

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
MATHEMATICS**

Mechanics 3

**WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2007**

**4730/01**

Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages)  
List of Formulae (MF1)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.

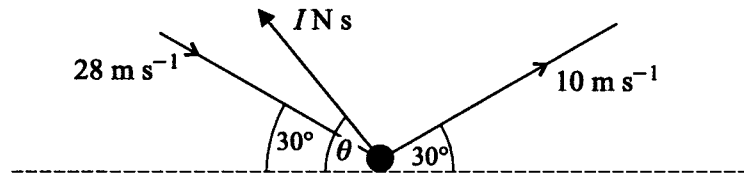
**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

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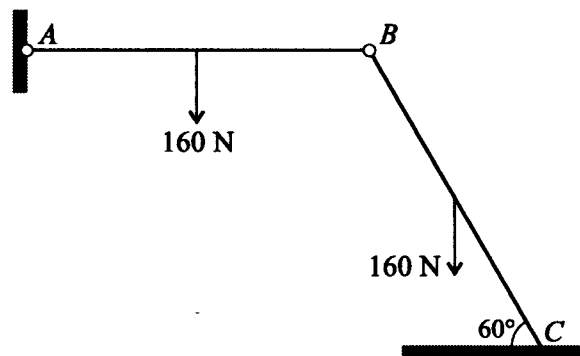
- 1 A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.6 \text{ kg}$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$  by a light inextensible string of length  $0.4 \text{ m}$ . While hanging at a distance  $0.4 \text{ m}$  vertically below  $O$ ,  $P$  is projected horizontally with speed  $5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and moves in a complete vertical circle. Calculate the tension in the string when  $P$  is vertically above  $O$ . [6]

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When a tennis ball of mass  $0.057 \text{ kg}$  bounces it receives an impulse of magnitude  $I \text{ N s}$  at an angle of  $\theta$  to the horizontal. Immediately before the ball bounces it has speed  $28 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in a direction of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. Immediately after the ball bounces it has speed  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  in a direction of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal (see diagram). Find  $I$  and  $\theta$ . [7]

3



Two identical uniform rods,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , are freely jointed to each other at  $B$ , and  $A$  is freely jointed to a fixed point. The rods are in limiting equilibrium in a vertical plane, with  $C$  resting on a rough horizontal surface.  $AB$  is horizontal, and  $BC$  is inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. The weight of each rod is  $160 \text{ N}$  (see diagram).

- By taking moments for  $AB$  about  $A$ , find the vertical component of the force on  $AB$  at  $B$ . Hence or otherwise find the magnitude of the vertical component of the contact force on  $BC$  at  $C$ . [3]
  - Calculate the magnitude of the frictional force on  $BC$  at  $C$  and state its direction. [4]
  - Calculate the value of the coefficient of friction at  $C$ . [2]
- 4 A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.2 \text{ kg}$  is suspended from a fixed point  $O$  by a light elastic string of natural length  $0.7 \text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $3.5 \text{ N}$ .  $P$  is at the equilibrium position when it is projected vertically downwards with speed  $1.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . At time  $t \text{ s}$  after being set in motion  $P$  is  $x \text{ m}$  below the equilibrium position and has velocity  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .
- Show that the equilibrium position of  $P$  is  $1.092 \text{ m}$  below  $O$ . [3]
  - Prove that  $P$  moves with simple harmonic motion, and calculate the amplitude. [5]
  - Calculate  $x$  and  $v$  when  $t = 0.4$ . [5]

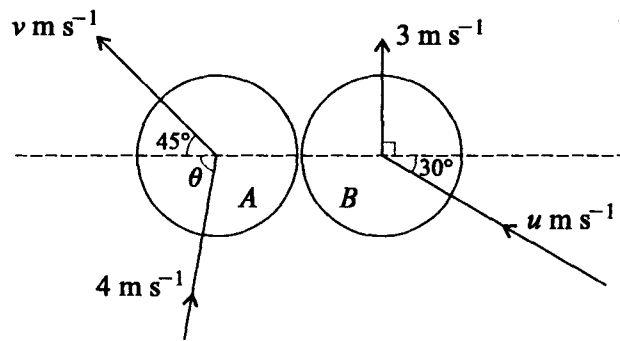
- 5 The pilot of a hot air balloon keeps it at a fixed altitude by dropping sand from the balloon. Each grain of sand has mass  $m$  kg and is released from rest. When a grain has fallen a distance  $x$  m, it has speed  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup>. Each grain falls vertically and the only forces acting on it are its weight and air resistance of magnitude  $mkv^2$  N, where  $k$  is a positive constant.

