



Mechanics 'Tricky Topics' Worksheets

for A Level Edexcel Physics

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TEACHER'S INTRODUCTION

Understanding mechanics is essential to understanding a range of areas in A Level Physics and mechanics topics require the application of a range of maths skills, which many students can find difficult. This activity pack is designed to prepare students for the exam by developing the skills essential to answering even the trickiest mechanics questions.

The resource opens with a student introduction followed by 13 worksheets, each of which covers one or more skills outlined below.

The content covers a range of topics across the Edexcel A Level Physics course, specifically including content from **Module 2: Mechanics**, **Module 4: Materials**, **Module 6: Further mechanics** and **Module 13: Oscillations**. The range of content is chosen to familiarise students with the many equations in these sections of the course, and test a variety of required maths skills, to both give students the grounding they need for the exam and test them to prepare them for more difficult questions.

Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

Although each worksheet does cover a specific section of the Edexcel A Level specification, the exercises are primarily skills-focused. These skills are all relevant to the A Level Edexcel examinations. The competencies which are developed and tested by this resource include:

- Resolving, combining, and otherwise performing calculations with vectors, using both graphical and numeric methods
- Analysing motion in one and two dimensions, including manipulation of the equations of motion
- Using graphical methods to calculate quantities of motion, and understanding the motion represented by these graphs
- Understanding Newton's laws to analyse situations involving multiple forces, and relating this to the motion produced.
- Understanding problems involving extended bodies and how objects' centres of mass can be used in these problems, and analysing support systems in terms of forces involved
- Understanding how forces and displacement relate to work done
- Performing calculations involving the conservation of energy, including in processes which are not 100 % efficient
- Performing calculations involving solids submerged in fluids, including how density, pressure and upthrust affect these solids
- Understanding how the properties of a material affect the way it interacts with forces and energy, including performing calculations and interpreting graphs
- Performing calculations relating to the outcomes of collisions and interactions using the law of conservation of momentum
- Analysing and predicting the forces involved in circular motion
- Understanding and analysing situations involving simple harmonic motion, using the various equations that define these oscillations
- Analysing systems undergoing simple harmonic motion, such as masses on springs and pendulums, and relate these to effects such as damping and resonance

Each worksheet contains **a short section of background information**, followed by **worked examples** and then **in-depth questions** to test students' knowledge (an answers section can be found at the end of the resource). The questions are split into three levels of increasing difficulty, illustrated using the headings *Setting off*, *Speeding up* and *Top speed*.

At the back of the pack is a short **GCSE refresher and quiz**, intended for students who may not be confident with their existing knowledge going into the pack.

The pack also includes four **full exam-style questions**, which closely replicate the style of question found in an examination paper.

We hope this resource will be useful to your teaching, and help your students to tackle an area of physics which many find challenging, so that each student gains a deeper, holistic understanding of the subject.

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STUDENT INTRODUCT

Mechanics describes the way that objects move – their motion, and the forces that affect their speed or direction. Mechanics can describe stable systems, like a rock carefull cliff, or dynamic systems, such as a rocket firing into space. Mechanics aren't only u their own – mechanics can keep track of multiple objects colliding and exerting force

Since ancient times, philosophers have tried to understand the world by considering how century, Galileo Galilei performed a series of experiments which began to quantify a mathematical way, and introduced the idea of reference frames. In the seventeenth ce his three laws, which describe how forces, inertia and momentum affect the motion of o expanded on in the eighteenth century by Leonhard Euler, who applied them to exten particles.

Considering the mechanics of different systems has led to the development of entire physics, special and general relativity, and quantum mechanics.

Mechanics is essential to develop the technologies we rely on every day. When building mechanics are essential to understand the forces stopping a building falling apart. is designed with careful deliberation about the forces that the different parts will ex By understanding momentum and acceleration, athletes can predict the path of a ball

Mechanics comes up in a few different sections of your Edexcel A Level course, in a applications. Mechanics topics include a lot of equations that can be tricky to use, a understanding of the principles involved. To get top marks in questions on mechanic rearrange equations, see how they're related and recognise how the different equa

This pack will help you develop several core skills related to mechanics, including:

- Resolving, combining, and otherwise performing calculations with vectors, using both
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At the back of this pack is an appendix which is intended as a refresher of GCSE physics pack. If you're not feeling confident before attempting any of the worksheets, you consolidate your sound knowledge before working through each worksheet.

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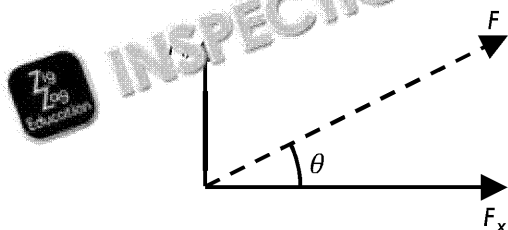
1. VECTORS

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

When discussing motion and forces, it's important to take into account direction. This is because displacement, velocity, acceleration, force and momentum are **all vectors** – they have direction.

The diagram below shows two vectors acting at right angles to each other, F_y and F_x and their resultant combined vector, F .



