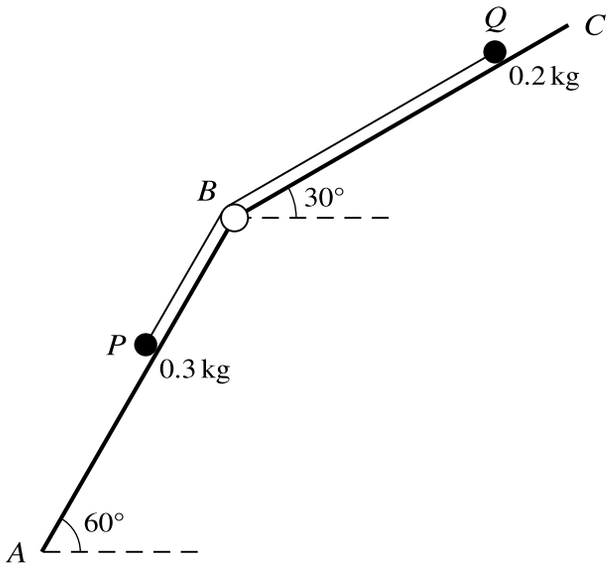

Two particles P and Q, of masses 0.3 kg and 0.2 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a fixed smooth pulley at B which is attached to two inclined planes. P lies on a smooth plane AB which is inclined at 60° to the horizontal. Q lies on a plane BC which is inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The string is taut and the particles can move on lines of greatest slope of the two planes (see diagram).

(a) It is given that the plane BC is smooth and that the particles are released from rest.

Find the tension in the string and the magnitude of the acceleration of the particles. [5]

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(b) It is given instead that the plane BC is rough. A force of magnitude 3 N is applied to Q directly up the plane along a line of greatest slope of the plane.

Find the least value of the coefficient of friction between Q and the plane BC for which the particles remain at rest. [5]

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