

- 3 (a) A metal ball is released in a liquid. With the aid of a free body diagram, explain how the metal ball falling through the liquid can reach terminal velocity.

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- (b) Fig. 3.1 shows a ladder resting against a smooth vertical wall at point A and on a rough ground at point B. Three forces, P , Q and W are acting on the uniform ladder which is 6.0 m long and has a weight of 150 N.

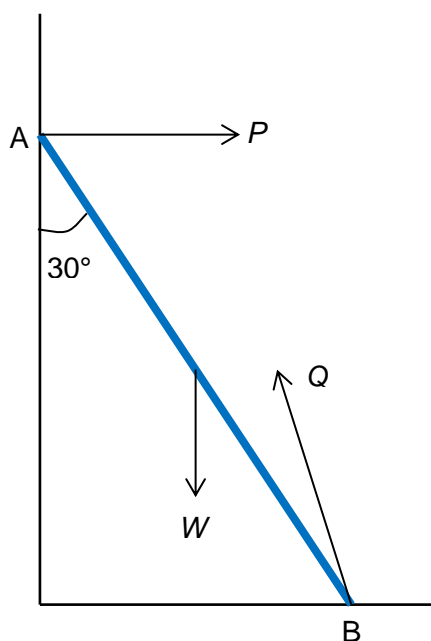


Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

- (i) Show that the magnitude of force P is 43 N.

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- (ii) Explain why the ground must exert a force on the ladder at B to keep the ladder in equilibrium.

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- (iii) Calculate the magnitude of force Q .

force Q = N [1]

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- (iv) Assuming that there is now friction between the ladder and the vertical wall, draw possible directions of the forces acting on points X and Y in Fig. 3.2.

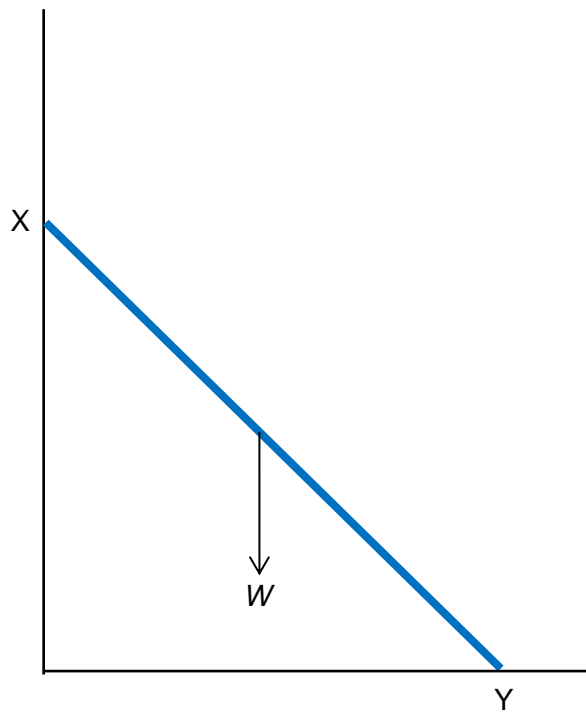


Fig. 3.2

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