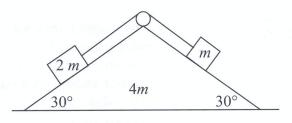
Particles of mass 2m and m are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth pulley at the vertex of a wedge-shaped block, one particle resting on each of the smooth faces.

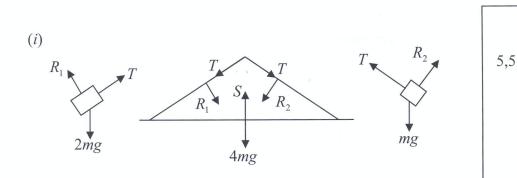


The mass of the wedge is 4m

and the inclination of each face to the horizontal is 30°.

The wedge rests on a smooth horizontal surface and the system is released from rest.

- (i) Show, on separate diagrams, the forces acting on the wedge and on the particles.
- (ii) Find the acceleration of the wedge.



$$(ii) 2m 2mg\cos 30 - R_1 = 2m(q\sin 30)$$

$$m R_2 - mgcos30 = m(q\sin 30)$$

 $T\cos 30 - T\cos 30 + R_1\sin 30 - R_2\sin 30 = 4mq$

$$R_1 - R_2 = 8mq$$

$$\{2 \operatorname{mgcos} 30 - 2mq \sin 30\} - \{\operatorname{mgcos} 30 + mq \sin 30\} = 8mq$$

$$mg \cos 30 = 8mq + 3mq \sin 30$$

$$g \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 8q + \frac{3}{2}q$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{g\sqrt{3}}{19}$$

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