

- 15 Fig. 15 shows a particle of mass  $m$  kg on a smooth plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. Unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are parallel and perpendicular to the plane, in the directions shown.

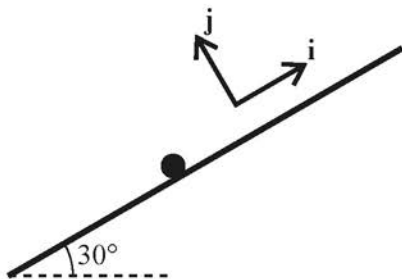


Fig. 15

- (a) Express the weight  $\mathbf{W}$  of the particle in terms of  $m$ ,  $g$ ,  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ . [2]

The particle is held in equilibrium by a force  $\mathbf{F}$ , and the normal reaction of the plane on the particle is denoted by  $\mathbf{R}$ . The units for both  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  are newtons.

- (b) Write down an equation relating  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$ . [1]

- (c) Given that  $\mathbf{F} = 6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}$ ,

- show that  $m = 1.22$  correct to 3 significant figures,
- find the magnitude of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

[6]