

Topic X3 Mechanics AS (Post-TT A) [67]

1.

A car, of mass 1200 kg, moves on a straight horizontal road where it has a maximum speed of 40 m s^{-1}

When the car travels at a speed of $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ it experiences a resistance force which can be modelled as being of magnitude $30v$ newtons.

- (a) Show that the power output of the car is 48 000 W, when it is travelling at its maximum speed.

[3 marks]

- (b) Find the maximum acceleration of the car when it is travelling at a speed of 25 m s^{-1}

[4 marks]

(Total 7 marks)

2.

A small ball of mass 0.1 kg is dropped from a point which is 2.4 m above a horizontal floor. The ball falls freely under gravity, strikes the floor and bounces to a height of 0.6 m above the floor. The ball is modelled as a particle.

- (a) Show that the coefficient of restitution between the ball and the floor is 0.5

(6)

- (b) Find the height reached by the ball above the floor after it bounces on the floor for the second time.

(3)

- (c) By considering your answer to (b), describe the subsequent motion of the ball.

(1)

(Total 10 marks)

3.

A car of mass 800 kg experiences a resistance of magnitude $kv^2 \text{ N}$, where k is a constant and $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ is the car's speed. The car's engine is working at a constant rate of $P \text{ W}$. At an instant when the car is travelling on a horizontal road with speed 20 m s^{-1} its acceleration is 0.75 m s^{-2} . At an instant when the car is ascending a hill of constant slope 12° to the horizontal with speed 10 m s^{-1} its acceleration is 0.25 m s^{-2} .

- (i) Show that $k = 0.900$, correct to 3 decimal places, and find P .

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The power is increased to $1.5P \text{ W}$.

- (ii) Calculate the maximum steady speed of the car on a horizontal road.

[3]

(Total 10 marks)

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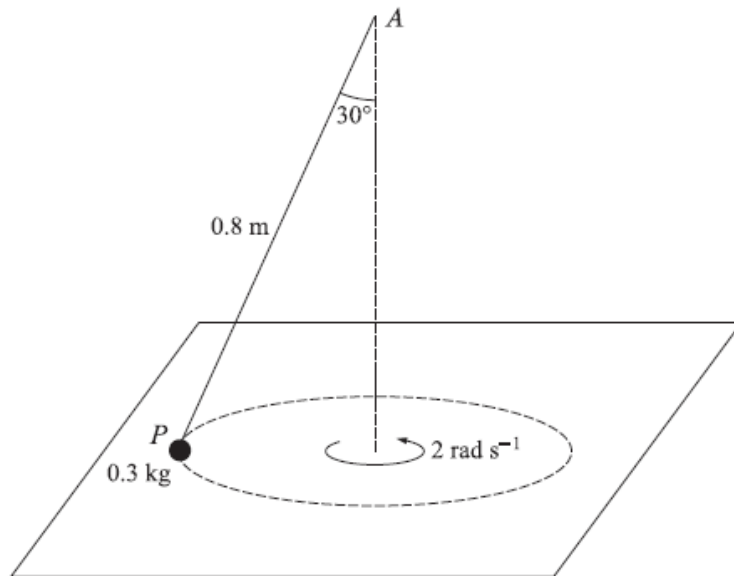
The universal law of gravitation states that $F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$ where F is the magnitude of the force between two objects of masses m_1 and m_2 which are a distance r apart and G is a constant.

Find the dimensions of G .

[4]

(Total 4 marks)

5.



One end of a light inextensible string of length 0.8 m is attached to a fixed point A which lies above a smooth horizontal table. The other end of the string is attached to a particle P , of mass 0.3 kg, which moves in a horizontal circle on the table with constant angular speed 2 rad s^{-1} . AP makes an angle of 30° with the vertical (see diagram).

(i) Calculate the tension in the string. [4]

(ii) Calculate the normal contact force between the particle and the table. [3]

The particle now moves with constant speed $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and is on the point of leaving the surface of the table.

(iii) Calculate v . [6]

(Total 13 marks)

6.

A particle P of mass $2m$ is moving on a smooth horizontal surface with speed u when it collides directly with a particle Q of mass km whose speed is $3u$ in the opposite direction. As a result of the collision, the directions of motion of both particles are reversed and the speed of P is halved.

(i) Find, in terms of u and k , the speed of Q after the collision. Hence write down the range of possible values of k . [4]

(ii) Calculate the magnitude of the impulse which Q exerts on P . [2]

(iii) Given that $k = \frac{1}{2}$, calculate the coefficient of restitution between P and Q . [3]

(Total 9 marks)

7.

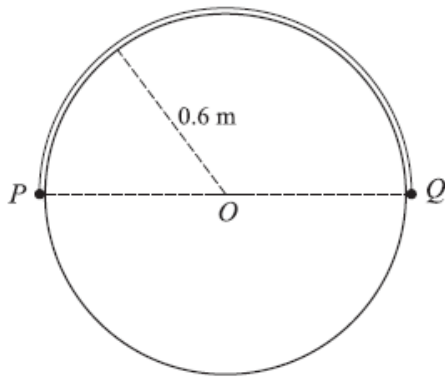


Fig. 1

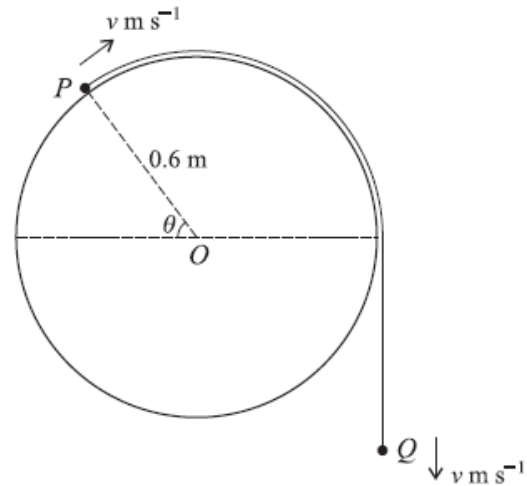


Fig. 2

A smooth horizontal cylinder of radius 0.6 m is fixed with its axis horizontal and passing through a fixed point O . A light inextensible string of length 0.6π m has particles P and Q , of masses 0.3 kg and 0.4 kg respectively, attached at its ends. The string passes over the cylinder and is held at rest with P , O and Q in a straight horizontal line (see Fig. 1). The string is released and Q begins to descend. When the line OP makes an angle θ radians, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi$, with the horizontal, the particles have speed v m s $^{-1}$ (see Fig. 2).

- (i) By considering the total energy of the system, or otherwise, show that

$$v^2 = 6.72\theta - 5.04 \sin \theta. \quad [5]$$

- (ii) Show that the magnitude of the contact force between P and the cylinder is

$$(5.46 \sin \theta - 3.36\theta) \text{ newtons.}$$

Hence find the value of θ for which the magnitude of the contact force is greatest. [6]

- (iii) Find the transverse component of the acceleration of P in terms of θ . [3]

(Total 14 marks)