

13. a) What are the advantages of method of sections over method of joints? How will you use method of section in finding forces in the members of a truss?
 b) A cantilever truss is loaded as shown in fig.4. Find the member forces.

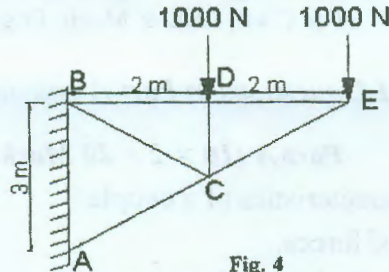


Fig. 4

14. a) Two equal bodies A and B of weight 'W' each are placed on a rough inclined plane. The bodies are connected by a light string. If $\mu_A = 1/2$ and $\mu_B = 1/3$, show that the bodies will be both on the point of motion when the plane is inclined at $\tan^{-1} (5/12)$. [5]
 b) A block overlying a 10° wedge on a horizontal floor and leaning against a vertical wall and weighing 1500N is to be raised by applying a horizontal force to the wedge as shown in Fig.5. Assuming the coefficient of friction to be 0.3, determine the minimum horizontal force to be applied to raise the block. [5]

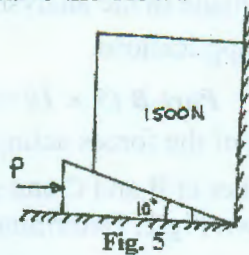


Fig. 5

15. a) Calculate the Y-coordinate of centroid of the shaded area shown in Fig.6. [4]
 b) Find moment of inertia of shaded area shown in Fig.7 about X-axis. [6]

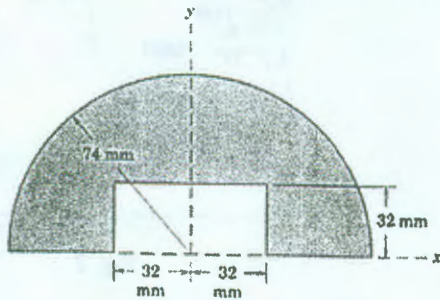


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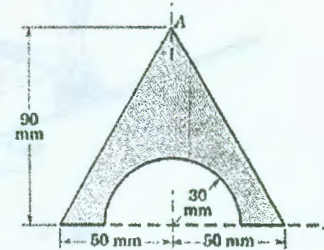


Fig. 7

16. a) Find the values of P and F so that the four forces shown in the Fig.8 produce an upward resultant of 300N acting at 4m from left end of the bar. [4]
 b) Two smooth spheres shown in Fig.9, each of radius r and weight Q, rest in a horizontal channel having vertical walls, the distance between which is b. Find the pressures exerted on the walls and floor at the points of contact A, B and D. The following numerical data are given: $r = 25\text{cm}$, $b = 90\text{ cm}$, $Q = 100\text{N}$. [6]

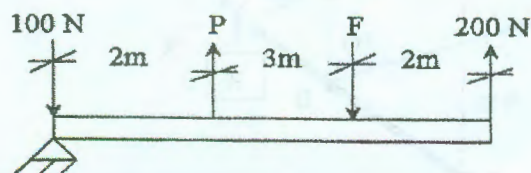


Fig. 8

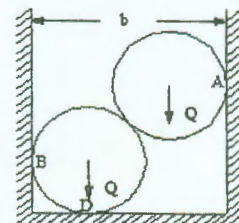


Fig. 9