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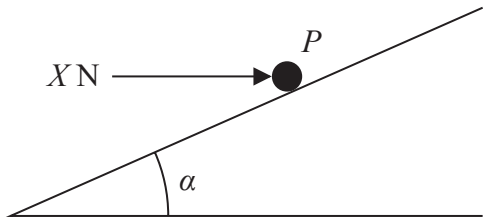


Figure 2

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

A particle P of mass 2 kg is held in equilibrium on the plane by a horizontal force of magnitude X newtons, as shown in Figure 2. The force acts in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane.

(a) Show that when $X = 14.7$ there is no frictional force acting on P

(3)

The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is 0.5

(b) Find the smallest possible value of X.

(8)

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