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#### **Review Exercise 1**



Let *A* be the origin and let *AF* lie on the positive *x*-axis.



So the centre of mass lies 0.5 cm from *AB* and 3.5 cm from *AF*

**b**



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**2**



Let *A* be the origin and let *AD* lie on the positive *x*-axis. The centre of mass of the lamina is at the point  $(2, 3)$ Then the *y*-coordinate of the centre of mass of successive laminas would be;

3, 9, 15, …

Let *n* be the number of laminas that can be placed on top of each other. When  $n = 1$ 

 $\tan 10 = 0.176... < \frac{2}{3}$ 3  $= 0.176...$ 

Therefore the lamina will not topple.

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When  $n = 2$  $\tan 10 = 0.176... < \frac{2}{3}$  $= 0.176...$ 

9

Therefore the lamina will not topple. When  $n = 3$ 

 $\tan 10 = 0.176... > \frac{2}{16}$ 15  $= 0.176...$ 

Therefore the lamina will topple.





From *A* to the greatest height, taking upwards as positive:  $v = 0$ ,  $a = -9.8$ ,  $s = 25.6$ ,  $u = ?$ 

$$
v^2 = u^2 + 2as
$$
  
\n
$$
0^2 = u^2 + 2 \times (-9.8) \times 25.6
$$
  
\n
$$
u^2 = 2 \times 9.8 \times 25.6 = 501.76
$$
  
\n
$$
u = \sqrt{501.76} = 22.4
$$
, as required.

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**3 b**  $u = 22.4$ ,  $s = -1.5$ ,  $a = -9.8$ ,  $t = T$  $22.4 + \sqrt{(-22.4)^2} - 4$  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  $-1.5 = 22.4T + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)T^2$  $4.9T^2 - 22.4T - 1.5 = 0$ 2  $= 4.637... = 4.64$  (3 s.f.)  $4.9 \times -1.5$ 4.9 *T*  $\times$ 4.9 $\times$ – ×  $=\frac{22.4+\sqrt{(-22.4)^2-1}}{24.6}$ 

**c**

 $a$  m s<sup>-2</sup>

Find the speed of the ball as it reaches the ground:  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as = 22.4^2 + 2 \times (-9.8) \times (-1.5) = 531.16$  $u = 22.4, s = -1.5, a = -9.8, v = ?$ 

Find the deceleration as the ball sinks into the ground:

$$
u^{2} = 531.16, v = 0, s = 0.025, a = ?
$$
  
\n
$$
v^{2} = u^{2} + 2as \Rightarrow 0^{2} = 531.16 + 2 \times a \times 0.025
$$
  
\n
$$
a = -\frac{531.16}{0.05} = -10623.2
$$
  
\n
$$
F = ma
$$
  
\n
$$
0.6g - F = 0.6 \times (-10623.2)
$$
  
\n
$$
F = 0.6g + 0.6 \times 10623.2 = 6380 (3 s.f.)
$$

**d**



**e** Consider air resistance during motion under gravity.

# **Solution Bank**



- **4 a**  $u_y = 0$ ,  $a_y = 9.8$  m s<sup>-2</sup>,  $s_y = 0.8$  m Using  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ 2  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  $(0.8 - (0)t + \frac{1}{2}(9.8)t^2)$ 2  $=(0)t+\frac{1}{2}(9.8)t$  $4.9t^2 = 0.8$  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2}$  s 7 *t* =  $t = 0.404$  s (3 s.f.) **b**  $u_x = 2 \text{ m s}^{-1}, a_x = 0, t = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{7} \text{ s}$ 7  $t =$ Using  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ 2  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  $(0)$  $2\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)+\frac{1}{2}(0)\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2$ 7 2 7  $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{7}$  m *s*  $(2\sqrt{2})$  1 (a)  $(2\sqrt{2})$  $= 2\left| \frac{2 \sqrt{2}}{7} \right| + \frac{1}{2}(0) \left| \frac{2 \sqrt{2}}{7} \right|$  $(1)$   $2^{\prime}$   $(1)$ 
	- 7  $t = 0.808$  m (3 s.f.)

=

**5 a** Let the horizontal distance travelled be *x*. By Pythagoras' theorem:

$$
x = \sqrt{40^2 - 20^2}
$$
  
\n= 20 $\sqrt{3}$  m  
\n $s_y$  = 20 m,  $a_y$  = 9.8 m s<sup>-2</sup>,  $u_y$  = 0,  
\nUsing  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  
\n20 = (0) $t + \frac{1}{2}$ (9.8) $t^2$   
\n20 = (0) $t + \frac{1}{2}$ (9.8) $t^2$   
\n $t = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{7}$  s  
\n $t = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{7}$ ,  $a_x$  = 0,  $s_x$  = 20 $\sqrt{3}$   
\n20 $\sqrt{3} = u(\frac{10\sqrt{2}}{7}) + \frac{1}{2}$ (0) $(\frac{10\sqrt{2}}{7})^2$   
\n $u_x$  = 7 $\sqrt{6}$  m s<sup>-1</sup>  
\n $u_x$  = 17.1 m s<sup>-1</sup>(3 s.f.)

