Forces and Equilibrium 1

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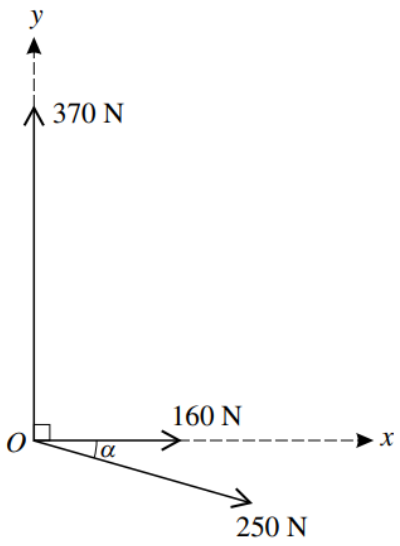

Coplanar forces of magnitudes 250 N, 160 N and 370 N act at a point O in the directions shown in the diagram, where the angle α is such that $\sin\alpha = 0.28$ and $\cos\alpha = 0.96$. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant of the three forces. Calculate also the angle that the resultant makes with the x-direction.

[7]

Q2.

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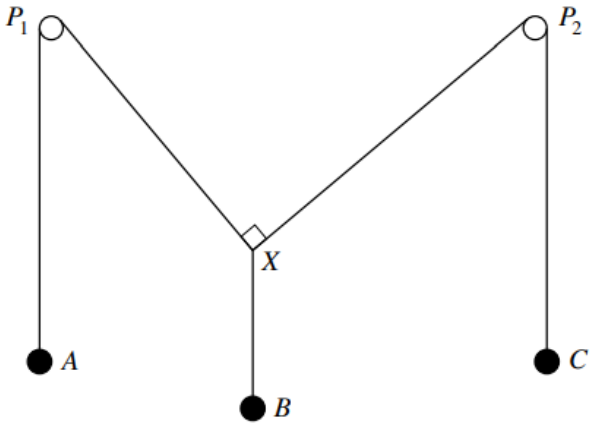

The diagram shows three particles A, B and C hanging freely in equilibrium, each being attached to the end of a string. The other ends of the three strings are tied together and are at the point X. The strings carrying A and C pass over smooth fixed horizontal pegs P_1 and P_2 respectively. The weights of A, B and C are 5.5 N, 7.3 N and W N respectively, and the angle P_1XP_2 is a right angle. Find the angle AP_1X and the value of W.

[5]

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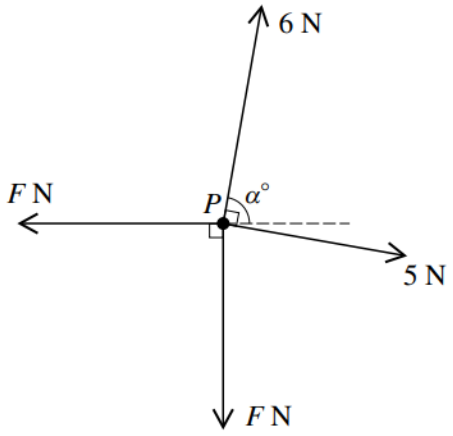
Q3.



A particle P is in equilibrium on a smooth horizontal table under the action of four horizontal forces of magnitudes 6 N, 5 N, F N and F N acting in the directions shown. Find the values of α and F. [6]

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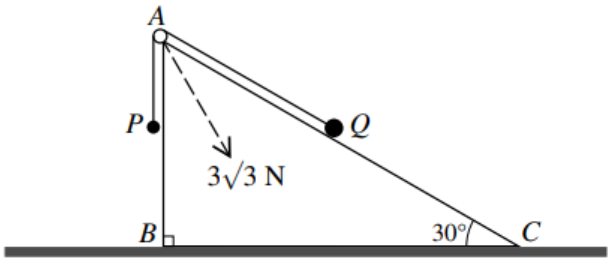

A small smooth pulley is fixed at the highest point A of a cross-section ABC of a triangular prism. Angle $ABC = 90^\circ$ and angle $BCA = 30^\circ$. The prism is fixed with the face containing BC in contact with a horizontal surface. Particles P and Q are attached to opposite ends of a light inextensible string, which passes over the pulley. The particles are in equilibrium with P hanging vertically below the pulley and Q in contact with AC. The resultant force exerted on the pulley by the string is $3\sqrt{3}$ N (see diagram).

(i) Show that the tension in the string is 3 N. [2]

The coefficient of friction between Q and the prism is 0.75.

