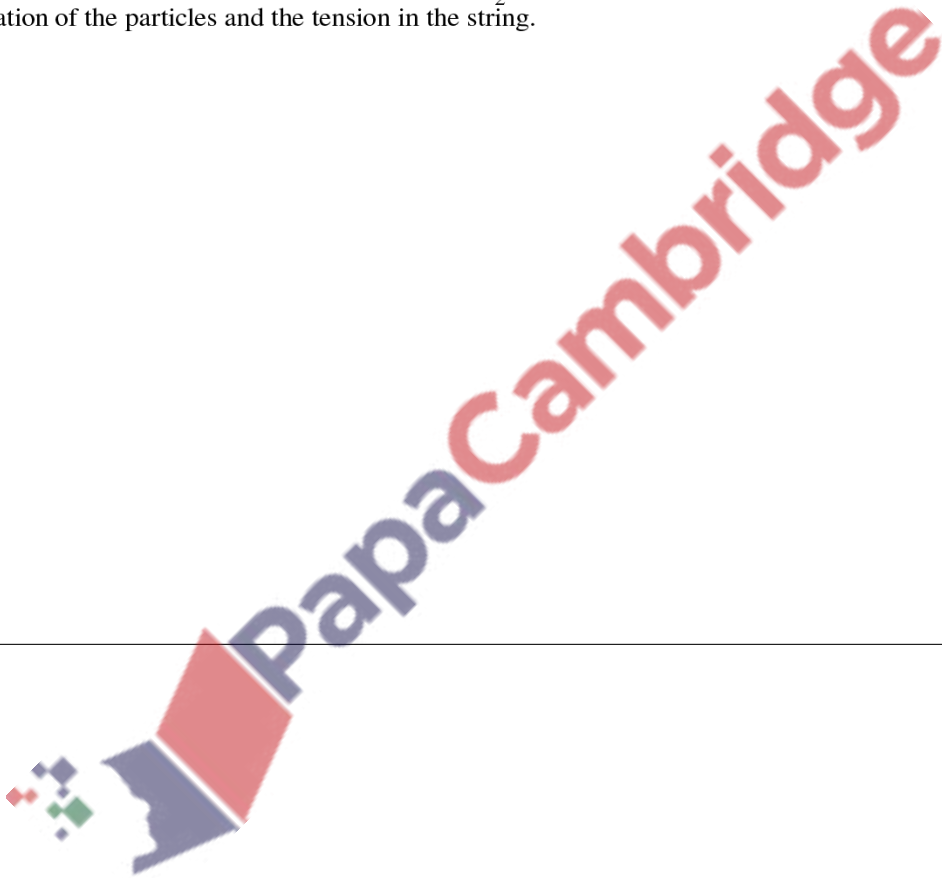
- (i) Given that the surface is smooth, find the time taken for  $A$  to reach the pulley. [5]
- (ii) Given instead that the surface is rough and the coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the surface is  $0.1$ , find the speed of  $A$  immediately before it reaches the pulley. [5]



173. 9709\_s16\_qp\_41 Q: 5

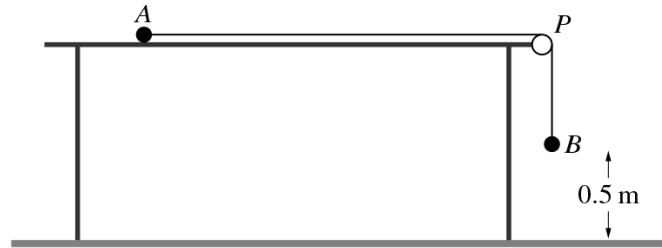


Two particles of masses 5 kg and 10 kg are connected by a light inextensible string that passes over a fixed smooth pulley. The 5 kg particle is on a rough fixed slope which is at an angle of  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$ . The 10 kg particle hangs below the pulley (see diagram). The coefficient of friction between the slope and the 5 kg particle is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The particles are released from rest. Find the acceleration of the particles and the tension in the string. [7]





174. 9709\_s16\_qp\_42 Q: 7



A particle  $A$  of mass  $1.6\text{ kg}$  rests on a horizontal table and is attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a small smooth pulley  $P$  fixed at the edge of the table. The other end of the string is attached to a particle  $B$  of mass  $2.4\text{ kg}$  which hangs freely below the pulley. The system is released from rest with the string taut and with  $B$  at a height of  $0.5\text{ m}$  above the ground, as shown in the diagram. In the subsequent motion  $A$  does not reach  $P$  before  $B$  reaches the ground.

