

**A Level Mathematics A**

**H240/03** Pure Mathematics and Mechanics

**Question Set 6**

1. A particle  $P$  moves with constant acceleration  $(-4\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$ . At time  $t = 0$  seconds,  $P$  is moving with velocity  $(7\mathbf{i}+6\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-1}$ .

(a) Determine the speed of  $P$  when  $t = 3$ .

[4]

$$P: \quad a = (-4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-2}$$

$$t=0 \quad v = (7\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j})\text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$v = \int a \, dt = \int (-4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \, dt = (-4t + c)\mathbf{i} + (2t + d)\mathbf{j}$$

$$t=0 \quad (-4 \times 0 + c)\mathbf{i} + (2 \times 0 + d)\mathbf{j} = (7\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j})$$

$$c = 7 \quad d = 6$$

$$v = (-4t + 7)\mathbf{i} + (2t + 6)\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$t=3 \quad v = (-4 \times 3 + 7)\mathbf{i} + (2 \times 3 + 6)\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$= (-5\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + 12^2} = 13 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

(b) Determine the change in displacement of  $P$  between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 3$ .

[2]

$$s = \int v \, dt = \int (-4t + 7)\mathbf{i} + (2t + 6)\mathbf{j} \, dt$$

$$= (-2t^2 + 7t + c)\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 6t + d)\mathbf{j}$$

$$t=0, s=0 \quad (-2(0)^2 + 7(0) + c)\mathbf{i} + ((0)^2 + 6(0) + d)\mathbf{j} = 0$$

$$c = 0 \quad d = 0$$

$$s = (-2t^2 + 7t)\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 6t)\mathbf{j} \text{ m}$$

$$t=0, s=0$$

$$t=3 \quad (2(3)^2 + 7(3))\mathbf{i} + ((3)^2 + 6(3))\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 39\mathbf{i} + 27\mathbf{j} \Rightarrow \sqrt{39^2 + 27^2} = 15\sqrt{10} \text{ m}$$

- 2 A car is travelling on a straight horizontal road. The velocity of the car,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at time  $t$  seconds as it travels past three points,  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ , is modelled by the equation

$$v = at^2 + bt + c,$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants.

The car passes  $P$  at time  $t = 0$  with velocity  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- (a) State the value of  $c$ . [1]

$$v = at^2 + bt + c \quad P: t = 0 \quad v = 8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

a)  $8 = a(0)^2 + b(0) + c \quad c = 8$

Q:  $t = 5 \quad a = -0.12 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

R:  $t = 18 \quad v = 2.96 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

The car passes  $Q$  at time  $t = 5$  and at that instant its deceleration is  $0.12 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . The car passes  $R$  at time  $t = 18$  with velocity  $2.96 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- (b) Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . [4]

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 2at + b \quad -0.12 = 2a(5) + b$$

$$10a + b = -0.12 \quad b = -10a - 0.12$$

$$2.96 = a(18)^2 + b(18) + 8 \quad 324a + 18b = -5.04$$

$$324a + 18(-10a - 0.12) = -5.04$$

$$324a - 180a - 2.16 = -5.04$$

$$144a = -2.88$$

$$a = -0.02$$

$$b = 0.08$$

- (c) Find, to the nearest metre, the distance between points  $P$  and  $R$ . [2]

$$s = \int v dt = \int -0.02t^2 + 0.08t + 8 dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{150}t^3 + 0.04t^2 + 8t + c$$

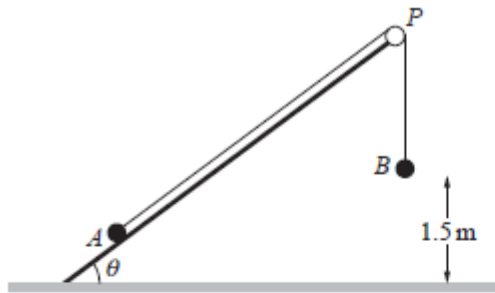
P:  $t = 0, s = 0 \quad -\frac{1}{150}(0)^3 + 0.04(0)^2 + 8(0) + c = 0$

$$c = 0$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{150}t^3 + 0.04t^2 + 8t$$