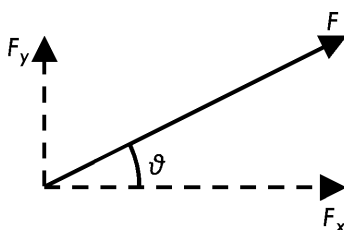
The magnitude of the resultant vector is given by

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2}$$

The direction of the resultant (the angle it acts in) is given by

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{F_y}{F_x} \right)$$

The diagram below shows a single vector acting at an angle – it would be the same as two vectors acting at right angles, horizontally and vertically.



The magnitude of F_x is given by

$$F_x = F \cos \theta$$

The magnitude of F_y is given by

$$F_y = F \sin \theta$$

EXAM TIP
Typically, upward is positive and downward is negative. Always frame a reference frame.

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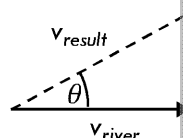


Example 1

A river flows at a velocity of 1.2 m s^{-1} directly to the east. A duck swims north, relative to the current, at 0.65 m s^{-1} . Calculate the velocity of the duck relative to the ground, and the angle it travels in compared to the river.



First, draw all the vectors given and the resultant vector:



This creates a triangle.

The duck's resultant velocity, v_{result} , is the hypotenuse of this triangle and its magnitude is given by

$$v_{\text{result}} = \sqrt{v_{\text{river}}^2 + v_{\text{duck}}^2}$$

Putting in the numbers:

$$v_{\text{result}} = \sqrt{1.2^2 + 0.65^2}$$

$$v_{\text{result}} = 1.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Velocity is a vector, though, so it needs to be defined by

$$\tan \vartheta = \frac{v_{\text{duck}}}{v_{\text{river}}}$$

so

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{\text{duck}}}{v_{\text{river}}}$$

Putting in numbers

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.65}{1.2}$$

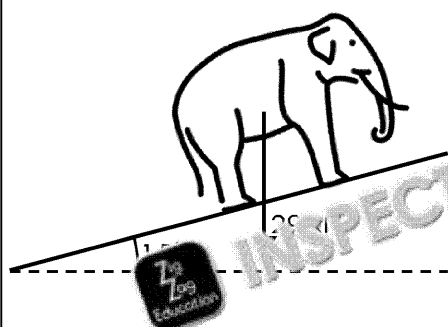
$$\vartheta = 28^\circ$$

Example 2

An elephant is standing on a ramp which is on an incline of 15° to the ground.

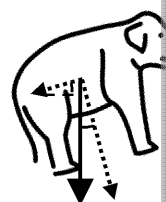
The elephant weighs 29 kN .

Resolve the elephant's weight into two vectors – one down the ramp and one at right angles to the ramp's surface.



Using weight in these directions is useful for finding things such as the normal reaction force and friction acting on the elephant.

The elephant's weight can be resolved into two vectors as seen here.



To find these vectors' magnitudes, think of it as making two triangles with the weight vector.

Down the ramp:

$$F_{\text{ramp}} = W \sin \vartheta$$

[this is sin because the weight is the hypotenuse and the force down the ramp is the opposite side]

$$F_{\text{ramp}} = 29 \times 10^3 \times \sin 15$$

$$F_{\text{ramp}} = 7.5 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

At right angles to the ramp:

$$F_{\text{normal}} = W \cos \vartheta$$

[we use cos because the weight is the hypotenuse and the normal force is the adjacent side]

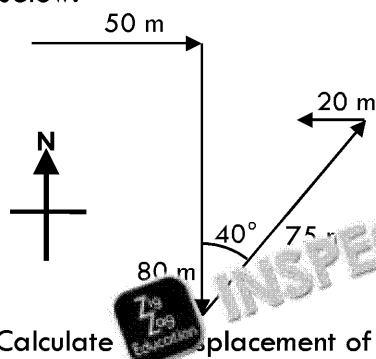
$$F_{\text{normal}} = 29 \times 10^3 \times \cos 15$$

$$F_{\text{normal}} = 28 \times 10^3 \text{ N}$$

Example 3

A bee flies from her hive due east for 50 m, then due south for 80 m, then at a bearing of 40° from the north for 75 m, and finally due west for 20 m.

The bee's flight path is shown below.



Calculate the displacement of the bee from her hive.

It's important to first make sure that all vectors are resolved into components at right angles to each other – here that means resolving the vector at 40° to north.

The length of the eastward component s_{East} , is given by

$$s_{East} = s \sin \vartheta = 75 \sin 40$$

$$s_{East} = 48.2 \text{ m due east}$$

The length of the northward component s_{North} is given by

$$s_{North} = s \cos \vartheta = 75 \cos 40$$

$$s_{North} = 57.5 \text{ m due north}$$

Now that all vectors are at right angles, we can add them.

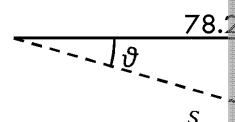
$$s_x = 50 - 20 + 48.2$$

$$s_x = 78.2 \text{ m}$$

$$s_y = -80 + 57.5$$

$$s_y = -22.5 \text{ m}$$

And now we can combine these vectors to find the magnitude s .



