

Question #60869, Physics / Classical Mechanics | for completion

a 60m ladder weighing 100N rests against a wall at a point 48 degree north above the ground. the center of gravity of the ladder is 1/3 the way up. a 160N man climbs halfway up the ladder assuming that the wall is friction less. find the reaction on the wall and the frictional force.

$$L=60 \text{ m}$$

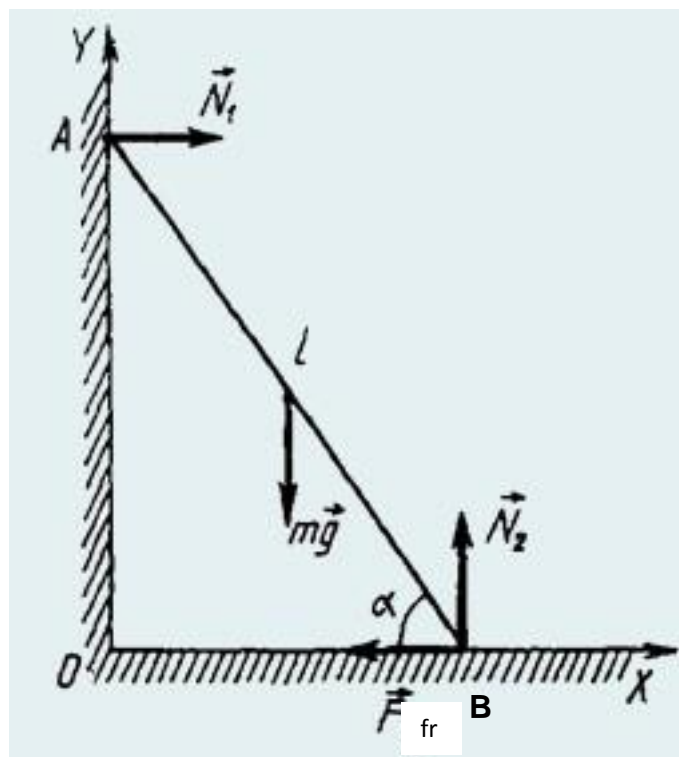
$$F_l = 100\text{N}$$

$$\alpha= 48^\circ$$

$$F_m = 160 \text{ N}$$

$$N_a - ? F_{fr} - ?$$

Solution:



On the basis of the vanishing of the sum of the moments of all forces about the axis passing through the point B, we form the equation:

$$N_A L \sin \alpha - F_m \frac{L}{2} \cos \alpha - F_l \frac{L}{3} \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$N_A L \sin \alpha = L \cos \alpha \left(\frac{F_m}{2} - \frac{F_l}{3} \right)$$

$$N_A = \tan \alpha \left(\frac{F_m}{2} - \frac{F_l}{3} \right)$$

$$N_A = \tan 48^\circ \left(\frac{160\text{N}}{2} - \frac{100\text{N}}{3} \right) \approx 51,83\text{N} - \text{the reaction force of the wall}$$

As the ladder is fixed, then the equality of forces:

$N_A = F_{fr} = 51,83 \text{ N}$ – the frictional force

Answer the questions:

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