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Exercise 2D

$$A \xleftarrow{V} & \textcircled{0} \\ A \xleftarrow{l} & \overbrace{l} \\ \hline 1 & \frac{1}{2}l \\ P \\ \hline P$$

Conservation of energy K.E. gain = E.P.E. loss

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^{2} = \frac{mg\left(\frac{1}{2}l\right)^{2}}{2l}$$
$$v^{2} = \frac{1}{4}gl$$
$$v = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{gl}$$

2 At equilibrium, T = mg

$$\frac{4mgx}{a} = mg \Longrightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}a$$

When the particle reaches O it has risen by

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{4}a + d\right)$$

Conservation of energy

P.E.
$$gain = E.P.E.$$
 loss

$$mg\left(a+\frac{1}{4}a+d\right) = \frac{4mg\left(\frac{1}{4}a+d\right)^2}{2a}$$
$$\frac{5a^2}{4}+ad = 2\left(\frac{a^2}{16}+\frac{ad}{2}+d^2\right)$$
$$\frac{5a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{8}+2d^2$$
$$\frac{9a^2}{16} = d^2$$
$$\frac{3a}{4} = d$$

(ignore solution $d = -\frac{3a}{4}$) The distance d is $\frac{3a}{4}$. 0

equilibrium

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е

d

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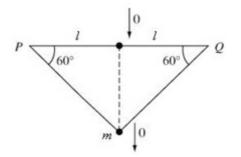
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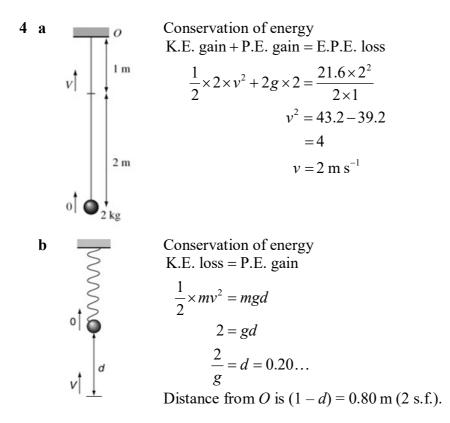
- 3 a Conservation of energy
 - P.E. loss = E.P.E. gain

$$mgl \tan 60^{\circ} = \frac{2 \times \lambda \left(\frac{l}{\cos 60^{\circ}} - l\right)^{2}}{2l}$$
$$mgl\sqrt{3} = \lambda l$$
$$mg\sqrt{3} = \lambda$$



The modulus of elasticity of the spring is $mg\sqrt{3}$.

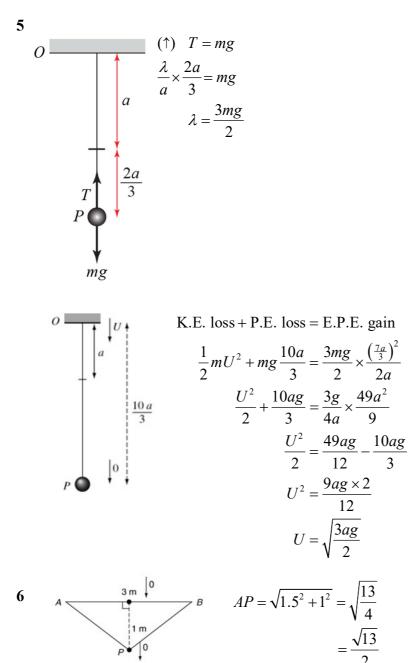
b Take into account the mass of the spring.



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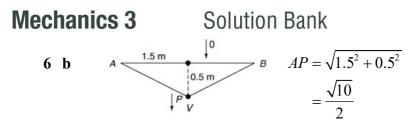




a P.E.loss = E.P.E.gain

$$g \times 1 = \frac{2\lambda \left(\frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2}{2 \times 1.5}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{2 \times 3g}{\left(\sqrt{13} - 3\right)^2} = 160.35...$$

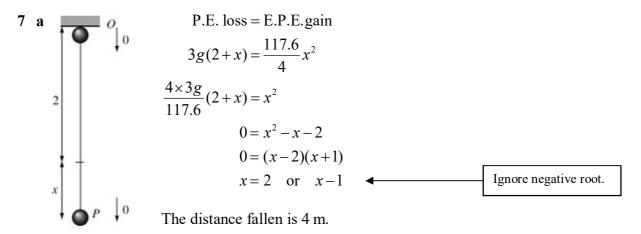
The value of λ is 160 N (2 s.f.).



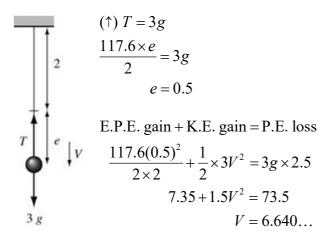
K.E.gain + E.P.E.gain = P.E.loss

$$\frac{1}{2}v^{2} + \frac{2\lambda\left(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)^{2}}{2 \times 1.5} = 0.5g$$
$$v^{2} = g - \frac{\left(\sqrt{10} - 3\right)^{2}}{3} \times \lambda$$
$$v = 2.896...$$

When *P* is 0.5 m below the initial position its speed is 2.9 m s^{-1} (2 s.f.).



b Greatest speed at equilibrium position



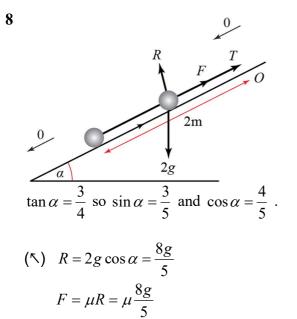
The greatest speed is 6.6 m s^{-1} (2 s.f.).

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Work done against friction = P.E. loss – E.P.E. gain

$$\mu \frac{8g}{5} \times 2 = 2g \times 2\sin\alpha - \frac{40 \times 1^2}{2 \times 1}$$
$$\mu \frac{16g}{5} = \frac{12g}{5} - 20$$
$$\mu = \frac{12g - 100}{16g}$$
$$= 0.112...$$

The coefficient of friction is 0.11 (2 s.f.).

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Challenge

The extension of the string with one mass attached is $\frac{l}{10}$ m.

By Hooke's law, $Mg = k \frac{l}{10}$ $\Rightarrow k = 10 \frac{Mg}{l}$

Let x be the extension of the string with two masses attached. Hooke's Law $\Rightarrow 2Mg = kx$

Substituting $k = 10 \frac{Mg}{l}$ from above, we see that $2Mg = 10 \frac{Mg}{l} x$ $x = \frac{l}{5}$

The work done in producing the additional extension is given by:

$$\Delta EPE = \frac{1}{2} k \left(\frac{l}{5}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \left(\frac{l}{10}\right)^2$$

= $\frac{1}{2} k l^2 \left(\frac{1}{25} - \frac{1}{100}\right)$
= $\frac{1}{2} \left(10 \frac{Mg}{l}\right) l^2 \left(\frac{3}{100}\right)$ [using $k = 10 \frac{Mg}{l}$]
= $\frac{3}{20} Mgl$ J