**b** The ball as a projectile has negligible size and is subject to negligible air resistance. Free fall acceleration remains constant during flight of ball.

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**6 a**  $u_y = 150 \sin 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $a_y = -9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ ,  $v_y = 0$ Using  $v = u + at$  gives:  $0 = 150 \sin 10 - 9.8t$  $t = 2.657...$  $= 2.66$  s (3 s.f.)

**b** 
$$
u_x = 150 \cos 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}
$$
,  $a_x = 0$ ,  $t = 2.657...$  s  
\nUsing  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  
\n $s = (150 \cos 10)(2.657...) + \frac{1}{2}(0)(2.657...)^2$   
\n $= 392.625...$   
\n $= 393 \text{ m} (3 \text{ s.f.})$ 

7 **a** 
$$
u_y = 3u
$$
,  $ay = -9.8$  m s<sup>-2</sup>,  $sy = -12$  m,  $t = 3$  s  
\nUsing  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  
\n $-12 = 3u(3) + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)(3)^2$   
\n $-12 = 3u(3) + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)(3)^2$   
\n $9u = 32.1$   
\n $u = \frac{107}{30}$   
\n $u = 3.57$  ms<sup>-1</sup> (3 s.f.)

## **Solution Bank**



**7 b**  $u_x = 8u = \frac{428}{15}$ ,  $a_x = 0$ ,  $t = 3$  s Using  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives: 2  $s = \left(\frac{428}{15}\right)(3) +$  $\frac{428}{15}$  (3) +  $\frac{1}{2}$  (0)(3)<sup>2</sup>  $15$  )  $2$  $\frac{428}{5}$  m = 5  $k = 85.6$  m c  $u_y = \frac{107}{10}$  m,  $a_y = -9.8$  m s<sup>-2</sup>,  $s_y = -30$  m Using  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$  gives:  $v_y^2 = \left(\frac{107}{10}\right)^2 + 2(-9.8)(-30)$  $v_v^2 = 702.49$  $v_y = \pm 26.5045...$  $v_y = -26.5045...$ In the *x*-direction,  $v_x = \frac{428}{15}$ 8 15 28.5333...  $\theta$ 26.5045...

$$
\theta = 42.8889...
$$
  
= 42.9° (3 s.f.)  
**8 a**  $u_y = u \sin \alpha$ ,  $a_y = -g$ ,  $s_y = 0$   
Using  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  

$$
0 = u \sin \alpha t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2
$$

$$
t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g}
$$
as required.

 $\tan \theta = \frac{26.5045...}{20.5333}$ 

 $\theta =$ 

28.5333...

 $\theta$ 

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8 **b** 
$$
u_x = u \cos \alpha
$$
,  $a_x = 0$ ,  $s_x = R$ ,  $t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g}$   
\nUsing  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$  gives:  
\n $R = u \cos \alpha \left(\frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g}\right)$   
\n $= \frac{u^2 \cos \alpha \sin \alpha}{g}$   
\n $= \frac{2u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$  as required  
\n**c**  $R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$   
\n $\frac{dR}{d\alpha} = \frac{2u^2 \cos 2\alpha}{g}$   
\nThe maximum range occurs when  $\frac{dR}{d\alpha} = 0$   
\n $\frac{2u^2 \cos 2\alpha}{g} = 0$   
\n $2\alpha = 90^\circ$   
\n $\alpha = 45^\circ$  as required  
\n $d \quad R = \frac{2u^2}{5g}$  and  $R = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$   
\n $\frac{2u^2}{5g} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$   
\n $\frac{2u^2}{5g} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$   
\n $\sin 2\alpha = \frac{2}{5}$   
\n $2\alpha = 23.5781... \text{ or } 2\alpha = 180 - 23.781... = 156.4218...$ 

So  $\alpha = 11.8^{\circ}$  or  $\alpha = 78.2^{\circ}$  (3 s.f.)

