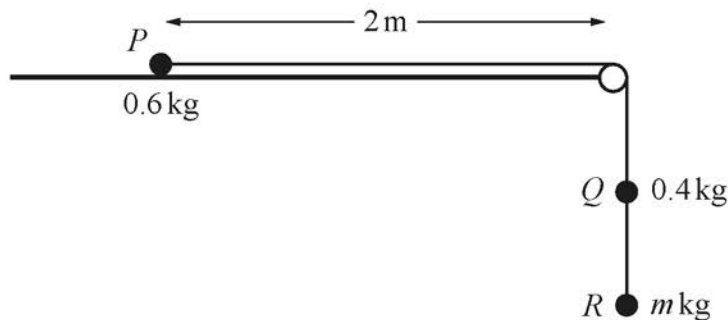


- 11 Two balls P and Q have masses 0.6 kg and 0.4 kg respectively. The balls are attached to the ends of a string. The string passes over a pulley which is fixed at the edge of a rough horizontal surface. Ball P is held at rest on the surface 2 m from the pulley. Ball Q hangs vertically below the pulley. Ball Q is attached to a third ball R of mass $m\text{ kg}$ by another string and R hangs vertically below Q (see diagram).



The system is released from rest with the strings taut. Ball P moves towards the pulley with acceleration 3.5 m s^{-2} and a constant frictional force of magnitude 4.5 N opposes the motion of P .

The balls are modelled as particles, the pulley is modelled as being small and smooth, and the strings are modelled as being light and inextensible.

- (a) By considering the motion of P , find the tension in the string connecting P and Q . [2]
- (b) Hence determine the value of m . Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

When the balls have been in motion for 0.4 seconds the string connecting Q and R breaks.

- (c) Show that, according to the model, P does not reach the pulley. [6]

It is given that in fact ball P does reach the pulley.

- (d) Identify one factor in the modelling that could account for this difference. [1]