

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

A brick P of mass m is placed on the plane.

The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is μ

Brick P is in equilibrium and on the point of sliding down the plane.

Brick P is modelled as a particle.

Using the model,

- (a) find, in terms of m and g , the magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on brick P (2)

- (b) show that $\mu = \frac{3}{4}$ (4)

For parts (c) and (d), you are not required to do any further calculations.

Brick P is now removed from the plane and a much heavier brick Q is placed on the plane.

The coefficient of friction between Q and the plane is also $\frac{3}{4}$

- (c) Explain briefly why brick Q will remain at rest on the plane. (1)

Brick Q is now projected with speed 0.5 ms^{-1} down a line of greatest slope of the plane.

Brick Q is modelled as a particle.

Using the model,

- (d) describe the motion of brick Q , giving a reason for your answer. (2)