R:  $t = 18 \quad -\frac{1}{150}(18)^3 + 0.04(18)^2 + 8(18) = 118.08 \text{ m}$

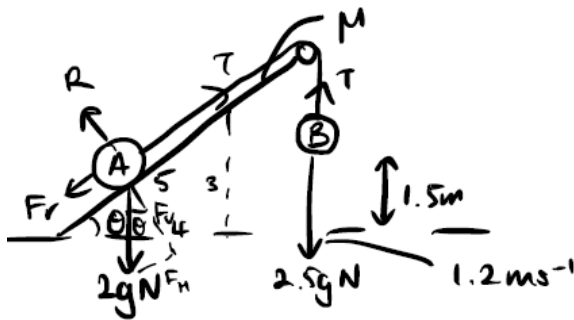
118m



One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a particle  $A$  of mass  $2\text{ kg}$ . The other end of the string is attached to a second particle  $B$  of mass  $2.5\text{ kg}$ . Particle  $A$  is in contact with a rough plane inclined at  $\theta$  to the horizontal, where  $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ . The string is taut and passes over a small smooth pulley  $P$  at the top of the plane. The part of the string from  $A$  to  $P$  is parallel to a line of greatest slope of the plane. Particle  $B$  hangs freely below  $P$  at a distance  $1.5\text{ m}$  above horizontal ground, as shown in the diagram.

The coefficient of friction between  $A$  and the plane is  $\mu$ . The system is released from rest and in the subsequent motion  $B$  hits the ground before  $A$  reaches  $P$ . The speed of  $B$  at the instant that it hits the ground is  $1.2\text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

(a) For the motion before  $B$  hits the ground, show that the acceleration of  $B$  is  $0.48\text{ ms}^{-2}$ . [1]



$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } u &= 0\text{ ms}^{-1} & v &= 1.2\text{ ms}^{-1} \\ s &= 1.5\text{ m} & a &= ? \\ v^2 &= u^2 + 2as \\ (1.2\text{ ms}^{-1})^2 &= (0\text{ ms}^{-1})^2 + 2a(1.5\text{ m}) \\ a &= 0.48\text{ ms}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) For the motion before  $B$  hits the ground, show that the tension in the string is  $23.3\text{ N}$ . [3]

$$F = ma$$

$$F = 2.5\text{ kg} \times 0.48\text{ ms}^{-2} = 1.2\text{ N}$$

$$(2.5\text{ kg} \times 9.81\text{ ms}^{-2})\text{ N} - TN = 1.2\text{ N}$$

$$TN = 23.325\text{ N}$$

$$\approx 23.3\text{ N}$$

(c) Determine the value of  $\mu$ .

[5]

$$F = ma$$

$$TN - F_H N - F_r N = ma$$

$$23.325N - 11.772N - F_r N$$

$$= 2\text{kg} \times 0.48\text{ms}^{-2}$$

$$F_r N = 10.593N$$

$$F_r = \mu R$$

$$10.593N = \mu \times 15.696N$$

$$\mu = 0.675$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{F_H N}{2gN}$$

$$F_H N = \frac{3}{5} \times 2gN$$

$$= \frac{6}{5}gN$$

$$= 11.772N$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{F_v}{2gN}$$

$$F_v = \frac{4}{5} \times 2gN$$

$$= \frac{8}{5}gN$$

$$= 15.696N$$

$$R = 15.696N$$

(d) Determine the distance that  $A$  travels from the instant that  $B$  hits the ground until  $A$  comes to instantaneous rest.

[4]

$$F = ma$$

$$0N - F_H N - F_r N = ma$$

$$0N - 11.772N - 10.593N = 2\text{kg} \times a$$

$$a = -11.1825\text{ms}^{-2}$$

$$u = 1.2\text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$v = 0\text{ms}^{-1}$$