# **Solution Bank**



**9**  $a = 5 - 2t$  $=5t-t^2+C$  $v = \int a \mathrm{d}t = \int (5 - 2t) \mathrm{d}t$  $6 = 0 - 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 6$ When  $t = 0$ ,  $v = 6$  $v = 6 + 5t - t^2$  $0 = 6 + 5t - t^2$ Hence When *P* is at rest  $t^2 - 5t - 6 = (t - 6)(t + 1) = 0$  $t = 6, -1$  $t > 0$  $\therefore t = 6$ *P* is at rest at  $t = 6$  s

**10**  $v = 6t - 2t^2$ 

**a** Maximum value of velocity occurs when  $a = 0$  $\frac{dv}{dt} = 6 - 4$ d  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 6 - 4t$ Maximum velocity occurs at  $t = \frac{3}{2}$ 2  $t=\frac{3}{2}$  s  $6 \times \frac{3}{2} - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$ 2) (2  $v = \left(6 \times \frac{3}{2}\right) - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ 

2 2 The maximum velocity is  $4.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

 $9 - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$ 

 $v = 9 - \frac{2}{2} =$ 

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**10 b** When *P* returns to  $O$ ,  $s = 0$  $s = \int v \, dt = \int 6t - 2t^2 \, dt$  $3t^2 - \frac{2}{3}t^3$ 3  $s = 3t^2 - \frac{2}{3}t^3 + c$ At  $t = 0$ ,  $s = 0$  so  $c = 0$  $0 = t^2 \left( 3 - \frac{2}{3} \right)$  $=t^2\left(3-\frac{2}{3}t\right)$ 

$$
t = 0 \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}t = 3
$$

*P* returns to *O* after 4.5 s.

11 
$$
v = 3t^2 - 8t + 5
$$

**a** When the particle is at rest,  $v = 0$  $0 = 3t^2 - 8t + 5$ 

$$
0 = 3\left(t^2 - \frac{8}{3}t + \frac{5}{3}\right)
$$

$$
0 = 3\left(t - \frac{3}{3}\right)\left(t - \frac{5}{3}\right)
$$

(or by using quadratic equation formula)

*P* is at rest at 1 s and  $\frac{5}{2}$ 3 s.

**b** 
$$
a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(3t^2 - 8t + 5)
$$
  
\n $a = 6t - 8$   
\n $t = 4$   
\n $a = (6 \times 4) - 8$   
\nAfter 4 s, the acceleration of P is 16 ms<sup>-2</sup>.

**c** Distance travelled in third second =  $s_3$ 

$$
s_3 = \int_2^3 v \, dt = \int_2^3 3t^2 - 8t + 5 \, dt
$$
  
\n
$$
s_3 = \left[ t^3 - 4t^2 + 5t \right]_2^3
$$
  
\n
$$
s_3 = \left[ 27 - 36 + 15 \right] - \left[ 8 - 16 + 10 \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
s_3 = 6 - 2
$$

The distance travelled in the third second is 4 m.

## **Solution Bank**



**12 a** 
$$
v = 6t - 2t^{\frac{3}{2}}, t \ge 0
$$
  
\n $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = 6 - 3t^{\frac{1}{2}}ms^{-2}$   
\n**b**  $v = 6t - 2t^{\frac{3}{2}}$   
\n $s = \int \left(6t - 2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) dt$   
\n $= 3t^2 - \frac{4}{5}t^{\frac{5}{2}} + c$ 

5  $=3t^2 - \frac{1}{5}t^2 + c$ When  $t = 0$ ,  $s = 0$ , therefore:  $(0)^{\sim} - \frac{1}{5}(0)$  $0=3(0)^2-\frac{4}{5}(0)^{\frac{5}{2}}$ 5  $= 3(0)^{2}-\frac{1}{5}(0)^{\frac{1}{2}}+c$  $c = 0$  $3t^2 - \frac{4}{5}t^{\frac{5}{2}}$ m 5  $s = 3t^2 - \frac{1}{5}t$ 

$$
\mathbf{13 a} \quad \mathbf{r} = \left(\frac{1}{3}t^3 + 2t\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - 1\right)\mathbf{j}
$$
\n
$$
\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{dr}}{\mathbf{d}t} = \left(t^2 + 2\right)\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j}\mathbf{m}\mathbf{s}^{-1}
$$

b When  $t = 5$  s

$$
\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = ((5)^2 + 2)\mathbf{i} + (5)\mathbf{j}
$$
  
= (27\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j})  

$$
\left|\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right| = \sqrt{27^2 + 5^2}
$$
  
= 27.459  
= 27.5 ms<sup>-1</sup> (3 s.f.)