The magnitude of s is given by

$$s = \sqrt{s_x^2 + s_y^2}$$

$$s = \sqrt{78.2^2 + (-22.5)^2}$$

$$s = 81 \text{ m}$$

And the direction is given by

$$\tan \vartheta' = \frac{s_y}{s_x}$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{s_y}{s_x} \right)$$

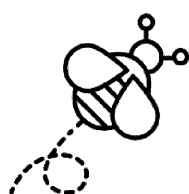
$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-22.5}{78.2} \right)$$

$$\vartheta' = -16.1^\circ$$

(This is the angle below due east – from the horizontal)

$$\vartheta = 90 + \vartheta' = 90 + 16.1$$

$$\vartheta = 106.1^\circ$$



EXAM TIP

Bearings are always measured from north, unless you sketch the path first to see all the angles for yourself.

QUESTIONS

Setting off

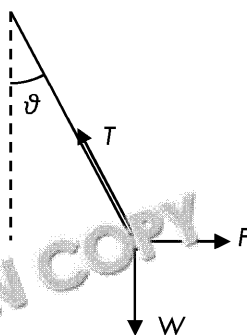
1. A cyclist is initially travelling at a speed of 6.5 m s^{-1} , when a gust of wind blows across the track.
The gust of wind blows at right angles to the cyclist's velocity at a wind speed of 4.30 m s^{-1} .
Calculate the cyclist's resultant speed, and the direction they are travelling in relative to their initial path.
2. A cannonball is fired at a velocity of 54 m s^{-1} at an angle of 12° from the ground.
Resolve the cannonball's velocity into horizontal and vertical vectors.

Speeding up

3. A ball rolls onto a conveyor belt which is moving at a steady rate of 4.30 m s^{-1} . The ball moves onto the conveyor belt at a right angle to the conveyor belt's motion.
After rolling onto the conveyor belt, the ball rolls at a speed of 5.21 m s^{-1} relative to the ground.
a) Calculate the initial speed of the ball as it rolls onto the conveyor belt.
b) Calculate the angle the ball rolls at relative to the conveyor belt's motion.
Challenge: Try to do part b) both with and without using your answer from part a).
4. In an arcade game, the main character can only walk along a grid of squares.
The character walks up 9 squares, left 3 squares, right 8 squares, up 11 squares, down 1 square and then right 2 squares.
Calculate the total displacement of the character.

Top speed

5. A stone on a string is pulled with a force F at an angle of ϑ to vertical.
The forces acting on the stone are seen below.



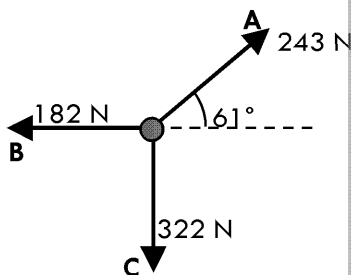
The tension in the string, T , is perfectly balanced by the weight of the stone, W , where $W = 4.39 \text{ N}$ and $F = 3.89 \text{ N}$.

Calculate the angle the string makes to vertical.

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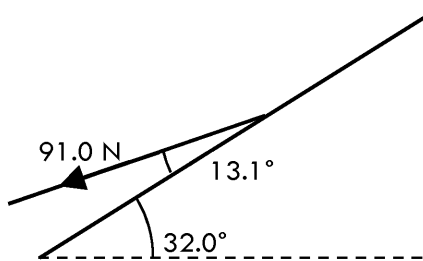
6. Three cars are attached to a post by ropes and each pulls.
The three forces exerted on the post by the cars are seen below.



Calculate the total force experienced by the post.

7. A rope is attached to a board.

The board is at an angle of 32.0° to the ground, and the rope pulls with 91.0 N .
Resolve the tension in the rope into vertical and horizontal components.



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2. LINEAR AND PROJECTILE

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

An object's motion can be described by discussing its **displacement**, **velocity** and **acceleration**.

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

For situations involving constant acceleration, the following equations can be used:

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$$

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

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

Projectile motion describes motion where there is a vertical acceleration due to gravity and zero horizontal acceleration.

In projectile motion, an object's horizontal and vertical motions are **independent**.

On Earth, all objects fall with an acceleration equal to $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$.

Example 1

A car accelerates from 7.0 m s^{-1} at an acceleration of 3.2 m s^{-2} up to a final speed of 13 m s^{-1} .

Calculate the distance the car travels in this time.

First, list out all the variables that have been given. s is looking for, $u = 7.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $v = 13 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a = 3.2 \text{ m s}^{-2}$.

u , v and a are all given, and s is needed. The equation with all of these variables is $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$.

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

Rearrange for s

$$s = \frac{v^2 - u^2}{2a}$$
$$s = \frac{13^2 - 7.0^2}{2 \times 3.2}$$
$$s = 19 \text{ m}$$

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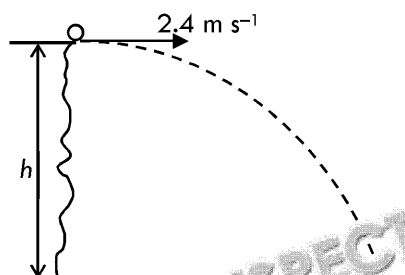
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Example 2

A 0.43 kg football is kicked horizontally off a cliff at an initial speed of 2.4 m s^{-1} . The ball lands 11 m from the cliff.

Calculate the height of the cliff.



For projectile motion, the horizontal and vertical motions are completely independent.