(ii) Given that Q is in limiting equilibrium and on the point of moving upwards, find its mass. [5]

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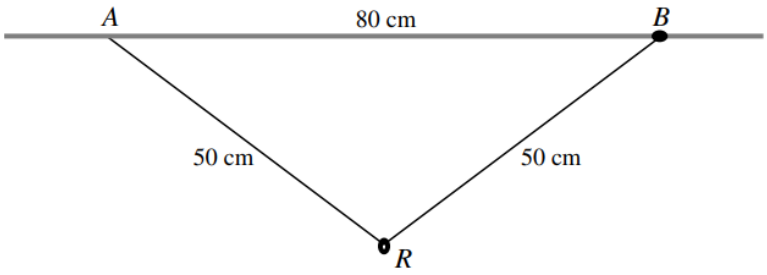
Q5.

A block of mass 11 kg is at rest on a rough plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. A force acts on the block in a direction up the plane parallel to a line of greatest slope. When the magnitude of the force is $2X$ N the block is on the point of sliding down the plane, and when the magnitude of the force is $9X$ N the block is on the point of sliding up the plane. Find

(i) the value of X, [3]

(ii) the coefficient of friction between the block and the plane. [4]

Q6.



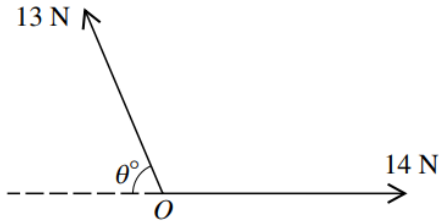
A small smooth ring R, of mass 0.6 kg, is threaded on a light inextensible string of length 100 cm. One end of the string is attached to a fixed point A. A small bead B of mass 0.4 kg is attached to the other end of the string, and is threaded on a fixed rough horizontal rod which passes through A. The system is in equilibrium with B at a distance of 80 cm from A (see diagram).

(i) Find the tension in the string. [3]

(ii) Find the frictional and normal components of the contact force acting on B. [4]

(iii) Given that the equilibrium is limiting, find the coefficient of friction between the bead and the rod. [2]

Q7.



Forces of magnitudes 13 N and 14 N act at a point O in the directions shown in the diagram. The resultant of these forces has magnitude 15 N. Find

(i) the value of θ, [3]

(ii) the component of the resultant in the direction of the force of magnitude 14 N. [2]

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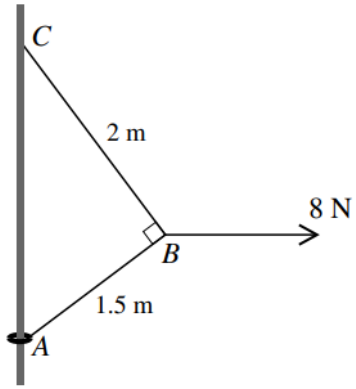


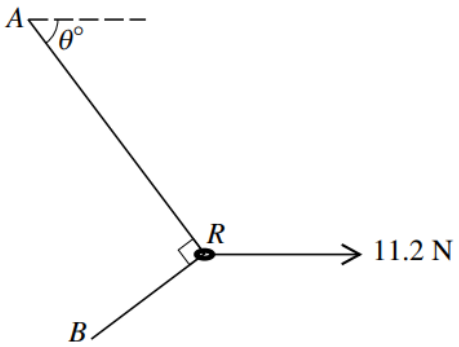
A small ring of mass 0.2 kg is threaded on a fixed vertical rod. The end A of a light inextensible string is attached to the ring. The other end C of the string is attached to a fixed point of the rod above A. A horizontal force of magnitude 8 N is applied to the point B of the string, where $AB = 1.5$ m and $BC = 2$ m. The system is in equilibrium with the string taut and AB at right angles to BC (see diagram).

(i) Find the tension in the part AB of the string and the tension in the part BC of the string. [5]

The equilibrium is limiting with the ring on the point of sliding up the rod.

(ii) Find the coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod. [5]

Q9.



A smooth ring R of mass 0.16 kg is threaded on a light inextensible string. The ends of the string are attached to fixed points A and B. A horizontal force of magnitude 11.2 N acts on R, in the same vertical plane as A and B. The ring is in equilibrium. The string is taut with angle $ARB = 90°$, and the part AR of the string makes an angle of $\theta°$ with the horizontal (see diagram). The tension in the string is T N.

(i) Find two simultaneous equations involving $T \sin\theta$ and $T \cos\theta$. [3]

(ii) Hence find T and θ. [3]