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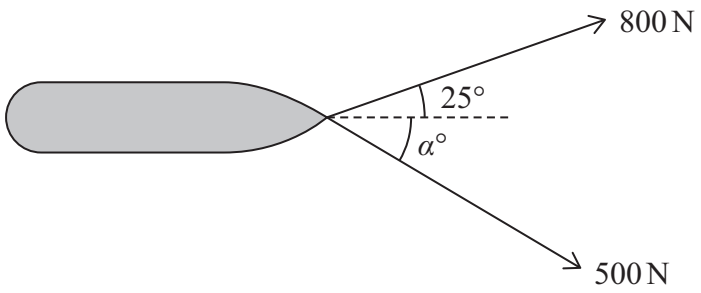

Figure 2

Two ropes are attached to a point on the front of a barge.
The barge is being pulled horizontally in a straight line along the centre of a long straight canal.

One rope makes an angle of 25° with the direction of motion of the barge and has a tension of 800 N.
The other rope makes an angle of $\alpha°$ with the direction of motion of the barge and has a tension of 500 N, as shown in Figure 2.

Both ropes are horizontal.

(a) Find the value of α

(3)

The mass of the barge is 15 tonnes and the resistance to the motion of the barge is a constant force of magnitude 750 N.

(b) Find the acceleration of the barge.

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