





The diagram shows a particle of mass 5 kg on a rough horizontal table, and two light inextensible strings attached to it passing over smooth pulleys fixed at the edges of the table. Particles of masses 4 kg and 6 kg hang freely at the ends of the strings. The particle of mass 6 kg is 0.5 m above the ground. The system is in limiting equilibrium.

- (a) Show that the coefficient of friction between the 5 kg particle and the table is 0.4. [2]

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The 6 kg particle is now replaced by a particle of mass 8 kg and the system is released from rest.

- (b) Find the acceleration of the 4 kg particle and the tensions in the strings. [5]

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- (c) In the subsequent motion the 8 kg particle hits the ground and does not rebound.

Find the time that elapses after the 8 kg particle hits the ground before the other two particles come to instantaneous rest. (You may assume this occurs before either particle reaches a pulley.)

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