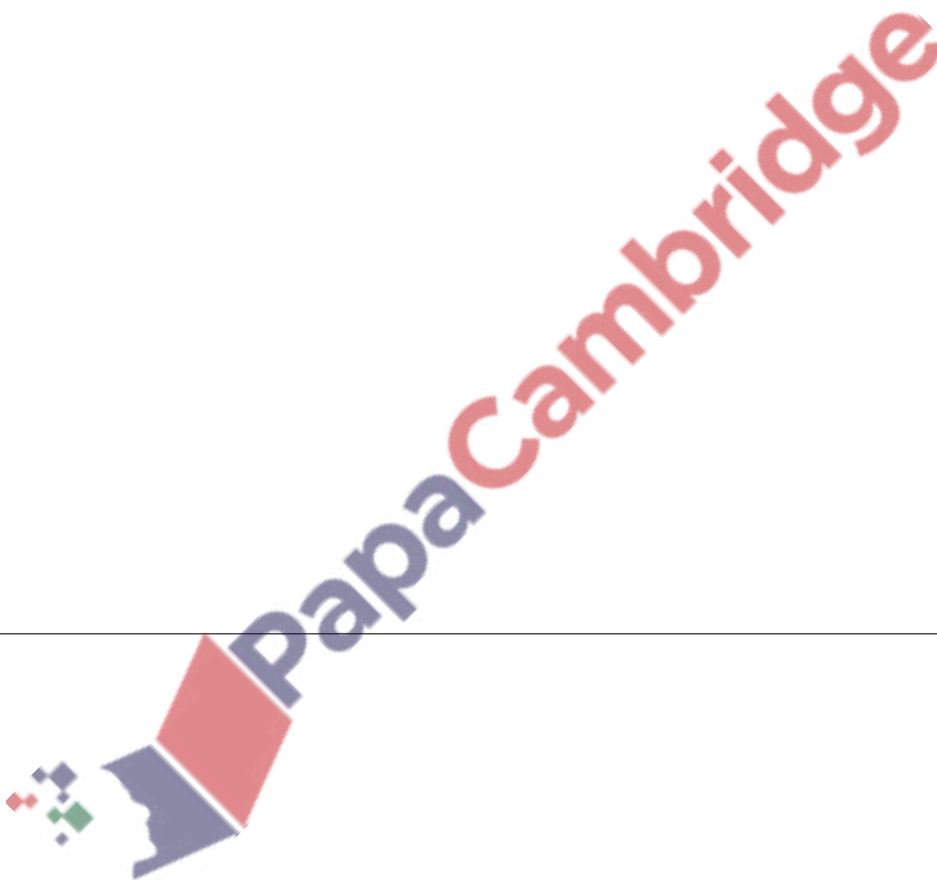
- (i) Given that the table is smooth, find the time taken by  $B$  to reach the ground. [5]
- (ii) Given instead that the table is rough and that the coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the table is  $\frac{3}{8}$ , find the total distance travelled by  $A$ . You may assume that  $A$  does not reach the pulley. [7]

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175. 9709\_w16\_qp\_41 Q: 2

A particle of mass  $0.1 \text{ kg}$  is released from rest on a rough plane inclined at  $20^\circ$  to the horizontal. It is given that, 5 seconds after release, the particle has a speed of  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

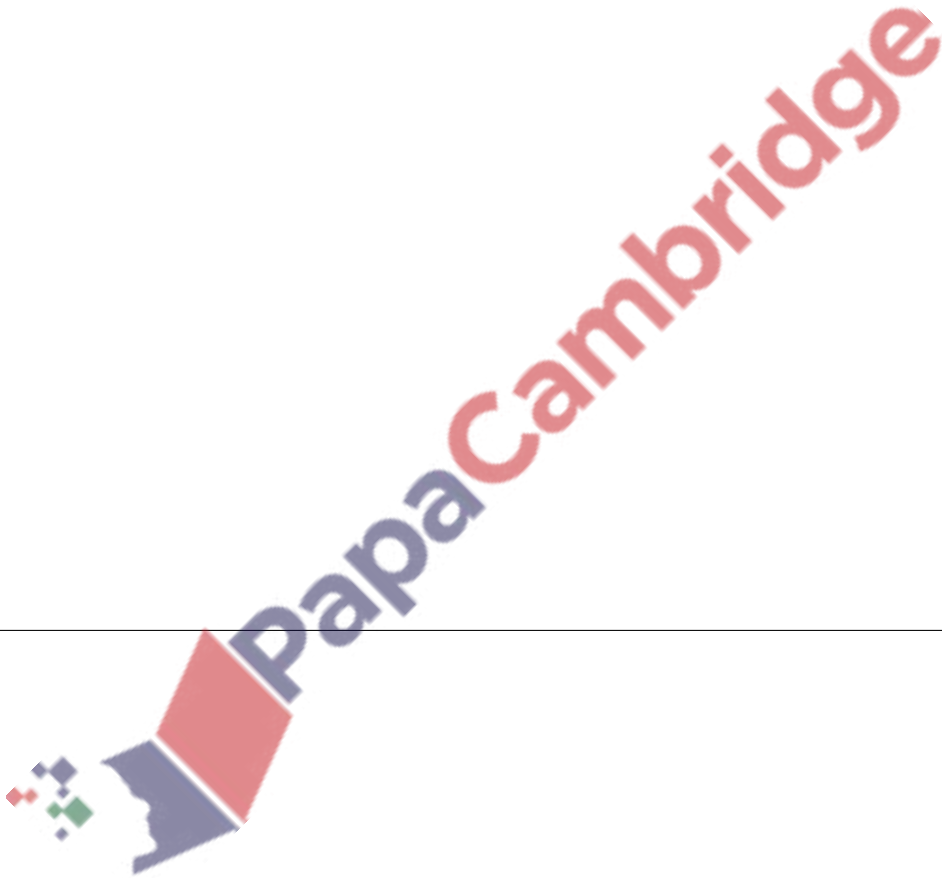
- (i) Find the acceleration of the particle and hence show that the magnitude of the frictional force acting on the particle is  $0.302 \text{ N}$ , correct to 3 significant figures. [3]
- (ii) Find the coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane. [2]



176. 9709\_w16\_qp\_42 Q: 1

A particle of mass 2 kg is initially at rest on a rough horizontal plane. A force of magnitude 10 N is applied to the particle at  $15^\circ$  above the horizontal. It is given that 10 s after the force is applied, the particle has a speed of  $3.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (i) Show that the magnitude of the frictional force is 8.96 N, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]
- (ii) Find the coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane. [3]

