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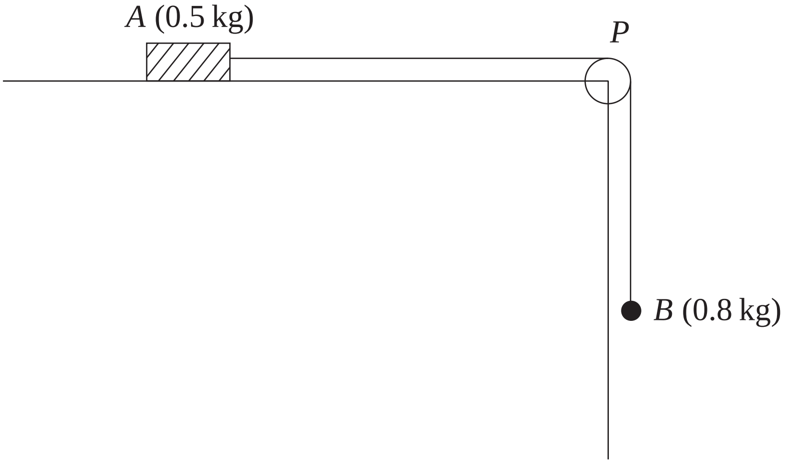

A block of wood A of mass 0.5 kg rests on a rough horizontal table and is attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a small smooth pulley P fixed at the edge of the table. The other end of the string is attached to a ball B of mass 0.8 kg which hangs freely below the pulley, as shown in Figure 4. The coefficient of friction between A and the table is μ. The system is released from rest with the string taut. After release, B descends a distance of 0.4 m in 0.5 s. Modelling A and B as particles, calculate

(a) the acceleration of B,

(3)

(b) the tension in the string,

(4)

(c) the value of μ.

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(d) State how in your calculations you have used the information that the string is inextensible.

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6. A stone S is sliding on ice. The stone is moving along a straight horizontal line ABC, where $AB = 24$ m and $AC = 30$ m. The stone is subject to a constant resistance to motion of magnitude 0.3 N. At A the speed of S is 20 m s^{-1}, and at B the speed of S is 16 m s^{-1}. Calculate

(a) the deceleration of S,
(2)

(b) the speed of S at C.
(3)

(c) Show that the mass of S is 0.1 kg.
(2)

At C, the stone S hits a vertical wall, rebounds from the wall and then slides back along the line CA. The magnitude of the impulse of the wall on S is 2.4 Ns and the stone continues to move against a constant resistance of 0.3 N.

(d) Calculate the time between the instant that S rebounds from the wall and the instant that S comes to rest.
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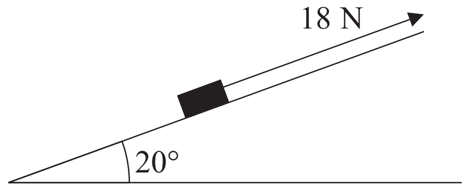

A box of mass 2 kg is pulled up a rough plane face by means of a light rope. The plane is inclined at an angle of 20° to the horizontal, as shown in Figure 2. The rope is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The tension in the rope is 18 N. The coefficient of friction between the box and the plane is 0.6. By modelling the box as a particle, find

(a) the normal reaction of the plane on the box,

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(b) the acceleration of the box.

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Figure 4

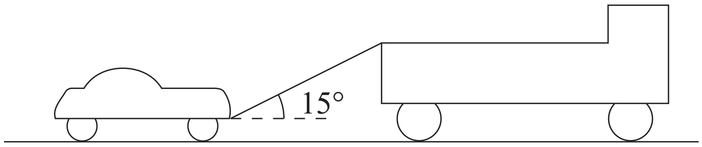

Figure 4 shows a lorry of mass 1600 kg towing a car of mass 900 kg along a straight horizontal road. The two vehicles are joined by a light towbar which is at an angle of 15° to the road. The lorry and the car experience constant resistances to motion of magnitude 600 N and 300 N respectively. The lorry's engine produces a constant horizontal force on the lorry of magnitude 1500 N. Find

(a) the acceleration of the lorry and the car,

(3)

(b) the tension in the towbar.

(4)

When the speed of the vehicles is 6 m s^{-1}, the towbar breaks. Assuming that the resistance to the motion of the car remains of constant magnitude 300 N,

(c) find the distance moved by the car from the moment the towbar breaks to the moment when the car comes to rest.