(i) Show that  $\left(\frac{v}{g - kv^2}\right)\frac{dv}{dx} = 1$ . [2]

(ii) Find  $v^2$  in terms of  $k$ ,  $g$  and  $x$ . Hence show that, as  $x$  becomes large, the limiting value of  $v$  is  $\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$ . [7]

(iii) Given that the altitude of the balloon is 300 m and that each grain strikes the ground at 90% of its limiting velocity, find  $k$ . [3]

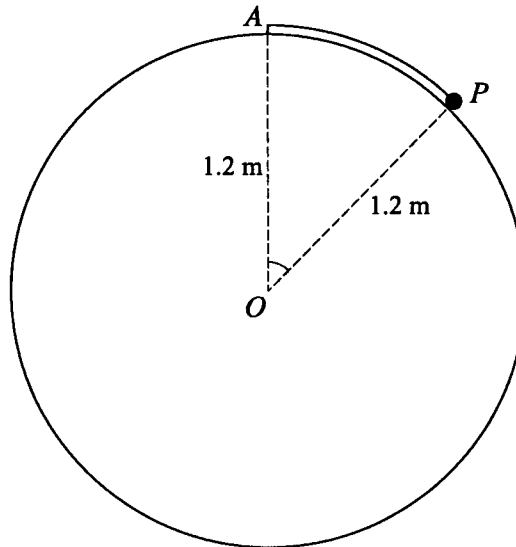
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Two uniform smooth spheres  $A$  and  $B$  of equal radius are moving on a horizontal surface when they collide.  $A$  has mass  $0.4$  kg, and  $B$  has mass  $m$  kg. Immediately before the collision,  $A$  is moving with speed  $4$  m s<sup>-1</sup> at an acute angle  $\theta$  to the line of centres, and  $B$  is moving with speed  $u$  m s<sup>-1</sup> at  $30^\circ$  to the line of centres. Immediately after the collision  $A$  is moving with speed  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup> at  $45^\circ$  to the line of centres, and  $B$  is moving with speed  $3$  m s<sup>-1</sup> perpendicular to the line of centres (see diagram).

- (i) Find  $u$ . [2]
- (ii) Given that  $\theta = 88.1^\circ$  correct to 1 decimal place, calculate the approximate values of  $v$  and  $m$ . [5]
- (iii) The coefficient of restitution is  $0.75$ . Show that the exact value of  $\theta$  is a root of the equation  $8 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = 9 \cos 30^\circ$ . [5]

[Question 7 is printed overleaf.]



The diagram shows a particle  $P$  of mass  $0.5$  kg attached to the highest point  $A$  of a fixed smooth sphere by a light elastic string. The sphere has centre  $O$  and radius  $1.2$  m. The string has natural length  $0.6$  m and modulus of elasticity  $6.86$  N.  $P$  is released from rest at a point on the surface of the sphere where the acute angle  $AOP$  is at least  $0.5$  radians.

(i) (a) For the case angle  $AOP = \alpha$ ,  $P$  remains at rest. Show that  $\sin \alpha = 2.8\alpha - 1.4$ . [4]

(b) Use the iterative formula

$$\alpha_{n+1} = \frac{\sin \alpha_n}{2.8} + 0.5,$$

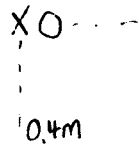
with  $\alpha_1 = 0.8$ , to find  $\alpha$  correct to 2 significant figures. [2]

(ii) Given instead that angle  $AOP = 0.5$  radians when  $P$  is released, find the speed of  $P$  when angle  $AOP = 0.8$  radians, given that  $P$  is at all times in contact with the surface of the sphere. State whether the speed of  $P$  is increasing or decreasing when angle  $AOP = 0.8$  radians. [7]