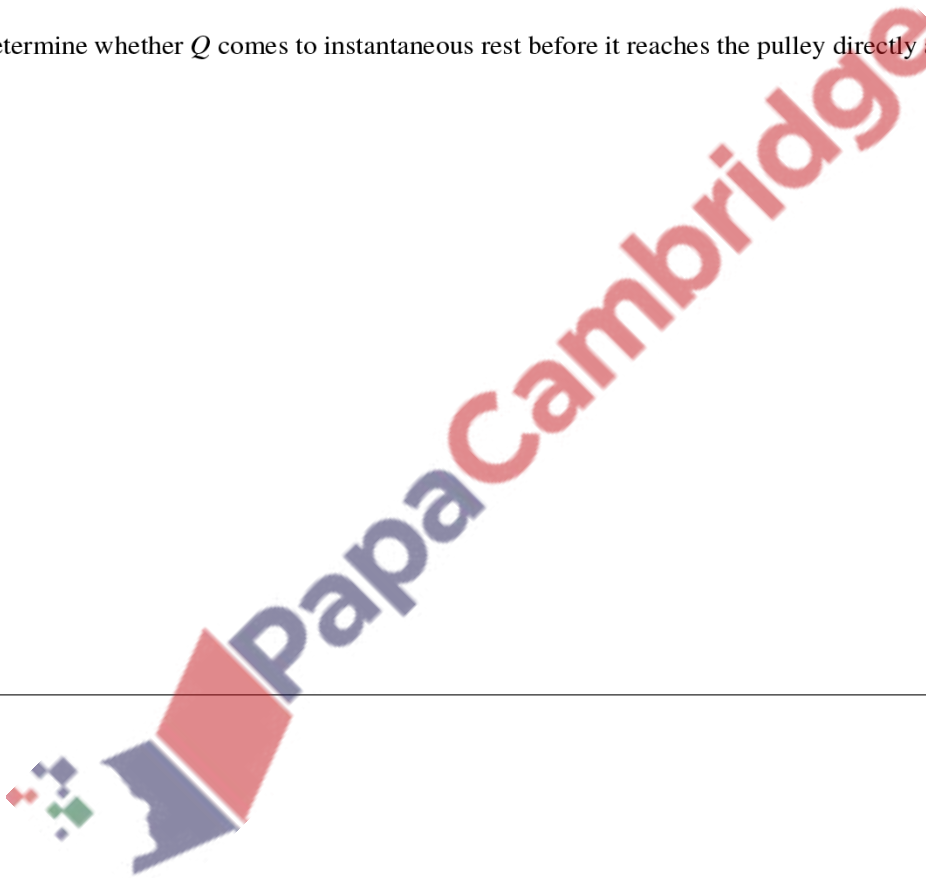


177. 9709\_w16\_qp\_43 Q: 3



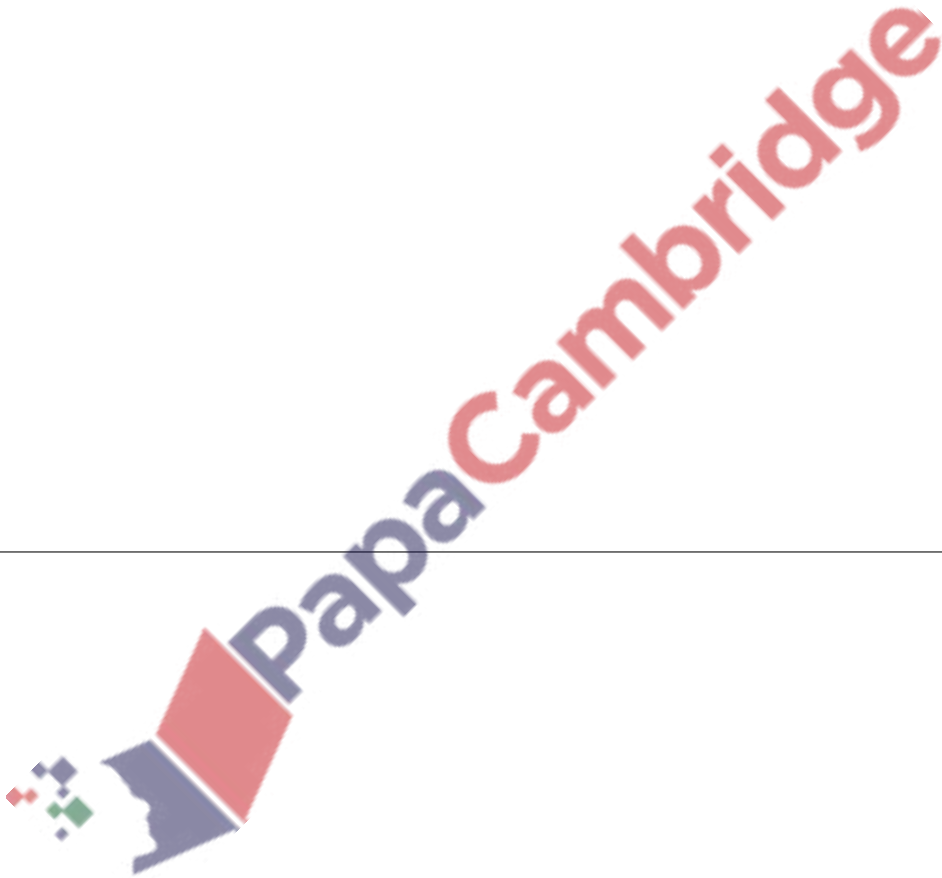
Particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 7 kg and 3 kg respectively, are attached to the two ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over two small smooth pulleys attached to the two ends of a horizontal table. The two particles hang vertically below the two pulleys. The two particles are both initially at rest, 0.5 m below the level of the table, and 0.4 m above the horizontal floor (see diagram).