(4)

(d) State whether, when the towbar breaks, the normal reaction of the road on the car is increased, decreased or remains constant. Give a reason for your answer.

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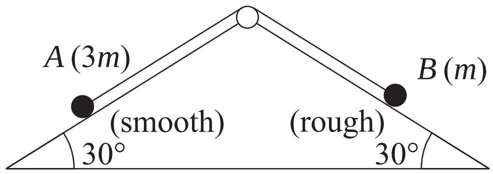
7. **Figure 3**



A fixed wedge has two plane faces, each inclined at 30° to the horizontal. Two particles *A* and *B*, of mass $3m$ and m respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. Each particle moves on one of the plane faces of the wedge. The string passes over a small smooth light pulley fixed at the top of the wedge. The face on which *A* moves is smooth. The face on which *B* moves is rough. The coefficient of friction between *B* and this face is μ. Particle *A* is held at rest with the string taut. The string lies in the same vertical plane as lines of greatest slope on each plane face of the wedge, as shown in Figure 3.

The particles are released from rest and start to move. Particle *A* moves downwards and *B* moves upwards. The accelerations of *A* and *B* each have magnitude $\frac{1}{10}g$.

(a) By considering the motion of *A*, find, in terms of m and g, the tension in the string.
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(b) By considering the motion of *B*, find the value of μ.
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(c) Find the resultant force exerted by the string on the pulley, giving its magnitude and direction.
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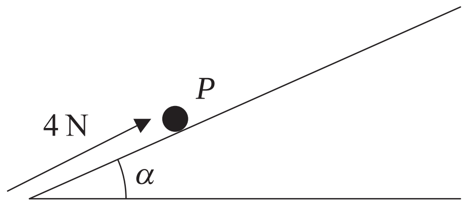

A particle P of mass 0.5 kg is on a rough plane inclined at an angle α to the horizontal, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$. The particle is held at rest on the plane by the action of a force of magnitude 4 N acting up the plane in a direction parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane, as shown in Figure 2. The particle is on the point of slipping up the plane.

(a) Find the coefficient of friction between P and the plane.

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The force of magnitude 4 N is removed.

(b) Find the acceleration of P down the plane.

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6. A car is towing a trailer along a straight horizontal road by means of a horizontal tow-rope. The mass of the car is 1400 kg. The mass of the trailer is 700 kg. The car and the trailer are modelled as particles and the tow-rope as a light inextensible string. The resistances to motion of the car and the trailer are assumed to be constant and of magnitude 630 N and 280 N respectively. The driving force on the car, due to its engine, is 2380 N. Find

(a) the acceleration of the car,

(3)

(b) the tension in the tow-rope.

(3)

When the car and trailer are moving at 12 m s^{-1}, the tow-rope breaks. Assuming that the driving force on the car and the resistances to motion are unchanged,

(c) find the distance moved by the car in the first 4 s after the tow-rope breaks.

(6)

(d) State how you have used the modelling assumption that the tow-rope is inextensible.

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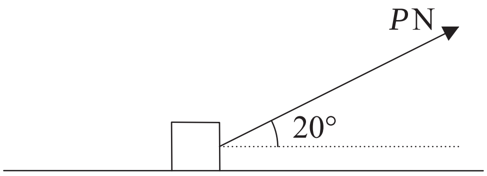

A box of mass 30 kg is being pulled along rough horizontal ground at a constant speed using a rope. The rope makes an angle of 20° with the ground, as shown in Figure 3. The coefficient of friction between the box and the ground is 0.4. The box is modelled as a particle and the rope as a light, inextensible string. The tension in the rope is P newtons.

(a) Find the value of P.

(8)

The tension in the rope is now increased to 150 N.

(b) Find the acceleration of the box.