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13 c 
$$
\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = (t^2 + 2)\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j}
$$
  
\n
$$
a = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = 2t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}
$$
  
\nWhen  $t = 2$  s  
\n
$$
\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}
$$
  
\n
$$
\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sqrt{17} \text{ ms}^{-2}
$$
  
\n
$$
\tan \theta = \frac{1}{4}
$$
  
\n
$$
\theta = 14.036...
$$
  
\n
$$
= 14.0^{\circ} \text{ (3 s.f.)}
$$

14.0° below the horizontal

d*t*

14 a 
$$
\mathbf{r} = (4t^2 + 1)\mathbf{i} + (2t^2 - 3)\mathbf{j}
$$
  
\n $\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = 8t\mathbf{i} + 4t\mathbf{j}$   
\nWhen  $t = 3$  s  
\n $\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = 8(3)\mathbf{i} + 4(3)\mathbf{j}$   
\n $= 24\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
\nb  $\mathbf{a} = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2} = (8\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$  therefore the acceleration is constant.

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15 
$$
\mathbf{v} = -2t\mathbf{i} + 3\sqrt{t}\mathbf{j}
$$
  
\n $\mathbf{v} = -2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{j}$   
\n $\mathbf{s} = \int (-2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{j}) dt$   
\n $= -t^2\mathbf{i} + 2t^{\frac{3}{2}}\mathbf{j} + c$   
\nWhen  $t = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = 2\mathbf{j}$   
\n $2\mathbf{j} = -(0)^2\mathbf{i} + 2(0)^{\frac{3}{2}}\mathbf{j} + c$   
\n $c = 2\mathbf{j}$   
\n $\mathbf{s} = -t^2\mathbf{i} + (2t^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2)\mathbf{j}$   
\nWhen  $t = 4$  s  
\n $\mathbf{s} = -(4)^2\mathbf{i} + (2(4)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2)\mathbf{j}$   
\n $= -16\mathbf{i} + 18\mathbf{j}$   
\n18  
\n $|\mathbf{s}| = \sqrt{(-16)^2 + 18^2}$   
\n $= 2\sqrt{145}$  m  
\n16 a  $\mathbf{v} = \int \mathbf{a} dt = \int (2t^2 - 3t^3)\mathbf{i} - 4(2t + 1)\mathbf{j} dt$ 

$$
\mathbf{v} = \left(t^2 - \frac{3}{4}t^4\right)\mathbf{i} - 4(t^2 + t)\mathbf{j} + c
$$
  
\n
$$
t = 0 \implies \mathbf{v} = (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} = 0\mathbf{i} - 4(0)\mathbf{j} + c
$$
  
\n
$$
c = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}
$$
  
\n
$$
\implies \mathbf{v} = \left(t^2 - \frac{3}{4}t^4 + 3\right)\mathbf{i} - \left(4t^2 + 4t - 1\right)\mathbf{j}
$$

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$$
t = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - (4 \times 4 \times (-1))}}{8}
$$

$$
t = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}
$$

The negative solution can be ignored as it is outside the range over which the equation applies.

*P* is moving in the direction of **i** after  $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}$ 2  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)$  $(2)$ s (0.207 s to 3 s.f.).

17 **a** 
$$
\mathbf{v} = \int \mathbf{a} dt = \int (-4t\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) dt
$$
  
\n $\mathbf{v} = -2t^2 \mathbf{i} - 2t \mathbf{j} + c$   
\n $t = 0 \implies \mathbf{v} = 8\mathbf{i} \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
\n $8\mathbf{i} = 0\mathbf{i} - 0\mathbf{j} + c$   
\n $c = 8\mathbf{i}$   
\n $\implies \mathbf{v} = 2(4 - t^2)\mathbf{i} - 2t\mathbf{j}$ 

**b** When the windsurfer is moving due south, the coefficient of **i** in the velocity vector is 0.  $0 = 2(4-t^2)$ 

$$
t^2=4
$$

$$
t=\pm 2
$$

The negative solution can be ignored as it is before the time the windsurfer starts to move. When  $t = 2$ ,  $v = -2 \times 2j = -4j$ 

The windsurfer is moving due south after 2 s.

**18 a** 
$$
(8+\lambda)m\binom{2}{k} = 3m\binom{4}{0} + 5m\binom{0}{-3} + \lambda m\binom{4}{2}
$$
  
\n $(8+\lambda)\binom{2}{k} = \binom{12+4\lambda}{-15+2\lambda}$   
\n $2(8+\lambda) = 12+4\lambda$   
\n $16+2\lambda = 12+4\lambda$   
\n $2\lambda = 4$   
\n $\lambda = 2$  as required.