Assuming that there is no air resistance, the horizontal component of the ball's velocity is constant.

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta s}{v} = \frac{11}{2.4}$$

$$\Delta t = 4.58 \text{ s}$$

so the ball spends 4.58 s in the air.

For the vertical motion, we know that $u = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $t = 4.58 \text{ s}$, and we want to find s .

The equation of motion containing u , s , a and t is:

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times 4.58^2$$

$$s = 100 \text{ m}$$

Example 3

Anna and Ben are in a long-distance race.

Anna stops to tie her shoelaces and Ben runs past her.

When Ben is 26.4 m ahead of Anna, Anna stands up and begins to run again, accelerating at a constant 0.900 m s^{-2} .

Ben is running at 4.40 m s^{-1} and starts to decelerate at 0.200 m s^{-2} at the exact moment that Anna stands up and begins to run.

How long after Anna stands up will she overtake Ben?



First, write out all the information given:

Anna: $u_A = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a_A = 0.900 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $t_A = \text{location of Anna}$

Ben: $u_B = 4.40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a_B = -0.200 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $t_B = \text{location of Ben}$

At first glance it looks as if there isn't enough information to use any of the equations!

However, we do have information for both runners: the time they are linked:

When Anna catches up with Ben, the distance they have travelled is the same amount of time

$$t_A = t_B = t$$

When Anna gets up, Ben is 26.4 m ahead of her. So when Anna has travelled s to run an extra 26.4 m to reach the same point as Ben, Ben has travelled $s + 26.4$.

$$s_A = s_B + 26.4$$

Use this information to produce two equations for s .

Anna

$$s_A = u_A t + \frac{1}{2} a_A t^2$$

$$s_A = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.900 \times t^2$$

$$s_A = 0.450 \times t^2 - 26.4$$

$$0.450 \times t^2 - 26.4 = 4.40t - 0.100 \times t^2$$

$$0.550 \times t^2 - 4.40t - 26.4 = 0$$

$$t^2 - 8t - 48 = 0$$

$$(t - 12)(t + 4) = 0$$

$$t = 12 \text{ s or } t = -4 \text{ s}$$

can't have negative time so

$$t = 12 \text{ s}$$

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QUESTIONS

Setting off

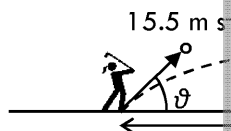
1. A cyclist slows down from 14 m s^{-1} to 3.2 m s^{-1} over 12 s .
Calculate the acceleration of the cyclist.
2. A jogger runs 210 m in 45 s . The jogger is initially running at 3.7 m s^{-1} but increases acceleration.
Calculate the jogger's final velocity.
3. A student throws a ball up from a height of 1.6 m . The ball lands at a velocity of 10.4 m s^{-1} .
Calculate the initial speed the ball was thrown up at.

Speeding up

4. A car accelerates from a speed of 11 m s^{-1} at an acceleration of 9.0 m s^{-2} .
Calculate the time it takes the car to travel 88 m .
5. A shot is thrown by a 1.91 m tall shot-putter, at an angle of 25.1° and an initial velocity of 10.4 m s^{-1} .
Calculate the distance from the shot-putter the shot lands.

Top speed

6. In 2099 on Mars, a golf ball is hit off a tee, at an angle of θ and an initial velocity of 15.5 m s^{-1} .
The golf ball lands 31.5 m from the tee.
Find the angle θ that the ball is hit from the tee.
Use $g_{\text{Mars}} = 3.71 \text{ m s}^{-2}$.
You will have to use the trigonometric identity
 $2 \sin x \cos x = \sin 2x$
7. A motorbike speeds past a police car. The police car sets off 1.08 s after the motorbike.
The motorbike is initially travelling at 29.5 m s^{-1} , and after it passes the police car it accelerates at 0.314 m s^{-2} .
Calculate the velocity of the police car when it catches up to the motorbike.



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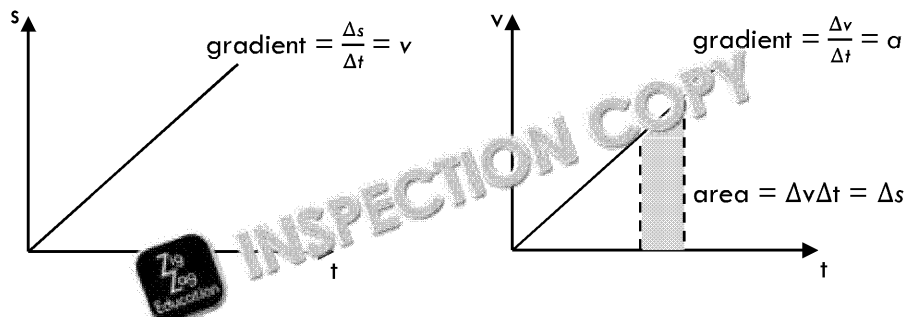


3. MOTION AND GRA

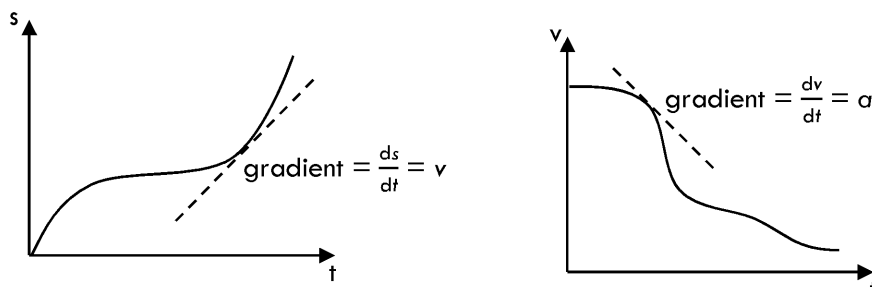
2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

An object's motion can be displayed on **displacement–time**, **velocity–time** and **acceleration–time** graphs. These show graphically how an object's displacement, velocity or acceleration changes with time.



