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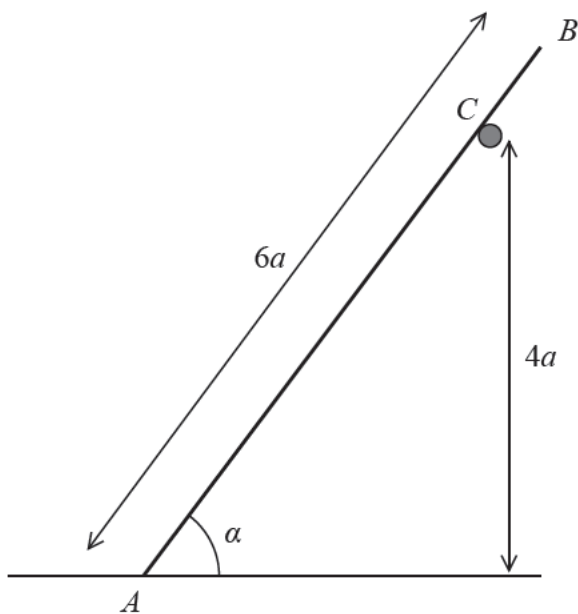


Figure 1

A ladder AB has mass M and length $6a$.

The end A of the ladder is on rough horizontal ground.

The ladder rests against a fixed smooth horizontal rail at the point C .

The point C is at a vertical height $4a$ above the ground.

The vertical plane containing AB is perpendicular to the rail.

The ladder is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α , where $\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$, as shown in Figure 1.

The coefficient of friction between the ladder and the ground is μ .

The ladder rests in limiting equilibrium.

The ladder is modelled as a uniform rod.

Using the model,

(a) show that the magnitude of the force exerted on the ladder by the rail at C is $\frac{9Mg}{25}$

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the value of μ .

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