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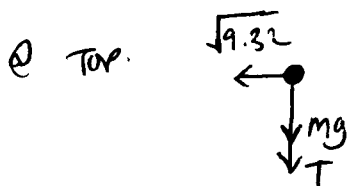
• ... C.P.E. = 0    K.E. =  $\frac{1}{2}(0.6)(5)^2$

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

K.E. @ Bottom = { G.P.E. + K.E. } AT TOP

$$(0.5)(0.6)(5)^2 = 0.6g \times 0.8 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.6 \times v^2$$

$$\therefore v^2 = 9.32$$

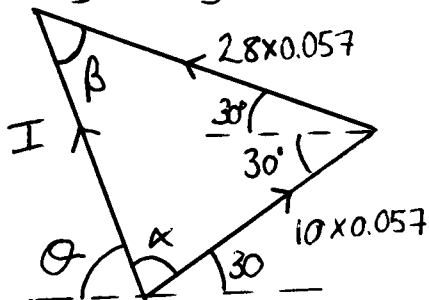


$$mg + T = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$T = 0.6 \left( \frac{9.32}{0.4} - 9.8 \right) = \underline{\underline{8.1 \text{ [N]}}}$$

2.

$$\underline{I} = m\underline{v} - m\underline{u}$$



Cosine Rule

$$I^2 = (10^2 + 28^2 - 2(10)(28)\cos 60) m^2$$

$$I^2 = 604 m^2 \Rightarrow I = 24.57641145 m = 24.5764 \times 0.057$$

$$I = 1.40 \text{ [Ns]} \text{ (3s.f.)}$$

• Side Rule

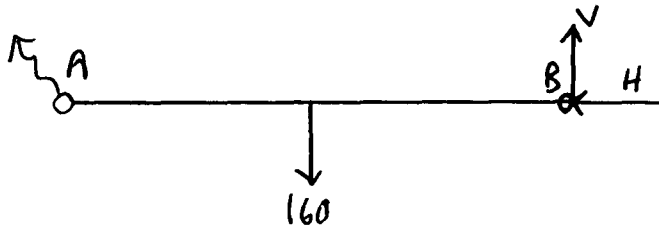
$$\sin \alpha = \frac{0.057 \times 28 \sin 60}{1.40} \Rightarrow \alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.98666...) = 80.633... \text{ or } 180 - 80.633 = 99.367...$$

$$\therefore \theta = 180 - 99.367 - 30$$

$$\underline{\underline{\theta = 50.6^\circ}}$$

need to check by calculating  $\beta$   
( $\beta = 20.646^\circ$ ,  $\alpha = 99.367^\circ$ )

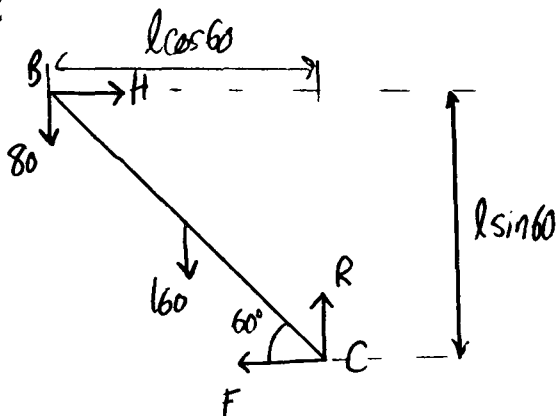
3. (i) Consider AB:



$$M(A) \uparrow \quad V l - 160 \frac{l}{2} = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{V = 80 \text{ [N]}}}$$

Consider BC:



$$R(\uparrow) \quad R = 80 + 160 = \underline{\underline{240 \text{ [N]}}}$$

(ii)  $M(B)$  for BC:  $\rightarrow$

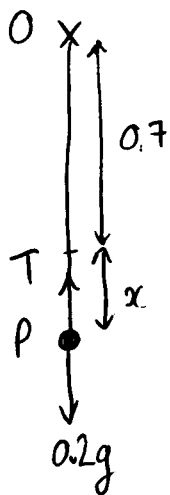
$$R l \cos 60 - 160 \frac{l}{2} \cos 60 - F l \sin 60 = 0$$

$$F = \frac{(120 - 40) 2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{160\sqrt{3}}{3} = \underline{\underline{92.4 \text{ [N]}}} \text{ (3s.f.) in direction } \vec{BA}.$$

