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3. [*In this question* **i** *and* **j** *are perpendicular horizontal unit vectors.*]

Three forces, $\mathbf{F}_1$, $\mathbf{F}_2$ and $\mathbf{F}_3$, are given by

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = (5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})\text{N} \qquad \mathbf{F}_2 = (-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})\text{N} \qquad \mathbf{F}_3 = (a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j})\text{N}$$

where a and b are constants.

The forces $\mathbf{F}_1$, $\mathbf{F}_2$ and $\mathbf{F}_3$ act on a particle P of mass 4 kg.

Given that P rests in equilibrium on a smooth horizontal surface under the action of these three forces,

(a) find the size of the angle between the direction of $\mathbf{F}_3$ and the direction of $-\mathbf{j}$.

(4)

The force $\mathbf{F}_3$ is now removed and replaced by the force $\mathbf{F}_4$ given by $\mathbf{F}_4 = \lambda(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j})\text{N}$, where λ is a positive constant.

When the three forces $\mathbf{F}_1$, $\mathbf{F}_2$ and $\mathbf{F}_4$ act on P, the acceleration of P has magnitude $3.25\ \text{m s}^{-2}$

(b) Find the value of λ.

(5)

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