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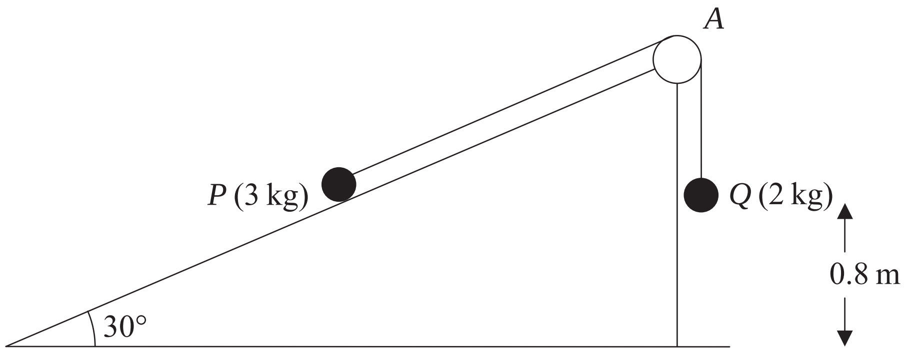

Figure 4 shows two particles *P* and *Q*, of mass 3 kg and 2 kg respectively, connected by a light inextensible string. Initially *P* is held at rest on a fixed smooth plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The string passes over a small smooth light pulley *A* fixed at the top of the plane. The part of the string from *P* to *A* is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The particle *Q* hangs freely below *A*. The system is released from rest with the string taut.

(a) Write down an equation of motion for *P* and an equation of motion for *Q*.

(4)

(b) Hence show that the acceleration of *Q* is 0.98 m s^{-2}.

(2)

(c) Find the tension in the string.

(2)

(d) State where in your calculations you have used the information that the string is inextensible.

(1)

On release, *Q* is at a height of 0.8 m above the ground. When *Q* reaches the ground, it is brought to rest immediately by the impact with the ground and does not rebound. The initial distance of *P* from *A* is such that in the subsequent motion *P* does not reach *A*. Find

(e) the speed of *Q* as it reaches the ground,

(2)

(f) the time between the instant when *Q* reaches the ground and the instant when the string becomes taut again.

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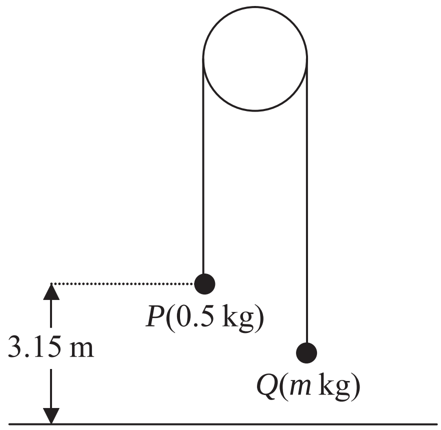

Two particles P and Q have mass 0.5 kg and m kg respectively, where $m < 0.5$. The particles are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth, fixed pulley. Initially P is 3.15 m above horizontal ground. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and the hanging parts of the string vertical, as shown in Figure 4. After P has been descending for 1.5 s, it strikes the ground. Particle P reaches the ground before Q has reached the pulley.

(a) Show that the acceleration of P as it descends is 2.8 m s^{-2}.

(3)

(b) Find the tension in the string as P descends.

(3)

(c) Show that $m = \frac{5}{18}$.

(4)

(d) State how you have used the information that the string is inextensible.

(1)

When P strikes the ground, P does not rebound and the string becomes slack. Particle Q then moves freely under gravity, without reaching the pulley, until the string becomes taut again.

(e) Find the time between the instant when P strikes the ground and the instant when the string becomes taut again.

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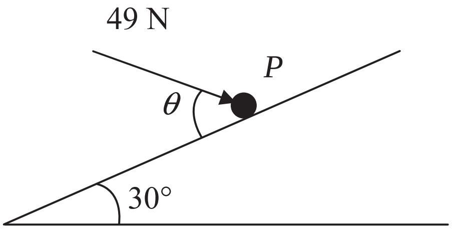

Figure 1

A particle P of mass 6 kg lies on the surface of a smooth plane. The plane is inclined at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. The particle is held in equilibrium by a force of magnitude 49 N, acting at an angle θ to the plane, as shown in Figure 1. The force acts in a vertical plane through a line of greatest slope of the plane.

(a) Show that $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{5}$.

(3)

(b) Find the normal reaction between P and the plane.

(4)

The direction of the force of magnitude 49 N is now changed. It is now applied horizontally to P so that P moves up the plane. The force again acts in a vertical plane through a line of greatest slope of the plane.

(c) Find the initial acceleration of P.

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Figure 3

Two particles A and B, of mass m and $2m$ respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The particle A lies on a rough horizontal table. The string passes over a small smooth pulley P fixed on the edge of the table. The particle B hangs freely below the pulley, as shown in Figure 3. The coefficient of friction between A and the table is μ. The particles are released from rest with the string taut. Immediately after release, the magnitude of the acceleration of A and B is $\frac{4}{9}g$. By writing down separate equations of motion for A and B,

(a) find the tension in the string immediately after the particles begin to move,

(3)

(b) show that $\mu = \frac{2}{3}$.