- (i) Find the acceleration of the particles and the speed of  $P$  immediately before it reaches the floor. [4]
- (ii) Determine whether  $Q$  comes to instantaneous rest before it reaches the pulley directly above it. [2]

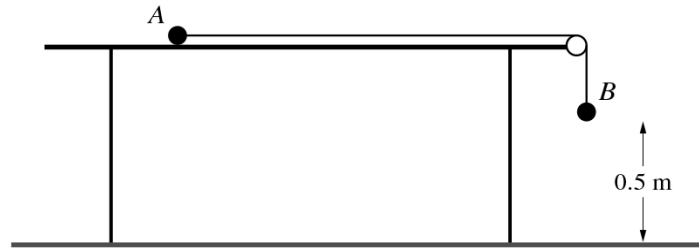


178. 9709\_s15\_qp\_41 Q: 3

A block of weight 6.1 N slides down a slope inclined at  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11}{60}\right)$  to the horizontal. The coefficient of friction between the block and the slope is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The block passes through a point  $A$  with speed  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Find how far the block moves from  $A$  before it comes to rest. [5]

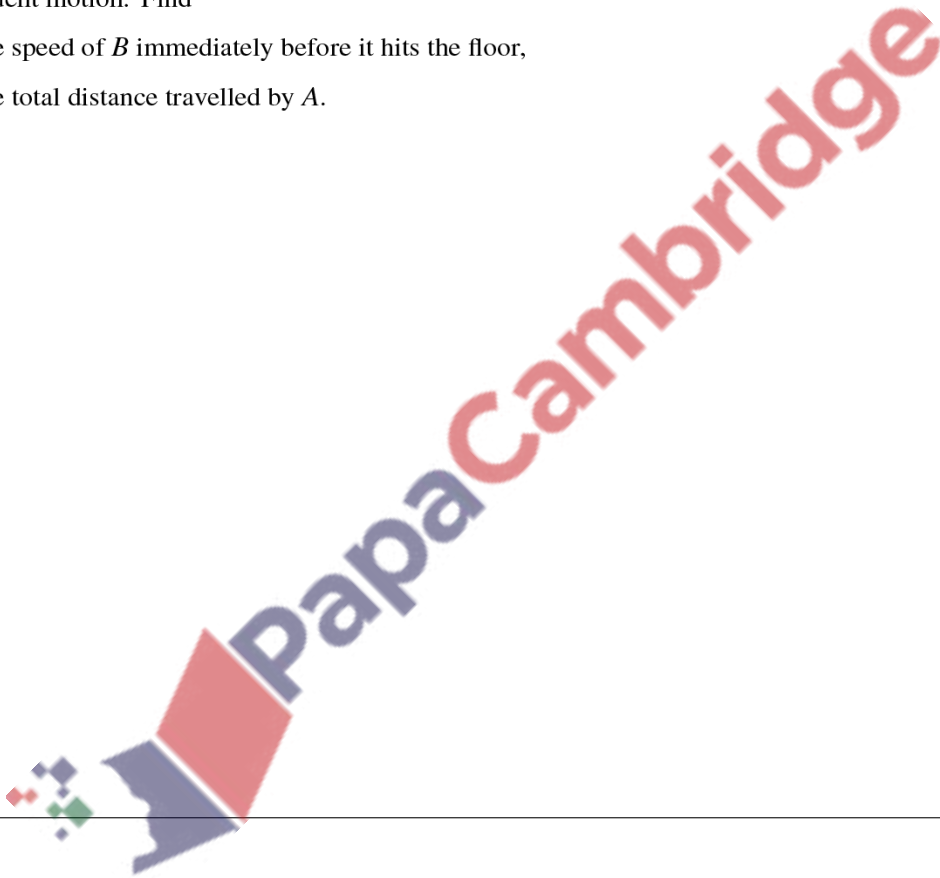


179. 9709\_s15\_qp\_41 Q: 7



Particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $0.3 \text{ kg}$  and  $0.7 \text{ kg}$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. Particle  $A$  is held at rest on a rough horizontal table with the string passing over a smooth pulley fixed at the edge of the table. The coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the table is  $0.2$ . Particle  $B$  hangs vertically below the pulley at a height of  $0.5 \text{ m}$  above the floor (see diagram). The system is released from rest and  $0.25 \text{ s}$  later the string breaks.  $A$  does not reach the pulley in the subsequent motion. Find

- (i) the speed of  $B$  immediately before it hits the floor, [9]
- (ii) the total distance travelled by  $A$ . [3]



180. 9709\_s15\_qp\_42 Q: 6

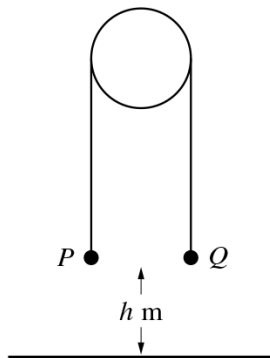


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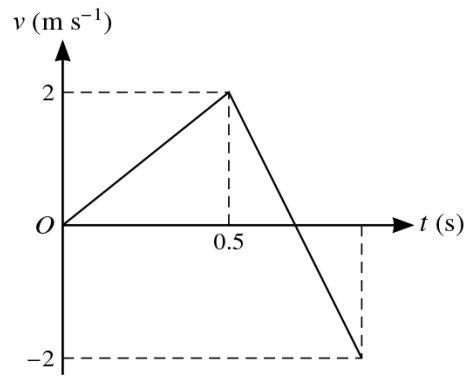


Fig. 2

Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$  have masses  $m$  kg and  $(1 - m)$  kg respectively. The particles are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth fixed pulley.  $P$  is held at rest with the string taut and both straight parts of the string vertical.  $P$  and  $Q$  are each at a height of  $h$  m above horizontal ground (see Fig. 1).  $P$  is released and  $Q$  moves downwards. Subsequently  $Q$  hits the ground and comes to rest. Fig. 2 shows the velocity-time graph for  $P$  while  $Q$  is moving downwards or is at rest on the ground.