For a graph that is **non-linear** (curved), the gradient can be calculated by drawing a **tangent** to the line at a specific point and calculating the gradient of this tangent.



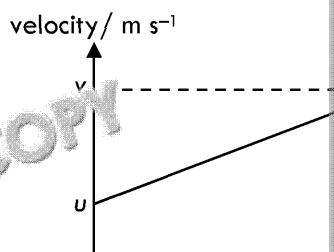
This can give **instantaneous velocity** (from a displacement–time graph) or **instantaneous acceleration** (from a velocity–time graph).

Example 1

From a velocity–time graph, derive the equation of motion

$$v = u + at$$

From a simple velocity–time graph for an object starting from velocity u to v over a time t :



The gradient of the graph gives the acceleration a .

This means that

$$a = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{v - u}{t}$$

which rearranges to

$$v = u + at$$

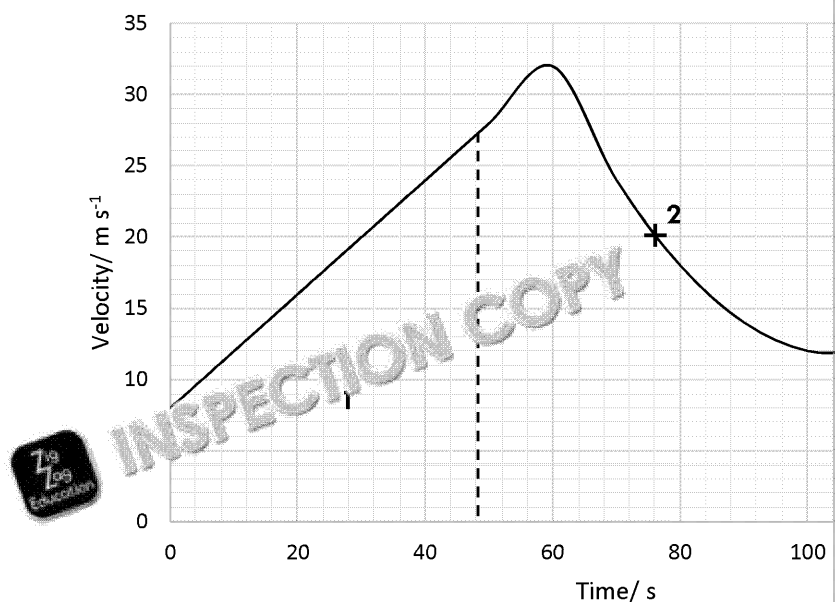
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Example 2

The graph below shows the velocity–time graph for a car.



- Calculate the distance travelled by the car in the section marked 1.
- Calculate the acceleration of the car at the point marked 2.

- The distance travelled by the car is given by the area under the velocity–time graph. The area can be found by splitting the area into a rectangle (with a height of 8 m s⁻¹ and a width of 48 s) and a triangle (with a height of 19 m s⁻¹ and a width of 48 s).

$$\text{Total area} = 8 \times 48 + \frac{1}{2} \times 19 \times 48$$

$$\text{Distance} = 840 \text{ m}$$

- The acceleration is found by drawing a tangent to the curve and finding its gradient. An example gradient would be:

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{0 - 29}{112 - 60}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = -0.56 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

