

- (b) A particle P of mass m moves along a straight line joining two fixed points A and B. The particle is under the action of two forces F_A and F_B . F_A acts towards the point A and has magnitude $2\mu m d_A$ where d_A is the distance of the point P from A. F_B acts towards the point B and has magnitude $\mu m d_B$ where d_B is the distance of the point P from B. Given that μ is a constant, shows that the motion of P is simple harmonic. Deduce an expression for the period of motion. During the oscillation, the particle is instantaneously at rest at the mid-point of AB. What is the amplitude of the oscillation and what is the kinetic energy of the particle when it is at O , the point where it experiences zero net force? [6 marks]