(iii) Limiting Equilibrium  $\therefore F = F_{\max} = \mu R$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{92.36}{240} = \underline{\underline{0.385}} \text{ (3s.f.)}$$

4. (i) Consider equilibrium



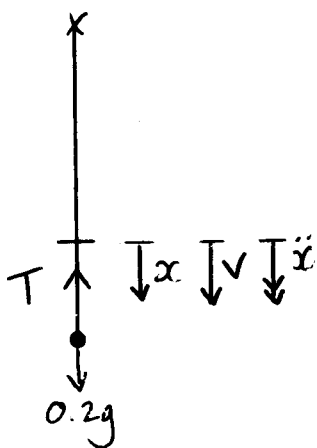
$$R(A) \quad T = 0.2g$$

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda x}{l} = 0.2g$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{0.2 \times 9.8 \times 0.7}{3.5} = 0.392$$

$$\therefore OP = 0.7 + 0.392 = \underline{\underline{1.092 \text{ [m]}}}$$

(ii) Consider general position:



N(II) ↓

$$0.2g - \frac{\lambda x}{l} = m\ddot{x} \quad m = 0.2 \quad (x5)$$

$$\therefore \ddot{x} = 9.8 - 25x = -25\left(x - \frac{9.8}{25}\right)$$

$$\text{let } x - \frac{9.8}{25} = z$$

$$\text{Then } \dot{x} = \dot{z} \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{x} = \ddot{z}$$

$$\therefore \ddot{z} = -25z \quad \text{SHM, WITH PERIOD } \underline{\underline{\frac{2\pi}{5}}}$$

$$\text{about } z = 0 \quad (x = 0.392)$$

When  $z = 0$ ,  $v = 1.6$ ,  $n = 5$ ,  $t = 0$ ,

$$v^2 = n^2(a^2 - z^2)$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{\sqrt{v^2 + z^2}}{n} = \frac{\sqrt{1.6^2}}{5} = \frac{1}{5}(1.6) = \underline{\underline{0.32 \text{ [m]}}}$$

(iii) since @  $t = 0$   $z = 0$   $z = a \sin(nt)$

$$\text{so } x = a \sin(nt) + 0.392$$

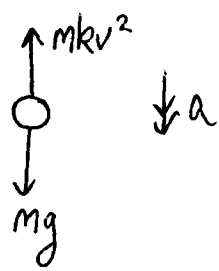
$$\text{When } t = 0.4 \quad x = 0.32 \sin(0.4 \times 5) + 0.392 = \underline{\underline{0.683 \text{ [m]}}} \quad (3st)$$

i.e. 0.291 [m] below equilibrium position.

$$\& \quad v = an \cos(nt) = 0.32 \times 5 \cos(0.4 \times 5)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-0.666 \text{ [ms}^{-1}\text{]}}} \quad (\uparrow \text{ upwards})$$

5. (i) Consider a grain of sand:



$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$N(II) \downarrow \quad mg - mkv^2 = m v \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \div (mg - kv^2)$$

$$\left( \frac{v}{g - kv^2} \right) \frac{dv}{dx} = 1 \quad \text{as required.}$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_0^v \frac{v}{g - kv^2} \frac{dv}{dx} dx = \int_0^x 1 dx$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2k} \ln |g - kv^2| \right]_0^v = x$$

$$-\frac{1}{2k} \ln |g - kv^2| - - \frac{1}{2k} \ln |g| = x \quad \times 2k$$

$$\ln \left| \frac{g}{g - kv^2} \right| = 2kx$$

$$\frac{g}{g - kv^2} = e^{2kx}$$

$$g = e^{2kx} (g - kv^2)$$

$$\therefore v^2 = \frac{g(e^{2kx} - 1)}{ke^{2kx}} \quad \times \frac{e^{-2kx}}{e^{-2kx}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{v^2 = \frac{g(1 - e^{-2kx})}{k}}}$$

$$\text{as } x \rightarrow \infty, \quad v^2 \rightarrow \frac{g}{k}$$

$$e^{-2kx} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore v \rightarrow \underline{\underline{\sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}}}$$