$$a = -11.1825\text{ms}^{-2}$$

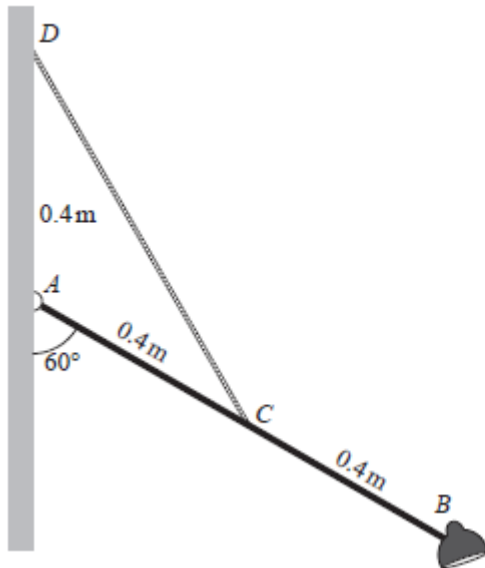
$$s = ?\text{m}$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$(0\text{ms}^{-1})^2 = (1.2\text{ms}^{-1})^2 + 2(-11.1825\text{ms}^{-2})s$$

$$s = 0.0644\text{m}$$

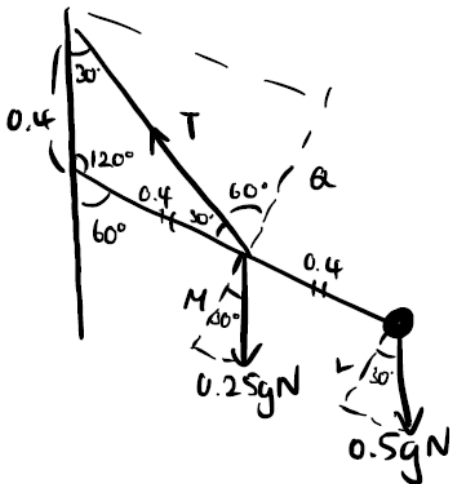
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The diagram shows a wall-mounted light. It consists of a rod  $AB$  of mass  $0.25\text{ kg}$  and length  $0.8\text{ m}$  which is freely hinged to a vertical wall at  $A$ , and a lamp of mass  $0.5\text{ kg}$  fixed at  $B$ . The system is held in equilibrium by a chain  $CD$  whose end  $C$  is attached to the midpoint of  $AB$ . The end  $D$  is fixed to the wall a distance  $0.4\text{ m}$  vertically above  $A$ . The rod  $AB$  makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the downward vertical.

The chain is modelled as a light inextensible string, the rod is modelled as uniform and the lamp is modelled as a particle.

(a) By taking moments about  $A$ , determine the tension in the chain. [4]



$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}g = 0.2T$$

$$T = 21.2\text{ N}$$

$$\text{a) } \cos 30^\circ = \frac{M}{0.25g\text{ N}} \quad M = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}g\text{ N}$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{L}{0.5g\text{ N}} \quad L = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}g\text{ N}$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{Q}{T} \quad Q = \frac{1}{2}T\text{ N}$$

$$\text{CM: } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}g\text{ N} \times 0.4\text{ m}$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}g\text{ N} \times 0.8\text{ m}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}g\text{ Nm}$$

$$\text{ACM: } \frac{1}{2}T\text{ N} \times 0.4\text{ m} = 0.2T\text{ Nm}$$

- (b) (i) Determine the magnitude of the force exerted on the rod at A. [4]  
(ii) Calculate the direction of the force exerted on the rod at A. [2]

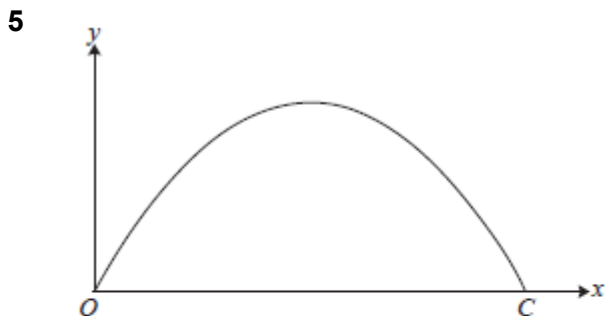
(i)

$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{B}{21.2\text{ N}}$      $B = 18.4\text{ N}$   
 $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{C}{21.2\text{ N}}$      $C = 10.6\text{ N}$   
vertical:  $18.4\text{ N} - 0.25g\text{ N} - 0.5g\text{ N} = 11.0\text{ N}$  upwards  
horizontal:  $10.6\text{ N}$  left  
 $\sqrt{11.0^2 + 10.6^2} = 15.3\text{ N}$   
 $\tan \theta = \frac{10.6\text{ N}}{11.0\text{ N}}$      $\theta = 43.9^\circ$   
bearing of  $316.1^\circ$