- (i) Find the value of  $h$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the value of  $m$ , and find also the tension in the string while  $Q$  is moving. [6]
- (iii) The string is slack while  $Q$  is at rest on the ground. Find the total time from the instant that  $P$  is released until the string becomes taut again. [3]



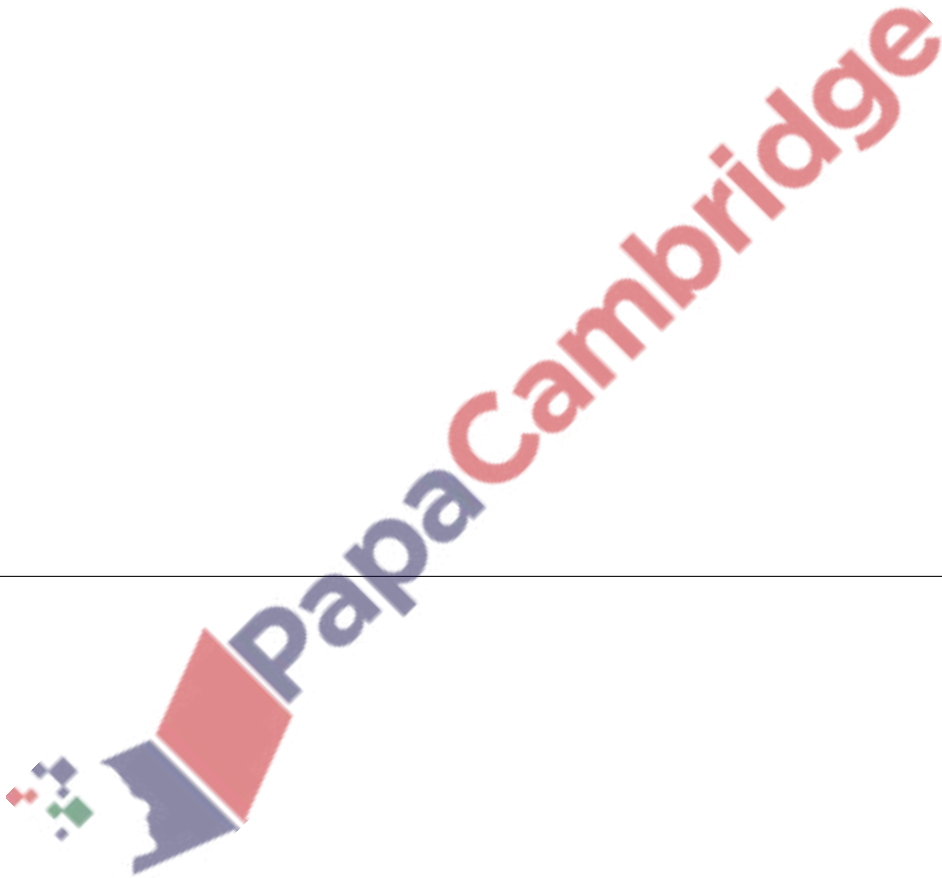
181. 9709\_s15\_qp\_43 Q: 6

A small box of mass  $5\text{ kg}$  is pulled at a constant speed of  $2.5\text{ m s}^{-1}$  down a line of greatest slope of a rough plane inclined at  $10^\circ$  to the horizontal. The pulling force has magnitude  $20\text{ N}$  and acts downwards parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane.

(i) Find the coefficient of friction between the box and the plane. [5]

The pulling force is removed while the box is moving at  $2.5\text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

(ii) Find the distance moved by the box after the instant at which the pulling force is removed. [4]