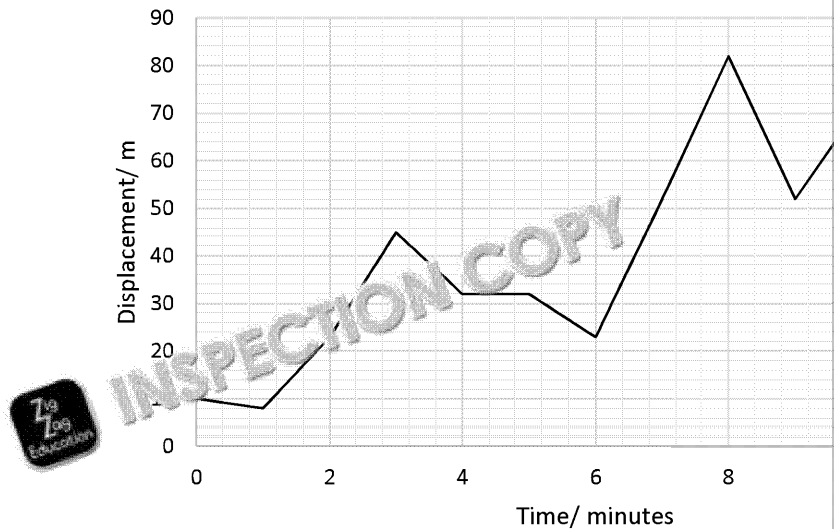
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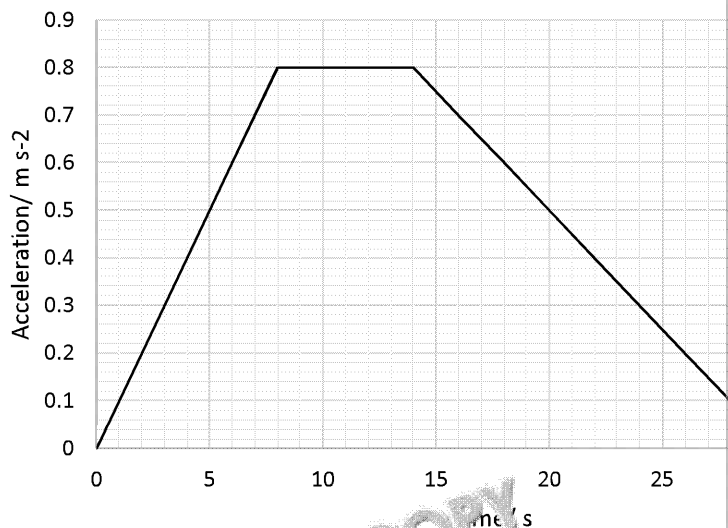
QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. The displacement of a cat (called Beetroot) is measured every minute for 10 minutes. The displacement–time graph of Beetroot's motion is shown below.



- Calculate the average velocity of Beetroot.
 - Calculate the velocity of Beetroot after 7 minutes.
2. The acceleration of a car is measured for 5 minutes. The acceleration–time graph is shown below.



Calculate the total change in velocity of the car.

3. A pebble is dropped into a lake. Sketch displacement–time, velocity–time and acceleration–time graphs for the motion of the pebble as it accelerates through the water, and then reaches terminal velocity. Annotate the graphs to explain what happens at each stage.

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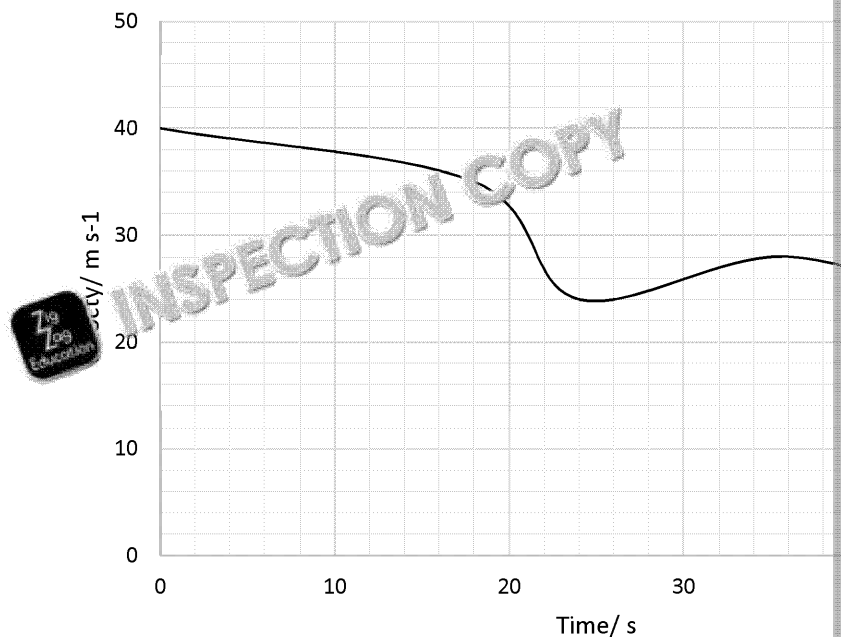
Speeding up

4. a) From a velocity–time graph, derive the equation of motion

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$

- b) From the equations $v = u + at$ and $s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$, derive the other two equations of motion.

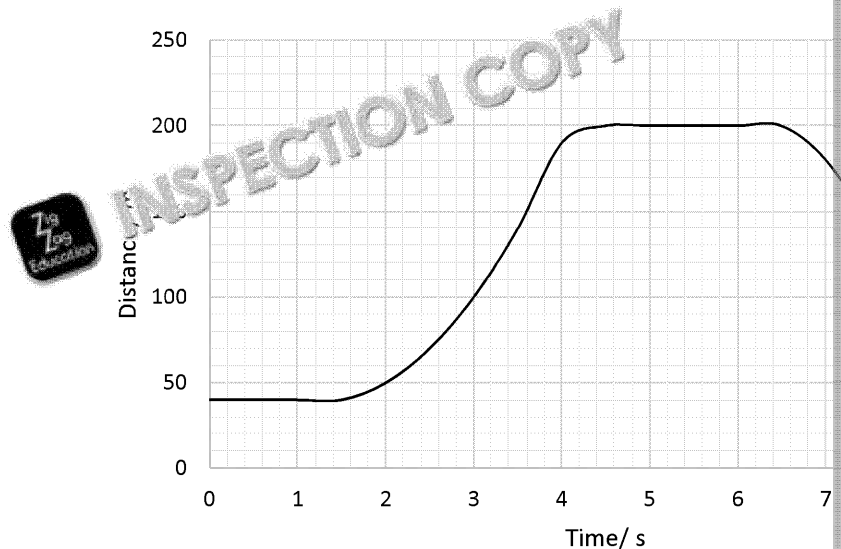
5. A car travels along a road. The velocity–time graph below shows the car's journey.



