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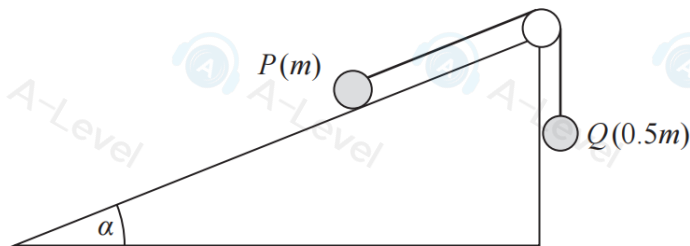


Figure 5

A fixed rough plane is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{12}$

A small smooth pulley is fixed at the top of the plane.

One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a particle  $P$  which is at rest on the plane. The string passes over the pulley and the other end of the string is attached to a particle  $Q$  which hangs vertically below the pulley, as shown in Figure 5.

Particle  $P$  has mass  $m$  and particle  $Q$  has mass  $0.5m$

The string from  $P$  to the pulley lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The coefficient of friction between  $P$  and the plane is  $\mu$ .

The system is in **limiting equilibrium** with the string taut and  $P$  is on the point of slipping **up** the plane.

(a) Find the value of  $\mu$ .

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The string breaks and  $P$  begins to move down the plane.

When particle  $P$  has travelled a distance of  $0.8\text{ m}$  down the plane, the speed of  $P$  is  $V\text{ m s}^{-1}$

(b) Find the value of  $V$ .

(4)

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