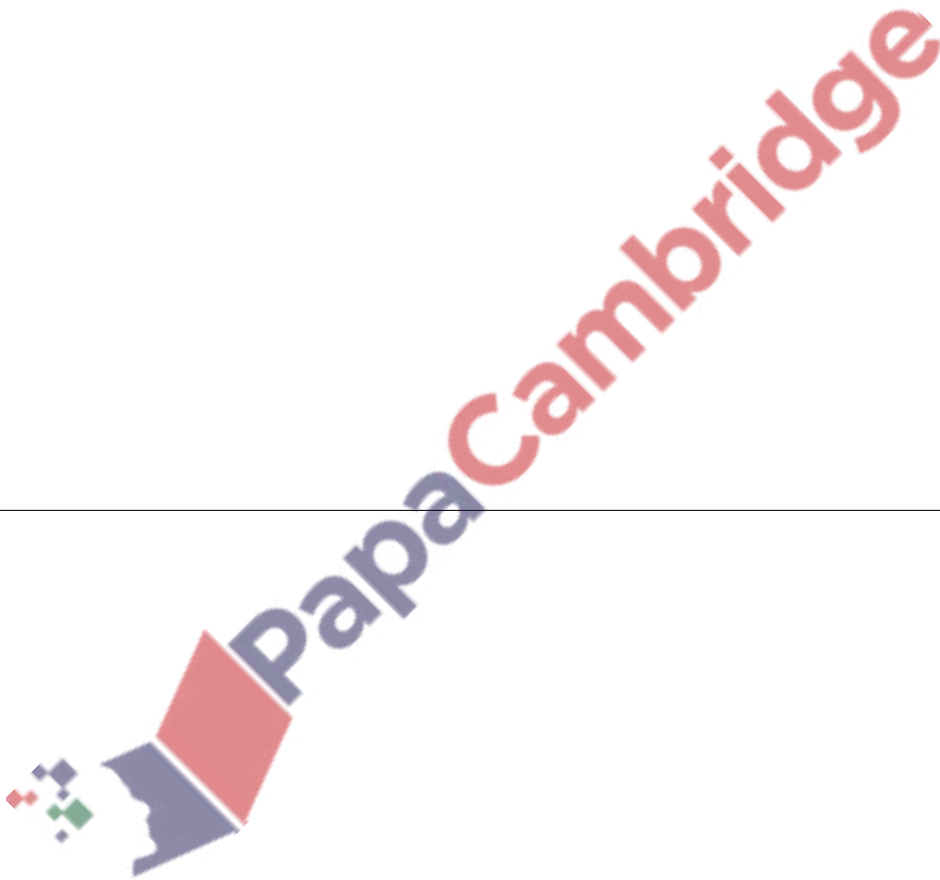
182. 9709\_w15\_qp\_41 Q: 2

A particle of mass 0.5 kg starts from rest and slides down a line of greatest slope of a smooth plane. The plane is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal.

(i) Find the time taken for the particle to reach a speed of  $2.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . [3]

When the particle has travelled 3 m down the slope from its starting point, it reaches rough horizontal ground at the bottom of the slope. The frictional force acting on the particle is 1 N.

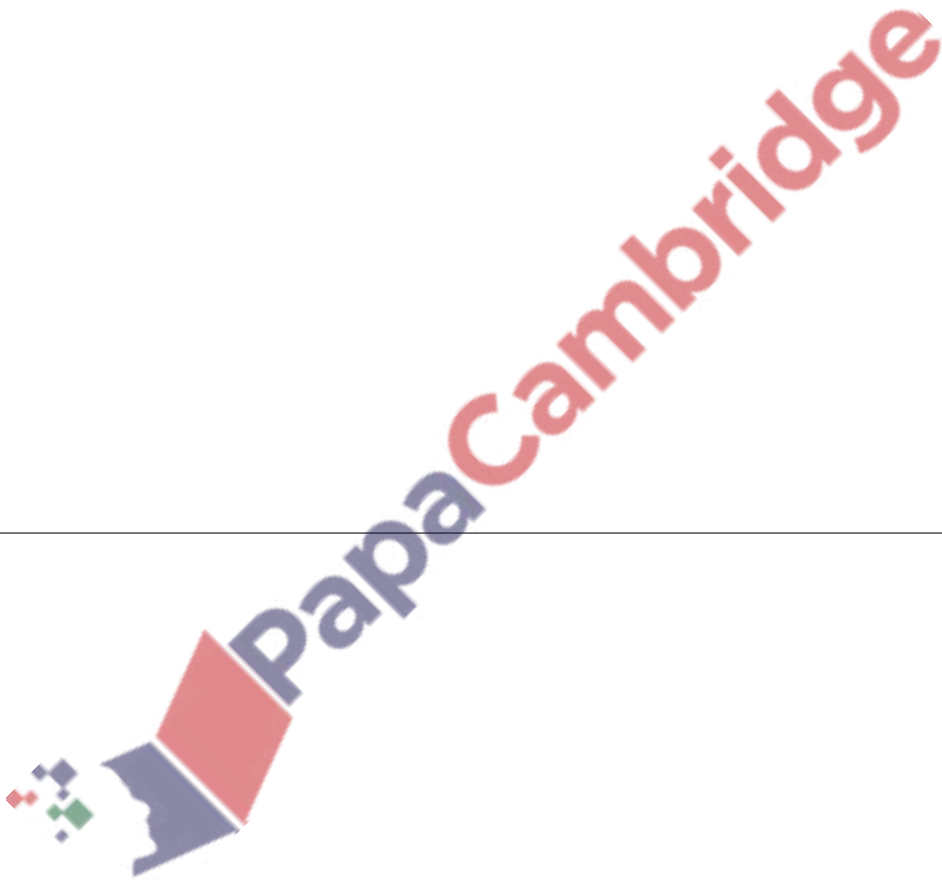
(ii) Find the distance that the particle travels along the ground before it comes to rest. [3]



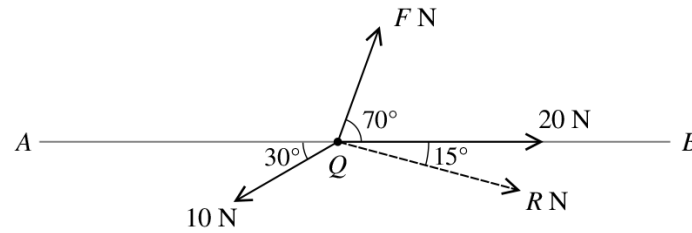
183. 9709\_w15\_qp\_41 Q: 3

A lorry of mass 24 000 kg is travelling up a hill which is inclined at  $3^\circ$  to the horizontal. The power developed by the lorry's engine is constant, and there is a constant resistance to motion of 3200 N.

