

A hollow cylinder with a rough inner surface has radius $0.5 \,\mathrm{m}$. A particle P of mass $0.4 \,\mathrm{kg}$ is in contact with the inner surface of the cylinder. The particle and cylinder rotate together with angular speed $6 \,\mathrm{rad} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$ about the vertical axis of the cylinder, so that the particle moves in a horizontal circle (see diagram). Given that P is about to slip downwards, find the coefficient of friction between P and the surface of the cylinder.