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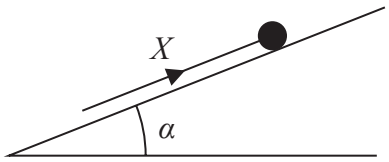


Figure 3

A particle of mass m rests in equilibrium on a fixed rough plane under the action of a force of magnitude X. The force acts up a line of greatest slope of the plane, as shown in Figure 3.

The plane is inclined at an angle α to the horizontal, where $\tan\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$

The coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane is μ.

- When $X = 2P$, the particle is on the point of sliding up the plane.
- When $X = P$, the particle is on the point of sliding down the plane.

Find the value of μ.

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