- (i) When the speed of the lorry is  $25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , its acceleration is  $0.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Find the power developed by the lorry's engine. [4]
- (ii) Find the steady speed at which the lorry moves up the hill if the power is 500 kW and the resistance remains 3200 N. [2]

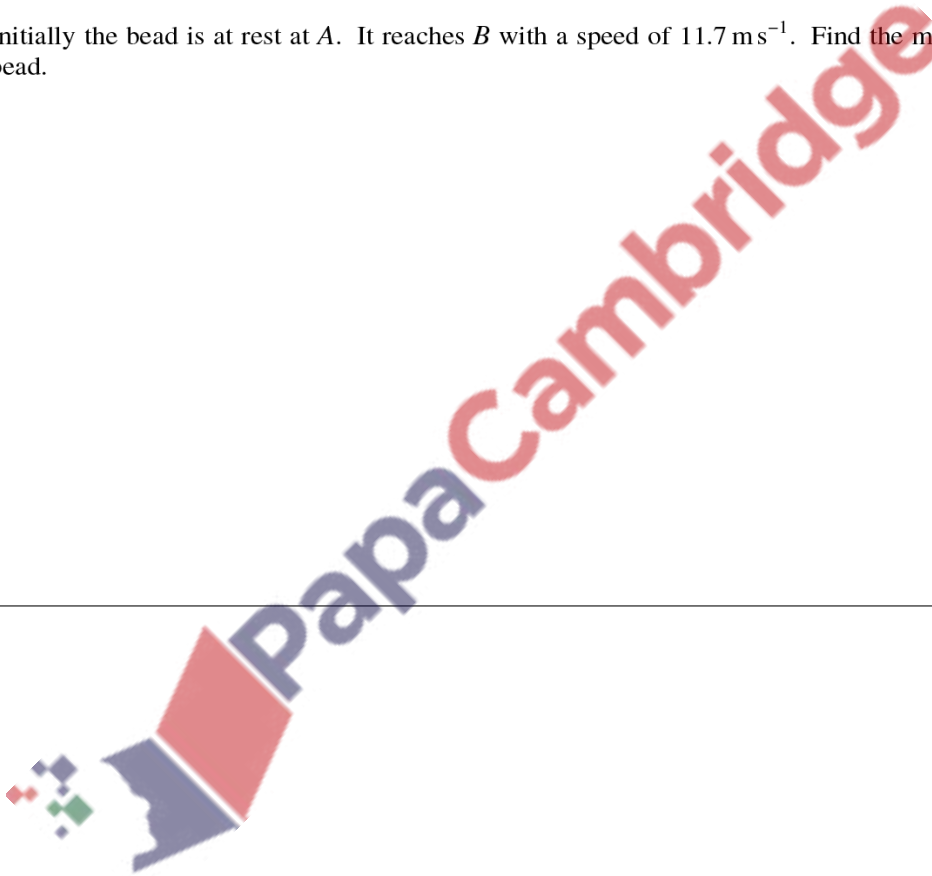


184. 9709\_w15\_qp\_41 Q: 5

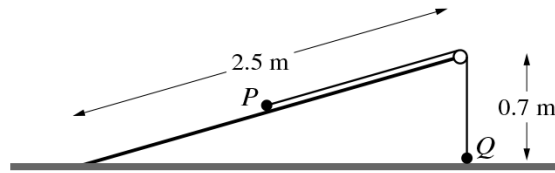


A small bead  $Q$  can move freely along a smooth horizontal straight wire  $AB$  of length 3 m. Three horizontal forces of magnitudes  $F$  N, 10 N and 20 N act on the bead in the directions shown in the diagram. The magnitude of the resultant of the three forces is  $R$  N in the direction shown in the diagram.

- (i) Find the values of  $F$  and  $R$ . [5]
- (ii) Initially the bead is at rest at  $A$ . It reaches  $B$  with a speed of  $11.7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . Find the mass of the bead. [3]



185. 9709\_w15\_qp\_42 Q: 5



A smooth inclined plane of length 2.5 m is fixed with one end on the horizontal floor and the other end at a height of 0.7 m above the floor. Particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 0.5 kg and 0.1 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a small smooth pulley fixed at the top of the plane. Particle  $Q$  is held at rest on the floor vertically below the pulley. The string is taut and  $P$  is at rest on the plane (see diagram).  $Q$  is released and starts to move vertically upwards towards the pulley and  $P$  moves down the plane.

- (i) Find the tension in the string and the magnitude of the acceleration of the particles before  $Q$  reaches the pulley. [5]

At the instant just before  $Q$  reaches the pulley the string breaks;  $P$  continues to move down the plane and reaches the floor with a speed of  $2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Find the length of the string. [3]



