

A uniform rectangular lamina ABCD has a mass of 0.5 kg. The length of AB is 2 m, and the length of BC is 6 m. The lamina is in limiting equilibrium with corner A in contact with rough horizontal ground and corner D in contact with a smooth vertical wall. The lamina rests in a vertical plane that is perpendicular to the wall, with AD inclined at 50° to the horizontal (see diagram).

(a) By taking moments, show that the magnitude of the normal contact force between the lamina and the wall is 1.24 N, correct to 3 significant figures. [4]

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(b) Determine the coefficient of friction between the lamina and the ground.