(ii)

- (c) Suggest one improvement that could be made to the model to make it more realistic. [1]

consider friction between rod & wall and chain & wall



A particle  $P$  moves freely under gravity in the plane of a fixed horizontal axis  $Ox$ , which lies on horizontal ground, and a fixed vertical axis  $Oy$ .  $P$  is projected from  $O$  with a velocity whose components along  $Ox$  and  $Oy$  are  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively.  $P$  returns to the ground at a point  $C$ .

- (a) Determine, in terms of  $U$ ,  $V$  and  $g$ , the distance  $OC$ . [4]



time taken to reach top

$$u = V\text{ ms}^{-1} \quad v = 0\text{ ms}^{-1} \quad a = -g\text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$t = ?\text{ s}$$

$$v = u + at$$

$$0\text{ ms}^{-1} = V\text{ ms}^{-1} + (-g\text{ ms}^{-2})t$$

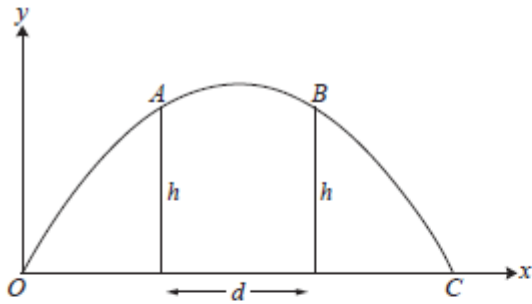
$$t = \frac{V}{g}\text{ s}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2V}{g}\text{ s} \text{ for whole journey}$$

$$s = \frac{d}{t}$$

$$V\text{ ms}^{-1} = \frac{d}{\frac{2V}{g}\text{ s}}$$

$$d = \frac{2UV}{g}\text{ m}$$



$P$  passes through two points  $A$  and  $B$ , each at a height  $h$  above the ground and a distance  $d$  apart, as shown in the diagram.

(b) Write down the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity of  $P$  at  $A$ . [2]

horizontal component:  $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$

$$u = U \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad v = ? \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad s = hm \quad a = -g \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as \quad v^2 = (U \text{ ms}^{-1})^2 + 2(-g \text{ ms}^{-2})(hm)$$

$$= (U^2 - 2gh) \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(U^2 - 2gh)} \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

vertical component:  $\sqrt{(U^2 - 2gh)} \text{ ms}^{-1}$

(c) Hence determine an expression for  $d$  in terms of  $U$ ,  $V$ ,  $g$  and  $h$ . [3]

$$u = \sqrt{v^2 - 2gh} \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad v = 0 \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad a = -g \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad t = ? \text{ s}$$

$$v = u + at \quad 0 \text{ ms}^{-1} = \sqrt{v^2 - 2gh} \text{ ms}^{-1} + (-g \text{ ms}^{-2})t$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{g} \text{ s} \Rightarrow \text{for } \frac{1}{2}d$$

$$d = \frac{2\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{g} \text{ s taken}$$

$$s = \frac{d}{t}$$

$$U = \frac{d}{\frac{2\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{g}}$$

$$d = \frac{2U\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{g}$$



- (d) Given that the direction of motion of  $P$  as it passes through  $A$  is inclined to the horizontal at an angle  $\theta$ , where  $\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , determine an expression for  $V$  in terms of  $g$ ,  $d$  and  $h$ . [4]

$$\begin{aligned}\tan \theta &= \frac{1}{2} = \frac{V}{U} = \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{U} \\ U &= \frac{dh}{2\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}} & \frac{1}{2} &= \frac{\sqrt{v^2 - 2gh}}{dh} \\ \frac{1}{2} &= \frac{2(v^2 - 2gh)}{dh} & \frac{dh}{4} &= v^2 - 2gh \\ v^2 &= \frac{dh}{4} + 2gh & v &= \sqrt{\frac{dh}{4} + 2gh}\end{aligned}$$

**Total Marks for Question Set 6: 50 Marks**

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