(5)

When B has fallen a distance h, it hits the ground and does not rebound. Particle A is then a distance $\frac{1}{3}h$ from P.

(c) Find the speed of A as it reaches P.

(6)

(d) State how you have used the information that the string is light.

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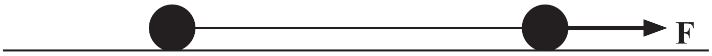

Figure 4

Two particles P and Q, of mass 2 kg and 3 kg respectively, are joined by a light inextensible string. Initially the particles are at rest on a rough horizontal plane with the string taut. A constant force **F** of magnitude 30 N is applied to Q in the direction PQ, as shown in Figure 4. The force is applied for 3 s and during this time Q travels a distance of 6 m. The coefficient of friction between each particle and the plane is μ. Find

(a) the acceleration of Q,
(2)

(b) the value of μ,
(4)

(c) the tension in the string.
(4)

(d) State how in your calculation you have used the information that the string is inextensible.
(1)

When the particles have moved for 3 s, the force **F** is removed.

(e) Find the time between the instant that the force is removed and the instant that Q comes to rest.
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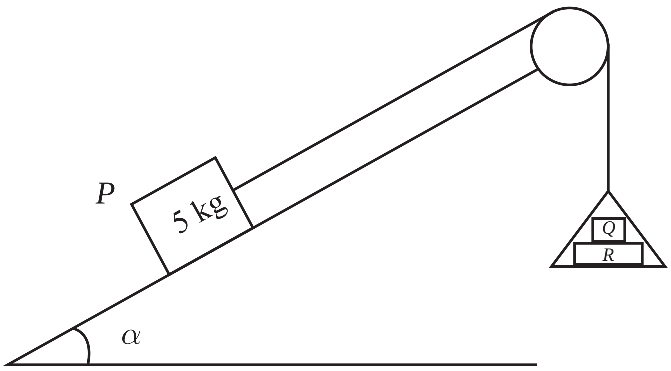

Figure 3

One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a block P of mass 5 kg. The block P is held at rest on a smooth fixed plane which is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α, where $\sin\alpha = \frac{3}{5}$. The string lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane and passes over a smooth light pulley which is fixed at the top of the plane. The other end of the string is attached to a light scale pan which carries two blocks Q and R, with block Q on top of block R, as shown in Figure 3. The mass of block Q is 5 kg and the mass of block R is 10 kg. The scale pan hangs at rest and the system is released from rest. By modelling the blocks as particles, ignoring air resistance and assuming the motion is uninterrupted, find

(a) (i) the acceleration of the scale pan,

(ii) the tension in the string,

(8)

(b) the magnitude of the force exerted on block Q by block R,

(3)

(c) the magnitude of the force exerted on the pulley by the string.

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4. A small brick of mass 0.5 kg is placed on a rough plane which is inclined to the horizontal at an angle θ, where $\tan\theta = \frac{4}{3}$, and released from rest. The coefficient of friction between the brick and the plane is $\frac{1}{3}$.

Find the acceleration of the brick.

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6. A car of mass 800 kg pulls a trailer of mass 200 kg along a straight horizontal road using a light towbar which is parallel to the road. The horizontal resistances to motion of the car and the trailer have magnitudes 400 N and 200 N respectively. The engine of the car produces a constant horizontal driving force on the car of magnitude 1200 N. Find

(a) the acceleration of the car and trailer,

(3)

(b) the magnitude of the tension in the towbar.

(3)

The car is moving along the road when the driver sees a hazard ahead. He reduces the force produced by the engine to zero and applies the brakes. The brakes produce a force on the car of magnitude F newtons and the car and trailer decelerate. Given that the resistances to motion are unchanged and the magnitude of the thrust in the towbar is 100 N,

(c) find the value of F.

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5. A particle of mass 0.8 kg is held at rest on a rough plane. The plane is inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The particle is released from rest and slides down a line of greatest slope of the plane. The particle moves 2.7 m during the first 3 seconds of its motion. Find

(a) the acceleration of the particle,

(3)

(b) the coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane.

