

ABC is the cross-section through the centre of mass of a uniform prism which rests with AB on a rough horizontal surface. AB = 0.4 m and C is 0.9 m above the surface (see diagram). The prism is on the point of toppling about its edge through B.

(i) Show that angle
$$BAC = 48.4^{\circ}$$
, correct to 3 significant figures. [3]

A force of magnitude 18 N acting in the plane of the cross-section and perpendicular to AC is now applied to the prism at C. The prism is on the point of rotating about its edge through A.

(iii) Given also that the prism is on the point of slipping, calculate the coefficient of friction between the prism and the surface. [4]