5(iii)

$$x = 300, \quad v = 0.9 \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}}$$

$$0.81 \frac{g}{k} = \frac{g}{k} (1 - e^{-2k(300)})$$

$$e^{-600k} = 1 - 0.81 = 0.19$$

$$-600k = \ln 0.19$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{600} \ln 0.19$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.00277}}$$

6. (i)  $u \sin 30 = 3$

$$\underline{\underline{u = 6 \text{ [ms}^{-1}\text{]}}}$$

(ii)  $4 \sin 88.1^\circ = v \sin 45^\circ$

$$v = 4\sqrt{2} \sin 88.1^\circ = 5.653744\dots$$

$$= \underline{\underline{5.65 \text{ [ms}^{-1}\text{]}}} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

$$0.4(4 \cos 88.1) - 6m \cos 30 = -0.4 \times 5.6537\dots \cos 45 + 0.$$

$$m = \frac{0.4(4 \cos 88.1 + 5.6537 \cos 45)}{6 \cos 30}$$

$$= 0.318 \text{ [kg]} \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$$

(iii)

$$e = \frac{v_{\text{sep}}}{v_{\text{app}}} \quad (\text{HORIZONTALLY})$$

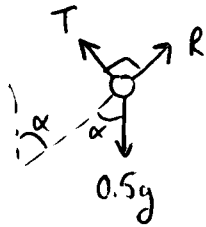
$$0.75 = \frac{v \cos 45}{4 \cos \theta + u \cos 30}$$

$$\text{and } v = \frac{4 \sin \theta}{\sin 45} = 4\sqrt{2} \sin \theta.$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{4} = \frac{4 \sin \theta}{4 \cos \theta + 6 \cos 30} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{8 \sin \theta - 6 \cos \theta = 9 \cos 30^\circ}} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

(Rearrange early.)

7.(i) CONSIDER EQUILIBRIUM



$$R(N) \quad T = 0.5g \sin \alpha \quad \{1\}$$

Now  $T = \frac{\lambda x}{l}$  and  $(l+x) = r\alpha$  (length of arc =  $r\theta$ )  
 so  $x = r\alpha - l$

$$\therefore T = \frac{\lambda(r\alpha - l)}{l} = \frac{6.86(1.2\alpha - 0.6)}{0.6} \quad \{2\}$$

$$\therefore 6.86(1.2\alpha - 0.6) = 0.6(0.5g \sin \alpha)$$

...

$$\sin \alpha = 2.8\alpha - 1.4 \quad Q.E.D.$$

(ii)

$$\alpha_1 = 0.8$$

$$\alpha_2 = 0.7561$$

$$\alpha_3 = 0.7450$$

$$\alpha_4 = 0.7421$$

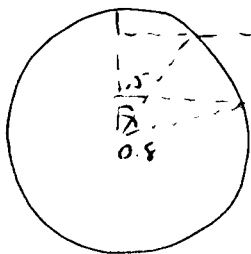
$$\alpha_5 = 0.7413$$

$$\alpha_6 = 0.7411$$

$$\alpha_7 = 0.7411 \dots$$

$$\alpha = 0.74 \quad (2s.f)$$

(iii) smooth sphere, so energy generally conserved.



$$K.E. = 0 \quad G.P.E = 0 \quad E.P.E = \frac{\lambda x^2}{2l} = \frac{6.86(1.2 \times 0.5 - 0.6)^2}{2(0.6)} = 0$$

$$G.P.E = -0.5g \times (1.2 \cos 0.5 - 1.2 \cos 0.8), \quad K.E. = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 v^2 = \frac{1}{4} v^2$$

$$E.P.E = \frac{6.86(1.2 \times 0.8 - 0.6)^2}{2(0.6)}$$

Since equilibrium @  $\alpha = 0.74$  particle will be decelerating @  $\alpha = 0.8$ .  
 (See Tension calc for confirmation, below)

$$v^2 = 4(0.5 \times 9.8(1.2 \cos 0.5 - 1.2 \cos 0.8) - \frac{6.86}{1.2}(1.2 \times 0.8 - 0.6)^2)$$

$$v = 1.14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$mg \sin 0.8 = 3.515 \dots$$

$$T = \frac{6.86(1.2 \times 0.8 - 0.6)}{0.6} = 4.116 \dots$$

}  $\therefore$  Speed is decreasing (also -ve).