186. 9709\_w15\_qp\_42 Q: 6

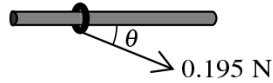


Fig. 1

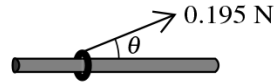


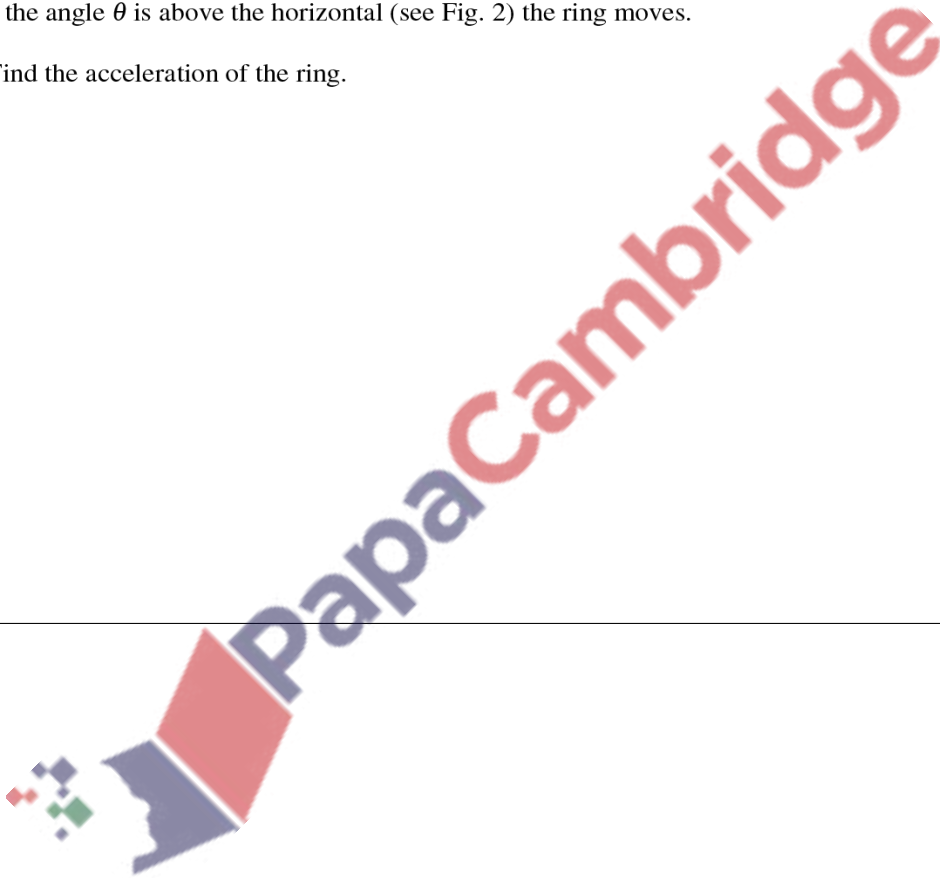
Fig. 2

A small ring of mass  $0.024 \text{ kg}$  is threaded on a fixed rough horizontal rod. A light inextensible string is attached to the ring and the string is pulled with a force of magnitude  $0.195 \text{ N}$  at an angle of  $\theta$  with the horizontal, where  $\sin \theta = \frac{5}{13}$ . When the angle  $\theta$  is below the horizontal (see Fig. 1) the ring is in limiting equilibrium.

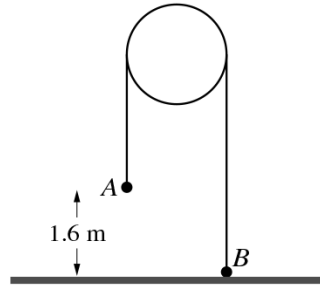
- (i) Find the coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod. [6]

When the angle  $\theta$  is above the horizontal (see Fig. 2) the ring moves.

- (ii) Find the acceleration of the ring. [4]

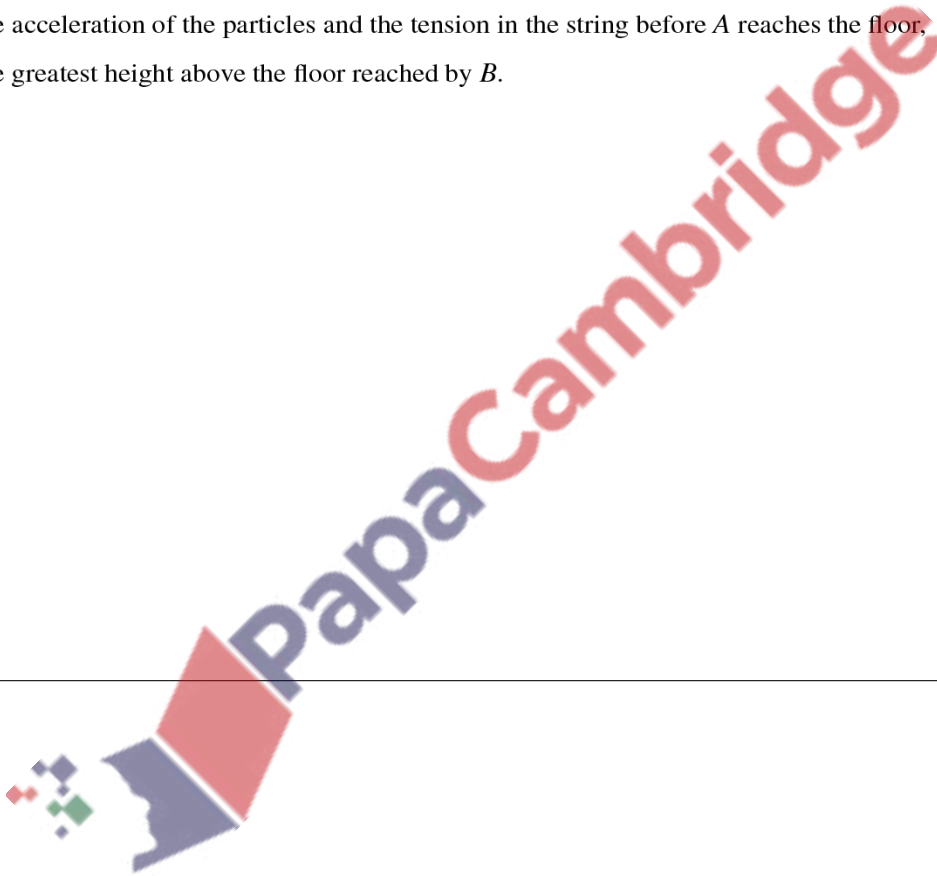


187. 9709\_w15\_qp\_43 Q: 4



Particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of masses  $0.35 \text{ kg}$  and  $0.15 \text{ kg}$  respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over a fixed smooth pulley. The system is at rest with  $B$  held on the horizontal floor, the string taut and its straight parts vertical.  $A$  is at a height of  $1.6 \text{ m}$  above the floor (see diagram).  $B$  is released and the system begins to move;  $B$  does not reach the pulley. Find

- (i) the acceleration of the particles and the tension in the string before  $A$  reaches the floor, [4]  
 (ii) the greatest height above the floor reached by  $B$ . [3]



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