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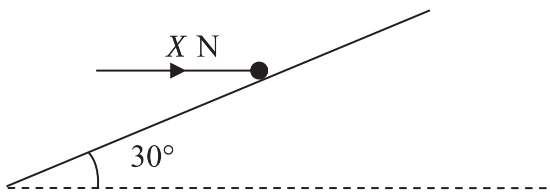
The particle is now held on the same rough plane by a horizontal force of magnitude X newtons, acting in a plane containing a line of greatest slope of the plane, as shown in Figure 3. The particle is in equilibrium and on the point of moving up the plane.



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(c) Find the value of X.

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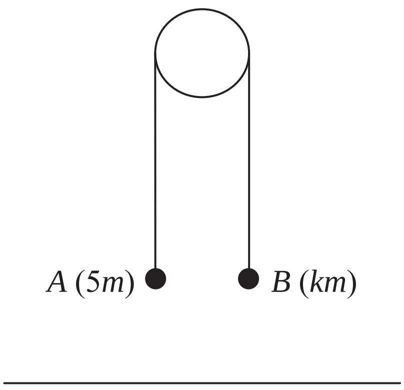

Figure 4

Two particles A and B have masses $5m$ and km respectively, where $k < 5$. The particles are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth light fixed pulley. The system is held at rest with the string taut, the hanging parts of the string vertical and with A and B at the same height above a horizontal plane, as shown in Figure 4. The system is released from rest. After release, A descends with acceleration $\frac{1}{4}g$.

(a) Show that the tension in the string as A descends is $\frac{15}{4}mg$.

(3)

(b) Find the value of k.

(3)

(c) State how you have used the information that the pulley is smooth.

(1)

After descending for 1.2 s, the particle A reaches the plane. It is immediately brought to rest by the impact with the plane. The initial distance between B and the pulley is such that, in the subsequent motion, B does not reach the pulley.

(d) Find the greatest height reached by B above the plane.

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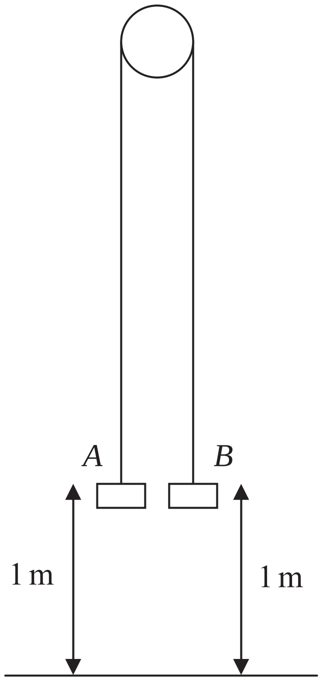

Figure 3

Two particles A and B have mass 0.4 kg and 0.3 kg respectively. The particles are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a small smooth pulley which is fixed above a horizontal floor. Both particles are held, with the string taut, at a height of 1 m above the floor, as shown in Figure 3. The particles are released from rest and in the subsequent motion B does not reach the pulley.

(a) Find the tension in the string immediately after the particles are released.
(6)

(b) Find the acceleration of A immediately after the particles are released.
(2)

When the particles have been moving for 0.5 s, the string breaks.

(c) Find the further time that elapses until B hits the floor.
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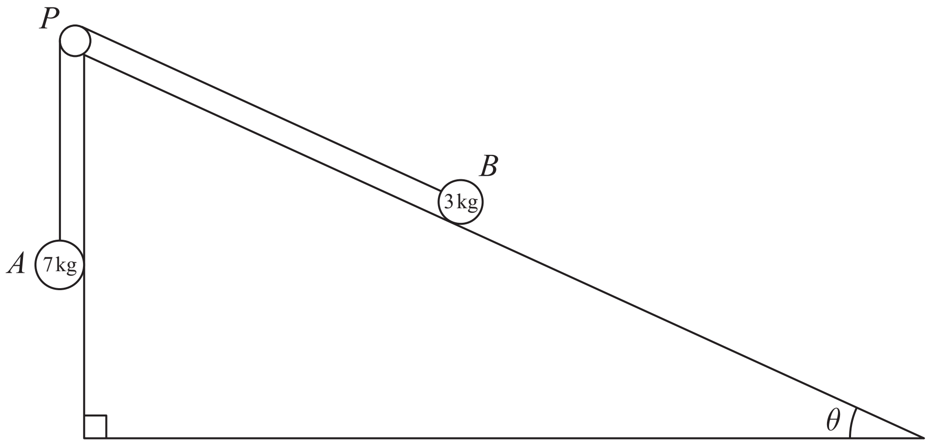

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Two particles A and B, of mass 7 kg and 3 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. Initially B is held at rest on a rough fixed plane inclined at angle θ to the horizontal, where $\tan\theta = \frac{5}{12}$. The part of the string from B to P is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. The string passes over a small smooth pulley, P, fixed at the top of the plane. The particle A hangs freely below P, as shown in Figure 4. The coefficient of friction between B and the plane is $\frac{2}{3}$. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and B moves up the plane.

