



A uniform square lamina of side $2a$ and weight W is suspended from a light inextensible string attached to the midpoint E of the side AB . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point P on a rough vertical wall. The vertex B of the lamina is in contact with the wall. The string EP is perpendicular to the side AB and makes an angle θ with the wall (see diagram). The string and the lamina are in a vertical plane perpendicular to the wall. The coefficient of friction between the wall and the lamina is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Given that the vertex B is about to slip up the wall, find the value of $\tan \theta$.

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