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[In this question, \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are horizontal unit vectors.]

A particle P is on a smooth horizontal plane.

The particle P is at rest under the action of three forces:

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = (-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ N},$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = (3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ N},$$

$$\mathbf{F}_3 = (c\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ N}, \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant.}$$

Given that P is in equilibrium,

(a) find the value of c .

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The force \mathbf{F}_3 is now removed.

Given that the mass of P is 0.5 kg,

(b) find the acceleration of P , giving your answer in terms of \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} .

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