(a) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of B immediately after release.
(10)

(b) Find the speed of B when it has moved 1 m up the plane.
(2)

When B has moved 1 m up the plane the string breaks. Given that in the subsequent motion B does not reach P,

(c) find the time between the instants when the string breaks and when B comes to instantaneous rest.
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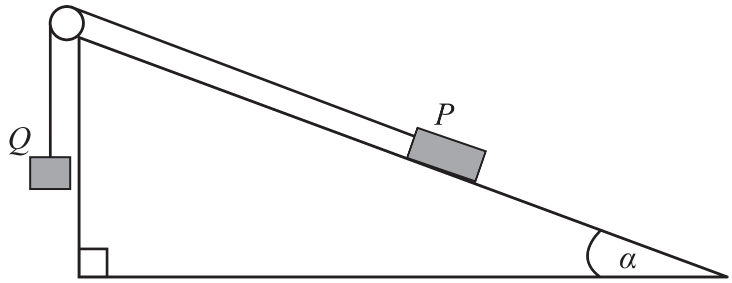

Figure 2

Two particles P and Q have masses 0.3 kg and m kg respectively. The particles are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a small smooth pulley which is fixed at the top of a fixed rough plane. The plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$. The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is $\frac{1}{2}$.

The string lies in a vertical plane through a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane. The particle P is held at rest on the inclined plane and the particle Q hangs freely below the pulley with the string taut, as shown in Figure 2.

The system is released from rest and Q accelerates vertically downwards at 1.4 m s^{-2}. Find

(a) the magnitude of the normal reaction of the inclined plane on P,

(2)

(b) the value of m.

(8)

When the particles have been moving for 0.5 s, the string breaks. Assuming that P does not reach the pulley,

(c) find the further time that elapses until P comes to instantaneous rest.

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2. A car of mass 1000 kg is towing a caravan of mass 750 kg along a straight horizontal road. The caravan is connected to the car by a tow-bar which is parallel to the direction of motion of the car and the caravan. The tow-bar is modelled as a light rod. The engine of the car provides a constant driving force of 3200 N. The resistances to the motion of the car and the caravan are modelled as constant forces of magnitude 800 newtons and R newtons respectively.

Given that the acceleration of the car and the caravan is $0.88\,\text{m}\,\text{s}^{-2}$,

(a) show that $R = 860$,

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(b) find the tension in the tow-bar.

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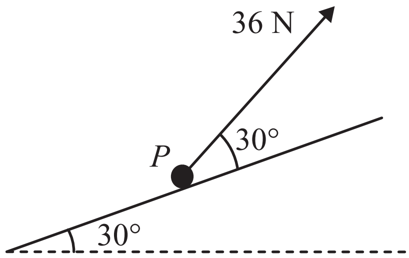

Figure 2

A particle P of mass 4 kg is moving up a fixed rough plane at a constant speed of 16 m s^{-1} under the action of a force of magnitude 36 N. The plane is inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The force acts in the vertical plane containing the line of greatest slope of the plane through P, and acts at 30° to the inclined plane, as shown in Figure 2. The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is μ. Find

(a) the magnitude of the normal reaction between P and the plane,

(4)

(b) the value of μ.

(5)

The force of magnitude 36 N is removed.

(c) Find the distance that P travels between the instant when the force is removed and the instant when it comes to rest.

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Figure 3

Two particles P and Q, of mass 0.3 kg and 0.5 kg respectively, are joined by a light horizontal rod. The system of the particles and the rod is at rest on a horizontal plane. At time $t = 0$, a constant force **F** of magnitude 4 N is applied to Q in the direction PQ, as shown in Figure 3. The system moves under the action of this force until $t = 6$ s. During the motion, the resistance to the motion of P has constant magnitude 1 N and the resistance to the motion of Q has constant magnitude 2 N.