- a) Calculate the acceleration of the car at 10.5 s.
b) Estimate the displacement of the car over the entire 48 s.
6. A ball is dropped, and then bounces several times. Sketch displacement–time, velocity–time graphs of the ball's motion after it is dropped.

Top speed

7. A bike that is initially travelling at 6 m s⁻¹ accelerates at 0.8 m s⁻² for 12 s, then decelerates to rest. Draw a velocity–time graph of the bike's motion and calculate its displacement over the bike's journey.
8. Use the distance–time graph of a test rocket below to calculate the average acceleration between 3.5 s and 8.5 s.



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4. NEWTON'S LAWS AND

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

Newton's first law

An object with **no external force** acting on it will remain at **rest** or at a **constant velocity**.
In other words: an acceleration requires a force to act.

Newton's second law

The force exerted on an object is **proportional** to the **mass** of the object and the **acceleration**.

As an equation, this can be written as

$$F = ma$$

when mass is constant.

Newton's third law

When a force is exerted on an object, a **reaction force** of the same **size** and **direction** to the exerted force.

Example 1

A coin with a mass of 9.0 g is dropped into water. The coin experiences drag forces of 35 mN. Calculate the acceleration experienced by the coin.

The acceleration of an object due to Newton's second law:

$$F = ma$$

F refers to the resultant force, the sum of all forces.

Here, F is given by the coin's weight, acting on the coin.

$$F = mg - F_{\text{drag}}$$

So

$$mg - F_{\text{drag}} = ma$$

Rearranging

$$a = \frac{mg - F_{\text{drag}}}{m}$$

$$a = \frac{9.0 \times 10^{-3} \times 9.81 - 35 \times 10^{-3}}{9.0 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$a = 1.9 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

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Example 2

Two pebbles are dropped into a pond. Both pebbles have the same shape and size, but different densities.

The pebbles' accelerations decrease, and then remain at zero. The denser pebble reaches a higher final velocity.

Explain the pebbles' motion using Newton's laws.

Initially, the pebbles accelerate down as their weight is greater than the drag. This is described by **Newton's first law**.

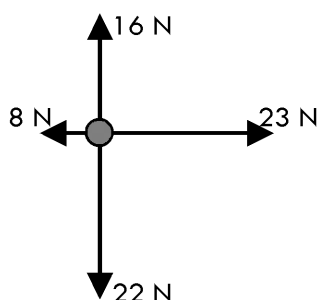
As their velocities increase, the pebbles exert a force on the water molecules. As the pebbles exert a force on the water molecules, the water molecules exert a force back on the pebbles, decreasing their acceleration, as in **Newton's second law**.

Eventually the drag forces balance the weight forces, and the pebbles stop accelerating. This is **Newton's first law**.

The denser pebble has a larger weight force acting over its surface. This means it reaches a higher final velocity. This is described by **Newton's second law**.

Example 3

Four forces act on a 3.4 kg mass, as shown below.



Calculate the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the mass.

The resultant force needs to be calculated in the horizontal and vertical directions, and then resolved.

Horizontally

$$F_H = F_1 + F_2$$

$$F_H = 23 - 8$$

$$F_H = 15 \text{ N to the right}$$

Vertically

$$F_V = F_3 + F_4$$

$$F_V = 22 - 16$$

$$F_V = 6 \text{ N downwards}$$

These components then need to be combined to find the resultant force.

$$F = \sqrt{F_V^2 + F_H^2}$$

$$F = \sqrt{15^2 + 6^2}$$

$$F = 16 \text{ N}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{F_V}{F_H}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{6}{15}$$

$$\vartheta = -21^\circ \text{ (from horizontal)}$$

QUESTIONS

Setting off

- A 530 g toy car is pushed with a force of 6.1 N. Calculate the toy car's acceleration.
 - After the car has accelerated, another force of 6.1 N acts in the opposite direction. Describe and explain what happens to the car's motion after this second force is applied.
- For each of the following forces, state the reaction force acting, as per Newton's third law.
 - The weight of a student pressing down on the floor.
 - A rope pulling on a post with a tension of 30 N.
 - The upthrust on a pineapple in a pool of water.



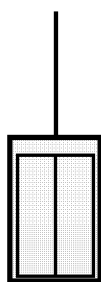
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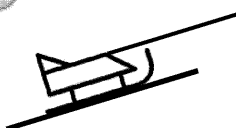
Speeding up

3. Draw free body diagrams for each of the following situations.

a) A lift travelling upwards at a steady speed.