**b** 
$$
10k = -15 + 4
$$
  
 $k = -\frac{11}{10}$ 

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19 
$$
(2+x+y)M\begin{pmatrix} 2 \ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 2M\begin{pmatrix} 2 \ 5 \end{pmatrix} + xM\begin{pmatrix} 1 \ 3 \end{pmatrix} + yM\begin{pmatrix} 3 \ 1 \end{pmatrix}
$$
  
\n
$$
\begin{pmatrix} 4+2x+2y \ 8+4x+4y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4+x+3y \ 10+3x+y \end{pmatrix}
$$
\n4+2x+2y = 4+x+3y  $\Rightarrow$  x-y = 0  $\Rightarrow$  x = y (1)  
\n8+4x+4y = 10+3x+y  $\Rightarrow$  x+3y = 2 (2)  
\nSubstituting (1) into (2) gives:  
\n $x+3x = 2$   
\n $x = \frac{1}{2}$   
\nTherefore:

Therefore:

$$
y = \frac{1}{2}
$$

$$
20\ 0.6\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = 0.1\left(\frac{2}{-1}\right) + 0.2\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + 0.3\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{0.6}\left(\frac{0.2 + 0.4 + 1.2}{-0.1 + 1.0 + 0.6}\right)
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{0.6}\left(\frac{1.8}{1.5}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{3}{2.5}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies at:  $(3i + 2.5j)$ **m** 

$$
21 \text{ a } (3+k)M\binom{3}{c} = 2M\binom{6}{0} + M\binom{0}{4} + kM\binom{2}{-2}
$$

$$
\binom{9+3k}{3c+ck} = \binom{12+2k}{4-2k}
$$

$$
9+3k = 12 + 2k
$$

$$
k = 3 \text{ as required}
$$

**b**  $3c + 3c = -2$ 1 3  $c = -$ 

# **Solution Bank**



**22 a**



Let *D* be the origin and let *DC* lie on the positive *x*-axis.

$$
(200-9\pi)\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = 200\left(\frac{10}{5}\right) - 9\pi\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{200-9\pi}\left(\frac{2000-54\pi}{1000-45\pi}\right)
$$

$$
=\left(\frac{10.658...}{5}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies 10.7 cm from *AD.*

**b**



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**23 a**



Let *E* be the origin and *ED* be the positive *x*-axis.



Therefore *G* lies  $\frac{76}{15}$ 15 *a* from *AE*  $GX = 8a - \frac{76}{15}a$ 

$$
= \frac{44}{15}a
$$
 as required.

**b** Taking moments about the point of suspension gives:

$$
M \times \frac{44}{15} a = \lambda M \times 4a
$$

$$
\lambda = \frac{11}{15}
$$

**Solution Bank** 





Let *A* be the origin and let *AD* lie on the positive *x*-axis.

$$
20M\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = 10M\binom{l}{l} + M\binom{0}{0} + 2M\binom{0}{2l} + 3M\binom{2l}{2l} + 4M\binom{2l}{0}
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \frac{1}{20}\binom{24l}{20l}
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \binom{6}{\overline{5}l}
$$

- **a** The distance of the centre of mass from *AB* is  $\frac{6}{5}$ 5 *l*
- **b** The distance of the centre of mass from *BC* is *l.*



# **Solution Bank**





The centre of mass lies  $\frac{19}{15}$ 15 *a* from *AD*.

**b** Since *AB* is horizontal

Taking moments about the point of suspension gives:

$$
\left(\frac{3}{2}a - \frac{19}{15}a\right) \times M = \frac{3}{2}a \times m
$$
  

$$
\frac{7}{30}M = \frac{3}{2}m
$$
  

$$
m = \frac{7}{45}M
$$

**Solution Bank** 



**26 a**



Let the point *B* be the origin and let *AB* lie on the positive *y*-axis

$$
500\pi \left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = 400\pi \left(\frac{0}{0}\right) + 100\pi \left(\frac{0}{30}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{500\pi} \left(\frac{0}{3000\pi}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{0}{6}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies 6 cm from *B*.

**b**



### **Solution Bank**





Let *A* be the origin and let *AB* lie on the positive *x*-axis.

$$
\left(100 - \frac{25}{2}\pi\right)\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = 100\left(\frac{5}{-5}\right) - \frac{25}{2}\pi\left(\frac{5}{-20}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(100 - \frac{25}{2}\pi\right)}\left(\frac{500 - \frac{125}{2}\pi}{-500 + \frac{500}{6}}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{-6.860}...\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies 6.86 cm below *AB*.

**b**



#### **Solution Bank**





Let *D* be the origin and let *DC* lie on the *x*-axis.

$$
10m\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = 3m\left(\frac{2.5a}{a}\right) + 4m\left(\frac{0}{2a}\right) + m\left(\frac{5a}{2a}\right) + 2m\left(\frac{5a}{0}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{10}\left(\frac{22.5a}{13a}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{2.25a}{1.3a}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies 2.25*a* from *AD* as required.