Find

(a) the acceleration of the particles as the system moves under the action of **F**,

(3)

(b) the speed of the particles at $t = 6$ s,

(2)

(c) the tension in the rod as the system moves under the action of **F**.

(3)

At $t = 6$ s, **F** is removed and the system decelerates to rest. The resistances to motion are unchanged. Find

(d) the distance moved by P as the system decelerates,

(4)

(e) the thrust in the rod as the system decelerates.

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4. A lifeboat slides down a straight ramp inclined at an angle of 15º to the horizontal. The lifeboat has mass 800 kg and the length of the ramp is 50 m. The lifeboat is released from rest at the top of the ramp and is moving with a speed of 12.6 m s^{-1} when it reaches the end of the ramp. By modelling the lifeboat as a particle and the ramp as a rough inclined plane, find the coefficient of friction between the lifeboat and the ramp.

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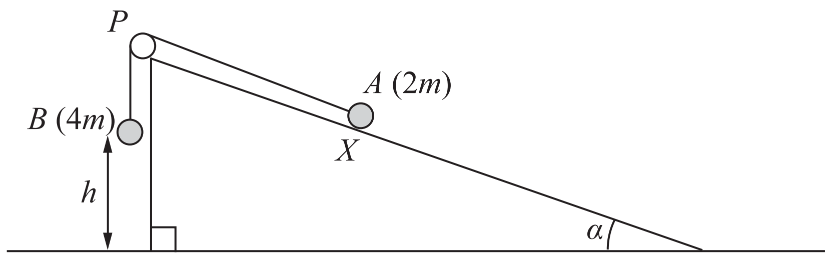

Figure 5

Figure 5 shows two particles A and B, of mass $2m$ and $4m$ respectively, connected by a light inextensible string. Initially A is held at rest on a rough inclined plane which is fixed to horizontal ground. The plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α, where $\tan\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$. The coefficient of friction between A and the plane is $\frac{1}{4}$. The string passes over a small smooth pulley P which is fixed at the top of the plane. The part of the string from A to P is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane and B hangs vertically below P. The system is released from rest with the string taut, with A at the point X and with B at a height h above the ground.

For the motion until B hits the ground,

(a) give a reason why the magnitudes of the accelerations of the two particles are the same,

(1)

(b) write down an equation of motion for each particle,

(4)

(c) find the acceleration of each particle.

(5)

Particle B does not rebound when it hits the ground and A continues moving up the plane towards P. Given that A comes to rest at the point Y, without reaching P,

(d) find the distance XY in terms of h.

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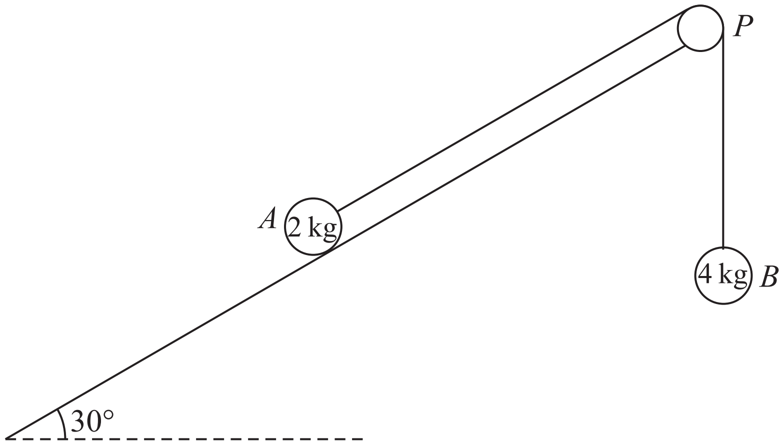

Figure 2

A fixed rough plane is inclined at 30° to the horizontal. A small smooth pulley P is fixed at the top of the plane. Two particles A and B, of mass 2 kg and 4 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string which passes over the pulley P. The part of the string from A to P is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane and B hangs freely below P, as shown in Figure 2. The coefficient of friction between A and the plane is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. Initially A is held at rest on the plane. The particles are released from rest with the string taut and A moves up the plane.

Find the tension in the string immediately after the particles are released.

