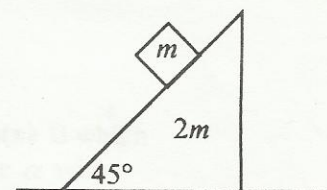


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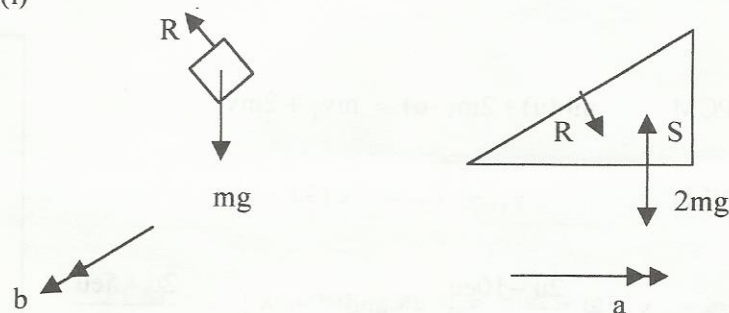
4. (b)

A smooth wedge of mass  $2m$  and slope  $45^\circ$  is placed on a smooth horizontal surface. A particle of mass  $m$  is placed on the inclined face of the wedge. The system is released from rest.



- Show on separate diagrams the forces acting on the wedge and the particle.
- Show that the acceleration of the wedge is  $\frac{g}{5} \text{ m/s}^2$ .
- Find the speed of the particle relative to the wedge, when the speed of the wedge is  $1 \text{ m/s}$ .

(i)



(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} R \sin 45 &= 2ma \quad (3) \\ mg \cos 45 - R &= ma \sin 45 \quad (1) \\ \frac{mg}{\sqrt{2}} - 2\sqrt{2}ma &= m \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \Rightarrow a &= \frac{1}{5}g \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} mg \sin 45 &= m(b - a \cos 45) \quad (2) \\ \frac{mg}{\sqrt{2}} &= m \left( b - \frac{g}{5\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow b &= \frac{6g}{5\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Wedge:  $v = u + at$

$$1 = 0 + \frac{1}{5}gt \Rightarrow t = \frac{5}{g}$$

Particle:  $v = u + bt$

$$v = 0 + \frac{6g}{5\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{5}{g} \right) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } 3\sqrt{2}$$