**b** The centre of mass lies 0.7*a* from *AB*.





 $\tan \theta = \frac{0.7}{3.24}$ 0.25 *a a*  $\theta =$  $\theta$  = 70.346... = 70° (to the nearest degree)

**d** Taking moments about *O* gives:  $P \times 2a = 10mg \times (2.5a - \overline{x})$  $10 mg \times (2.5 a - 2.25 a)$ 2  $P = \frac{10mg \times (2.5a - 2.25a)}{2}$ *a*  $=\frac{10mg \times (2.5a-1)}{2}$  $=\frac{5}{4}mg$  as required **e** Magnitude of force =  $\sqrt{(10mg)}$  $(10mg)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{4}mg\right)^2$  $=\frac{5\sqrt{65}}{4}mgN$ 

**Solution Bank** 





Let *A* be the origin and let *AD* be the positive *x*-axis.

$$
12m\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = m\left(\frac{0}{a}\right) + m\left(\frac{1.5a}{2a}\right) + 6m\left(\frac{3a}{2a}\right) + m\left(\frac{3a}{a}\right) + 2m\left(\frac{3a}{0}\right) + m\left(\frac{1.5a}{0}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \frac{1}{12}\left(\frac{30a}{16a}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{5}{2}a\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{4}{3}a\right)
$$

- **i** Therefore the centre of mass lies  $\frac{5}{2}$ 2 *a* from *AB*.
- **ii** Therefore the centre of mass lies  $\frac{4}{3}$ 3 *a* from *AD*.







**Solution Bank** 



**30 a**



Let *A* be the origin and let *AB* be the positive *x*-axis.



i Therefore the centre of mass lies 
$$
\frac{5}{12}l
$$
 from BC.

ii Therefore the centre of mass lies 
$$
\frac{1}{3}l
$$
 from BA.

**b**



# **Solution Bank**





Let *A* be the origin and let *AB* be the positive *x*-axis.

$$
0.225M\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = 0.04M\left(\frac{0}{2}\right) + 0.07M\left(\frac{3.5}{4}\right) + 0.075M\left(\frac{5.5}{2}\right) + 0.04M\left(\frac{2}{0}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{\overline{y}}\right) = \frac{1}{0.225}\left(\frac{0.7375}{0.51}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{\frac{59}{18}}{\frac{34}{15}}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies  $\frac{59}{10}$ 18 from *AB*.

**b** Taking moments about the point of suspension gives:  $(3.5 - \overline{x}) \times M = 3.5 \times kM$ 

$$
k = \frac{\left(3.5 - \frac{59}{18}\right)}{3.5}
$$

$$
= \frac{4}{63}
$$

### **Solution Bank**



#### **Challenge**



Let *A* be the origin and let *AB* be the positive *x*-axis.

$$
5600\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = 6400\left(\frac{40}{-40}\right) - 800\left(\frac{\frac{80}{3}}{-\frac{200}{3}}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\overline{x}}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{25600}\left(\frac{704000}{3}\right)
$$

$$
= \left(\frac{\frac{880}{21}}{-\frac{760}{21}}\right)
$$

Therefore the centre of mass lies  $\frac{880}{21}$ 21 from *AE*.

**b** Res( $\uparrow$ )  $T_1 + T_2 = W$  (1) Taking moments about the centre of mass gives:  $\frac{880}{21} \times T_1 = \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right) \times T_2$  $\frac{880}{21} \times T_1 = \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right) \times T_1$  $1 - 21$  $880_T$  800  $21 \t 21$  $T_1 = \frac{300}{24}T_1$  $1 - 11$   $12$ 10 11  $T_1 = \frac{16}{11} T_2$  (2) Substituting (2) into (1) gives: 2  $\cdot$   $\cdot$  2 10 11  $T_2 + T_2 = W$ 2 21 11  $T_2 = W$ 2 11  $T_2 = \frac{11}{21}W \text{ N and } T_1 = \frac{10}{21}$  $T_1 = \frac{10}{24}W N$ 

