

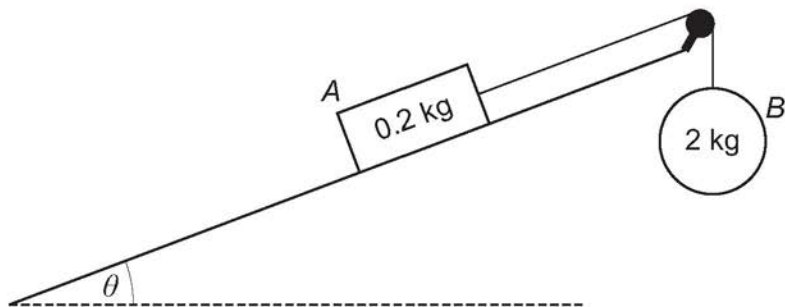
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Block A, of mass 0.2 kg, lies at rest on a rough plane.

The plane is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal, such that $\tan \theta = \frac{7}{24}$

A light inextensible string is attached to A and runs parallel to the line of greatest slope until it passes over a smooth fixed pulley at the top of the slope.

The other end of this string is attached to particle B, of mass 2 kg, which is held at rest so that the string is taut, as shown in the diagram below.



18 (a)

B is released from rest so that it begins to move vertically downwards with an acceleration of $\frac{543}{625} g \text{ m s}^{-2}$

Show that the coefficient of friction between A and the surface of the inclined plane is 0.17

[8 marks]

18 (b)

In this question use $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

When A reaches a speed of 0.5 m s^{-1} the string breaks.

18 (b) (i)

Find the distance travelled by A after the string breaks until first coming to rest.

[4 marks]

18 (b) (ii) State an assumption that could affect the validity of your answer to part (b)(i).

[1 mark]