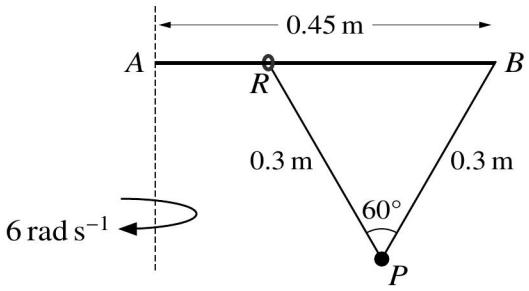

A rough horizontal rod AB of length 0.45 m rotates with constant angular velocity 6 rad s^{-1} about a vertical axis through A. A small ring R of mass 0.2 kg can slide on the rod. A particle P of mass 0.1 kg is attached to the mid-point of a light inextensible string of length 0.6 m. One end of the string is attached to R and the other end of the string is attached to B, with angle $RPB = 60°$ (see diagram). R and P move in horizontal circles as the system rotates. R is in limiting equilibrium.

(i) Show that the tension in the portion PR of the string is 1.66 N, correct to 3 significant figures. [5]

(ii) Find the coefficient of friction between the ring and the rod. [5]