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## **Mechanics 2**

#### **Solution Bank**



1 **c** Res(1)  $T_1 + T_2 = W + kW$  (3) Taking moments about the centre of mass gives:  $\frac{880}{21} \times T_1 = \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right) \times T_2 + \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right)$  $\frac{1280}{21} \times T_1 = \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right) \times T_2 + \left(80 - \frac{880}{21}\right)kW$  $1 - 21$  $880\text{ }\mathrm{_{T}$   $=800\text{ }\mathrm{_{T}$   $=800}$  $21$   $21$   $21$   $21$  $T_1 = \frac{600}{21}T_2 + \frac{600}{21}kW$  $T_1 = \frac{10}{11} (T_2 + kW)$  $T_1 = \frac{16}{11} (T_2 + kW)$  (4) Substituting (4) into (3) gives:  $\frac{10}{11}(T_2 + kW) + T_2$  $T_2 + kW + T_2 = W + kW$ 2  $11^{N}$   $12$  $10^{7}$  10  $11^2$  11  $T_2 + \frac{16}{11}kW + T_2 = W + kW$ 2  $21\frac{1}{T} - W + 1$  $11^2$  11  $T_2 = W + \frac{1}{11}kW$ 2  $11_{W}$  1 21 21  $T_2 = \frac{1}{21}W + \frac{1}{21}kW$  $\sum_{2}^{6} = \frac{1}{21}W(11+k)$  $T_2 = -\frac{1}{24}W(11 + k)$ 

If *T*<sup>2</sup> exceeds 8*W* N it will snap, therefore:

$$
\frac{1}{21}W(11+k) < 8W
$$
  
\n11+k<168  
\nk<157  
\nIf  $T_2 = \frac{1}{21}W(11+k)$  then substituting into (4) gives:  
\n
$$
T_1 = \frac{10}{11} \left( \frac{1}{21}W(11+k) + kW \right)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{10}{11} \left( \frac{11}{21}W + \frac{1}{21}kW \right) + kW
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{10}{11} \left( \frac{11}{21}W + \frac{22}{21}kW \right)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{10}{21}W + \frac{20}{21}kW
$$
\nIf  $T_1$  exceeds 10W N it will snap, therefore:  
\n
$$
\frac{10}{21}W + \frac{20}{21}kW < 10W
$$
  
\n10+20k < 210  
\nk < 10  
\nLargest value of k is 10

## **Solution Bank**



**2**  $v = 3\sin kt + \cos kt, t \ge 0$  $s = \int (3\sin kt + \cos kt) dt$  $s = -\frac{3}{l} \cos kt + \frac{1}{l} \sin kt + c$ *k k*  $=-\frac{3}{4}\cos kt + \frac{1}{4}\sin kt + c$  (1)  $\frac{dv}{dt} = 3k \cos kt - k \sin \theta$ d  $\frac{v}{k}$  = 3k cos kt – k sin kt *t*  $= 3k \cos kt -$ At  $t = 0$ ,  $\frac{dv}{dt} = 1.5$ d *v t* =  $3k \cos k(0) - k \sin k(0) = 1.5$  $3k = 1.5$  $k = 0.5$ Substituting  $k = 0.5$  into (1) gives:  $\frac{3}{(0.5)}$ cos $(0.5)t + \frac{1}{(0.5)}$ sin $(0.5)$  $s = -\frac{b}{(0.5)} \cos(0.5)t + \frac{1}{(0.5)} \sin(0.5)t + c$  $s = -6\cos(0.5t) + 2\sin(0.5t) + c$ When  $t = 0$ ,  $s = 0$  $(0) = -6\cos(0) + 2\sin(0) + c$  $c=6$ Therefore:  $s = -6\cos(0.5t) + 2\sin(0.5t) + 6$  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 3\sin(0.5t) + \cos(0.5t)$ d  $\frac{s}{s} = 3\sin(0.5t) + \cos(0.5t)$ *t*  $= 3\sin(0.5t) +$ At maximum value  $\frac{ds}{dt} = 0$ d *s t* =  $3\sin (0.5t) + \cos (0.5t) = 0$  $3\sin(0.5t) = -\cos(0.5t) = 0$  $(0.5t)$  $(0.5t)$  $\sin(0.5t)$  1  $cos(0.5t)$  3 *t*  $\frac{t}{t}$  = - $\tan (0.5t) = -\frac{1}{2}$ 3  $t$ ) =  $0.5t = 161.565...$  $t = 323.130...$  $=$  323 s (3 s.f.) When  $t = 323.130...$  $s = -6\cos(0.5(323.130...) + 2\sin(0.5(323.130...)) + 6$  $= 12.324...$  $= 12.3$  m (3 s.f.)