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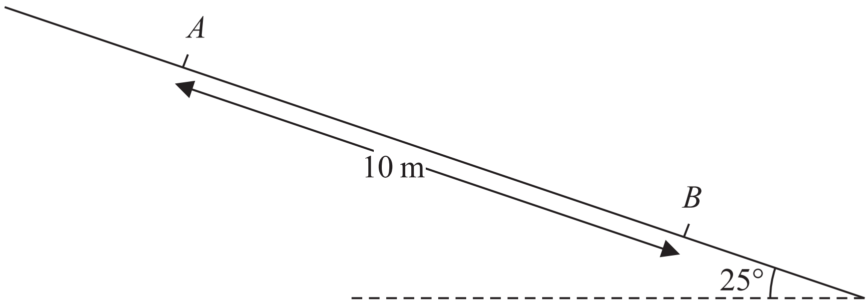

Figure 3

A particle P of mass 0.6 kg slides with constant acceleration down a line of greatest slope of a rough plane, which is inclined at 25° to the horizontal. The particle passes through two points A and B, where AB = 10 m, as shown in Figure 3. The speed of P at A is 2 m s^{-1}. The particle P takes 3.5 s to move from A to B. Find

(a) the speed of P at B,

(3)

(b) the acceleration of P,

(2)

(c) the coefficient of friction between P and the plane.

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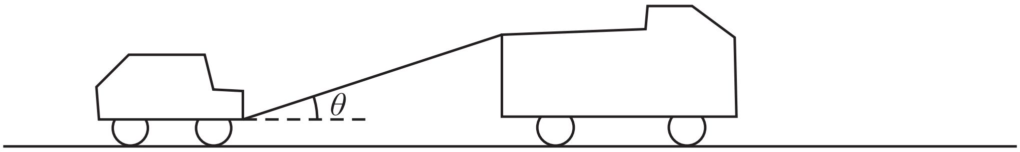

Figure 4

A truck of mass 1750 kg is towing a car of mass 750 kg along a straight horizontal road. The two vehicles are joined by a light towbar which is inclined at an angle θ to the road, as shown in Figure 4. The vehicles are travelling at 20 m s^{-1} as they enter a zone where the speed limit is 14 m s^{-1}. The truck's brakes are applied to give a constant braking force on the truck. The distance travelled between the instant when the brakes are applied and the instant when the speed of each vehicle is 14 m s^{-1} is 100 m.

(a) Find the deceleration of the truck and the car.

(3)

The constant braking force on the truck has magnitude R newtons. The truck and the car also experience constant resistances to motion of 500 N and 300 N respectively. Given that $\cos \theta = 0.9$, find

(b) the force in the towbar,

(4)

(c) the value of R.

(4)

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2. A woman travels in a lift. The mass of the woman is 50 kg and the mass of the lift is 950 kg. The lift is being raised vertically by a vertical cable which is attached to the top of the lift. The lift is moving upwards and has constant deceleration of 2 m s^{-2}. By modelling the cable as being light and inextensible, find

(a) the tension in the cable,

(3)

(b) the magnitude of the force exerted on the woman by the floor of the lift.

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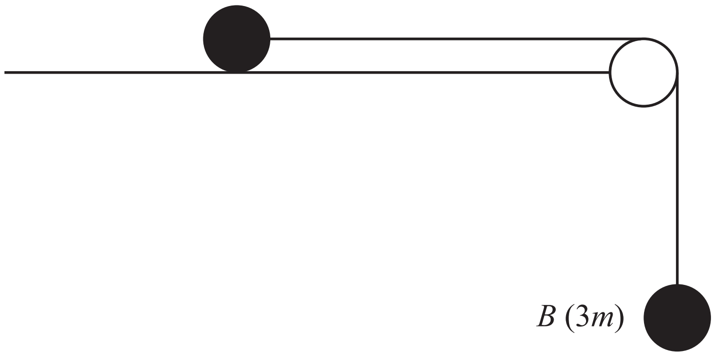

Figure 2

Two particles A and B have masses $2m$ and $3m$ respectively. The particles are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. Particle A is held at rest on a smooth horizontal table. The string passes over a small smooth pulley which is fixed at the edge of the table. Particle B hangs at rest vertically below the pulley with the string taut, as shown in Figure 2. Particle A is released from rest. Assuming that A has not reached the pulley, find

(a) the acceleration of B,

(5)

(b) the tension in the string,

(1)

(c) the magnitude and direction of the force exerted on the pulley by the string.

(4)

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