



**Section A** (24 marks)

- 1** A car of mass  $m$  moves horizontally in a straight line. At time  $t$  the car is a distance  $x$  from a point O and is moving away from O with speed  $v$ . There is a force of magnitude  $kv^2$ , where  $k$  is a constant, resisting the motion of the car. The car's engine has a constant power  $P$ . The terminal speed of the car is  $U$ .

(i) Show that

$$mv^2 \frac{dv}{dx} = P \left( 1 - \frac{v^3}{U^3} \right). \quad [3]$$

(ii) Show that the distance moved while the car accelerates from a speed of  $\frac{1}{4}U$  to a speed of  $\frac{1}{2}U$  is

$$\frac{mU^3}{3P} \ln A,$$

stating the exact value of the constant  $A$ . [6]

Once the car attains a speed of  $\frac{1}{2}U$ , no further power is supplied by the car's engine.

(iii) Find, in terms of  $m$ ,  $P$  and  $U$ , the time taken for the speed of the car to reduce from  $\frac{1}{2}U$  to  $\frac{1}{4}U$ . [3]

- 2** A thin rigid rod PQ has length  $2a$ . Its mass per unit length,  $\rho$ , is given by  $\rho = k \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2a} \right)$  where  $x$  is the distance from P and  $k$  is a positive constant. The mass of the rod is  $M$  and the moment of inertia of the rod about an axis through P perpendicular to PQ is  $I$ .

(i) Show that  $I = \frac{14}{9}Ma^2$ . [5]

The rod is initially at rest with Q vertically below P. It is free to rotate in a vertical plane about a smooth fixed horizontal axis passing through P. The rod is struck a horizontal blow perpendicular to the fixed axis at the point where  $x = \frac{3}{2}a$ . The magnitude of the impulse of this blow is  $J$ .

(ii) Find, in terms of  $a$ ,  $J$  and  $M$ , the initial angular speed of the rod. [2]

(iii) Find, in terms of  $a$ ,  $g$  and  $M$ , the set of values of  $J$  for which the rod makes complete revolutions. [5]

## Section B (48 marks)

- 3 Fig. 3 shows a uniform rigid rod AB of length  $2a$  and mass  $2m$ . The rod is freely hinged at A so that it can rotate in a vertical plane. One end of a light inextensible string of length  $l$  is attached to B. The string passes over a small smooth fixed pulley at C, where C is vertically above A and  $AC = 6a$ . A particle of mass  $\lambda m$ , where  $\lambda$  is a positive constant, is attached to the other end of the string and hangs freely, vertically below C. The rod makes an angle  $\theta$  with the upward vertical, where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . You may assume that the particle does not interfere with the rod AB or the section of the string BC.

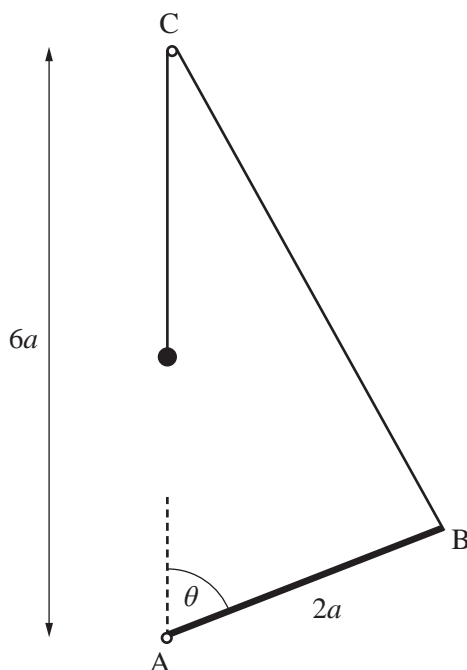


Fig. 3

- (i) Find the potential energy,  $V$ , of the system relative to a situation in which the rod AB is horizontal, and hence show that

$$\frac{dV}{d\theta} = 2mga \sin \theta \left( \frac{3\lambda}{\sqrt{10 - 6\cos\theta}} - 1 \right). \quad [6]$$

- (ii) Show that  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi$  are the only values of  $\theta$  for which the system is in equilibrium whatever the value of  $\lambda$ . [2]
- (iii) Show that, if there is a third value of  $\theta$  for which the system is in equilibrium, then  $\frac{2}{3} < \lambda < \frac{4}{3}$ . [4]
- (iv) Given that there are three positions of equilibrium, establish whether each of these positions is stable or unstable. [10]

It is given that, for small values of  $\theta$ ,

$$\frac{dV}{d\theta} \approx 2mga \left[ \left( \frac{3}{2}\lambda - 1 \right) \theta - \left( \frac{13}{16}\lambda - \frac{1}{6} \right) \theta^3 \right].$$

- (v) Investigate the stability of the equilibrium position given by  $\theta = 0$  in the case when  $\lambda = \frac{2}{3}$ . [2]

- 4 A raindrop falls from rest through a stationary cloud. The raindrop has mass  $m$  and speed  $v$  when it has fallen a distance  $x$ . You may assume that resistances to motion are negligible.

(i) Derive the equation of motion

$$mv \frac{dv}{dx} + v^2 \frac{dm}{dx} = mg. \quad [4]$$

Initially the mass of the raindrop is  $m_0$ . Two different models for the mass of the raindrop are suggested.

In the first model  $m = m_0 e^{k_1 x}$ , where  $k_1$  is a positive constant.

(ii) Show that

$$v^2 = \frac{g}{k_1} (1 - e^{-2k_1 x}),$$

and hence state, in terms of  $g$  and  $k_1$ , the terminal velocity of the raindrop according to this first model. [7]

In the second model  $m = m_0(1 + k_2 x)$ , where  $k_2$  is a positive constant.

(iii) By considering the expression obtained from differentiating  $v^2(1 + k_2 x)^2$  with respect to  $x$ , show that, for the second model, the equation of motion in part (i) may be written as

$$\frac{d}{dx} [v^2(1 + k_2 x)^2] = 2g(1 + k_2 x)^2.$$

Hence find an expression for  $v^2$  in terms of  $g$ ,  $k_2$  and  $x$ . [9]

(iv) Suppose that the models give the same value for the speed of the raindrop at the instant when it has doubled its initial mass. Find the exact value of  $\frac{k_1}{k_2}$ , giving your answer in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. [4]

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