### **Solution Bank**



**3** Res( $\rightarrow$ )  $d \cos \theta = ut \sin \theta$ cos sin  $t = \frac{d}{t}$ *u*  $=\frac{d\cos\theta}{u\sin\theta}$ tan  $t = \frac{d}{u \tan \theta}$  (1)  $\text{Res}(\uparrow) - d \sin \theta = ut \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$  (2) Substituting (1) into (2) gives:  $\sin \theta = u \left( \frac{d}{du} \right) \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{d}{du} \right)^2$  $\tan \theta$   $\int$   $2^{\circ}$   $\int u \tan$  $d \sin \theta = u \left( \frac{d}{d \cos \theta} \right) \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{d \theta}{d \theta} \right)$  $u \tan \theta$  2<sup>o</sup>  $u$  $\theta = u$   $\frac{u}{v}$   $\cos \theta$  $-d \sin \theta = u \left( \frac{d}{u \tan \theta} \right) \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{d}{u \tan \theta} \right)$ 2  $\sin \theta = \frac{d \cos \theta}{\tan \theta} - \frac{g d^2}{2 u^2 \tan^2 \theta}$  $\tan \theta$  2u<sup>2</sup> tan  $d \sin \theta = \frac{d \cos \theta}{d \cos \theta} - \frac{g d}{\cos \theta}$ *u*  $-d \sin \theta = \frac{d \cos \theta}{\tan \theta} - \frac{g d^2}{2 u^2 \tan^2 \theta}$ 2  $\frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\theta} + d\sin\theta - \frac{g d^2}{2 u^2 \tan^2\theta} = 0$  $\tan \theta$  2*u*<sup>2</sup> tan  $\frac{d \cos \theta}{d} + d \sin \theta - \frac{gd}{2d}$ *u*  $\frac{\theta}{-} + d \sin \theta$  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2} + d \sin \theta - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial u^2 \tan^2 \theta} =$ 2  $\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\tan\theta} + \sin\theta\right) - \frac{g d^2}{2 u^2 \tan^2\theta} = 0$  $\tan \theta$  /  $2u^2 \tan$  $d\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\theta} + \sin\theta\right) - \frac{gd}{2\cos\theta}$ *u*  $\frac{\theta}{-+}\sin\theta$  $\left(\frac{\cos\theta}{\tan\theta} + \sin\theta\right) - \frac{gd^2}{2u^2\tan^2\theta} =$  $^{2}$   $\theta$   $\sin^{2}$   $\theta$   $\theta$   $\theta$   $a d^{2}$  $\left[\frac{\cos^2\theta+\sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta}\right]-\frac{gd^2}{2v^2\tan^2\theta}=0$  $\sin \theta$  /  $2u^2$  tan  $d\left(\frac{\cos^2\theta+\sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta}\right)-\frac{gd}{2\cos\theta}$ *u*  $\theta$  + sin<sup>2</sup>  $\theta$  $\left(\frac{\cos^2\theta+\sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta}\right)-\frac{gd^2}{2u^2\tan^2\theta}=$  $\left($  sin  $\theta$  ) 2  $\left(\frac{1}{2}n\right) - \frac{gd^2}{2u^2 \tan^2 \theta} = 0$  $\sin \theta$  )  $2u^2 \tan$  $d\left(\frac{1}{\cdot} \right) - \frac{gd}{2\cdot}$  $\left(\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\right) - \frac{gd^2}{2u^2\tan^2\theta} =$ 2  $\frac{2u^2\tan^2\theta}{1}=0$ sin *gd*  $d - \frac{2u^2 \tan^2 \theta}{1} =$ θ 2  $\frac{d^2 \sin \theta}{2 \tan^2 \theta} = 0$  $2u^2$  tan  $d-\frac{gd}{2}$ *u*  $-\frac{gd^2\sin\theta}{2u^2\tan^2\theta} =$  $^2$  ain  $\rho_{\rm{Q}}^2$  $\frac{\sin\theta\cos^2\theta}{u^2\sin^2\theta}=0$  $2u^2$  sin  $d - \frac{gd}{d}$ *u*  $-\frac{gd^2\sin\theta\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin^2\theta} =$ <sup>2</sup>  $csc^2$  $\frac{\cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta} = 0$  $2u^2$  sin  $d-\frac{gd}{2}$ *u*  $-\frac{gd^2\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin\theta} =$ 2  $1 - \frac{gd\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin\theta}\bigg| = 0$  $2u^2$  sin  $d\left(1-\frac{gd}{2}\right)$ *u* θ  $\left(1-\frac{gd\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin\theta}\right) =$  $\left(2u^2 \sin \theta\right)$  $d = 0$  or 2  $1 - \frac{gd\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin\theta} = 0$  $2u^2$  sin *gd u*  $-\frac{gd\cos^2\theta}{2u^2\sin\theta} =$ 2  $\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} = 1$  $2u^2$  sin *gd u*  $\frac{\theta}{\theta} =$ 2 2  $2u^2$  sin cos  $d = \frac{2u}{2}$ *g*  $=\frac{2u^2\sin\theta}{g\cos^2\theta}$  $d = \frac{2u^2}{g} \tan \theta \sec \theta$  as required.