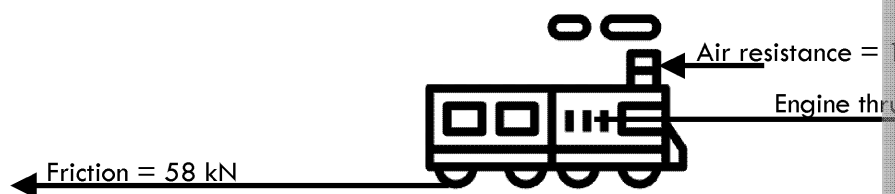
b) A sledge being pulled up a hill while accelerating.



c) A pressurised submarine underwater, which is stationary and at a constant depth.



4. A train travels along a track, and decelerates at a steady rate of 4.4 m s^{-2} . The forces acting on the train are seen below.



Calculate the mass of the train.

Top speed

5. A heavy rock is pulled uphill with a force of 8000 N . The rock has a mass of 390 kg and the hill has a slope of 11° . A frictional force of 1200 N acts on the rock as it is being pulled. Calculate the acceleration of the rock.

6. Two identical sheets of paper are dropped from the same height at the same time. One of the sheets of paper is crumpled up, and the other is flat. Compare the motions of the sheets of paper as they fall.

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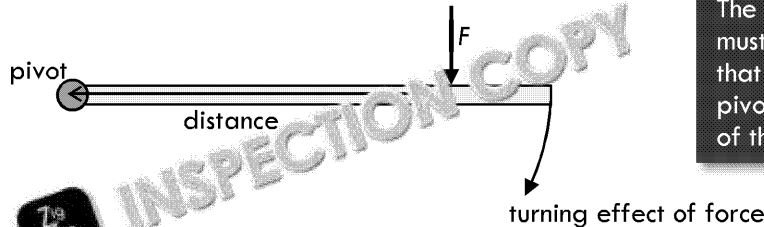


5. MOMENTS

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

Many processes use **moments** to transfer forces. A lever can increase the effect of a force, or a gear can change the direction of a force.



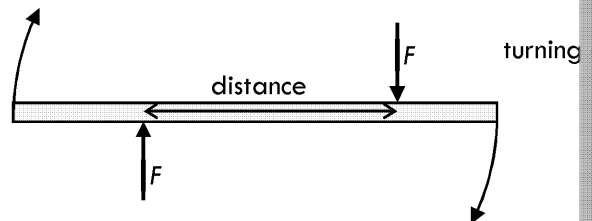
EXAM TIP

The distance must be the perpendicular distance that the line of action of the force makes with the pivot.

The moment of a force is given by

$$\text{moment} = F \times (\text{distance from pivot})$$

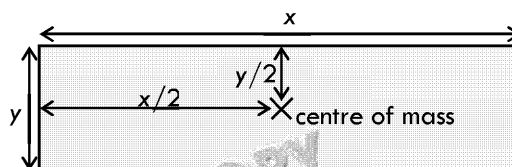
A **couple** is a pair of forces that have the same magnitude but act in opposite directions along the same line, causing a turning force.



The moment of a couple is given by

$$\text{moment} = F \times (\text{distance between forces})$$

The weight of an object acts through its **centre of mass** – an imaginary point where the mass of the object lies.



For a uniform and regular solid, its centre of mass is at its centre.

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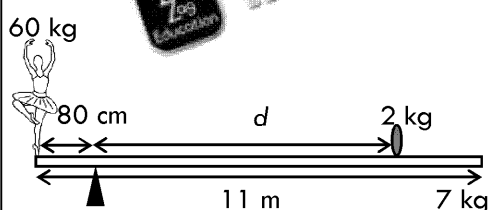


Example 1

Some Physics students go to a modern art gallery. Not enthused about the artwork, they decide to investigate the physics behind each installation.

In an art installation called *The Unbearable Lightness of Ballet*, a 60 kg ballerina stands on a plank, 80 cm from a pivot. On the other side of the pivot is a 2 kg stone. The plank is regular and uniform and has a mass of 7 kg and a total length of 11 m.

The plank is perfectly balanced. Calculate the distance of the stone away from the pivot.



For the plank to be perfectly balanced, the weight on each side of the pivot need to be equal.

To the left of the pivot, the only force is the weight of the ballerina.

$$F_{\text{left}} = W_{\text{ballerina}} = m_{\text{ballerina}} g$$

$$F_{\text{left}} = 60 \times 9.81 = 589 \text{ N}$$

The moment caused by the ballerina is:

$$\text{moment}_{\text{left}} = F_{\text{left}} \times \text{distance}$$

$$\text{moment}_{\text{left}} = 589 \times 0.80 = 471 \text{ N m}$$

To the right of the pivot, there are two forces: the weight of the stone and the weight of the plank.

$$\text{moment}_{\text{right}} = \text{moment}_{\text{stone}} + \text{moment}_{\text{plank}}$$

The centre of mass of the plank acts 5.5 m from either end of the plank and 0.7 m from the pivot.

$$\text{moment}_{\text{plank}} = 7 \times 9.81 \times 0.7 = 47.3 \text{ N m}$$

The moment caused by the weight of the stone is:

$$\text{moment}_{\text{stone}} = \text{moment}_{\text{right}} - \text{moment}_{\text{plank}}$$

We know that $\text{moment}_{\text{right}} = \text{moment}_{\text{left}}$

$$\text{moment}_{\text{stone}} = 471 - 47.3 = 423.7 \text{ N m}$$

The distance of the stone from the pivot is:

$$d = \frac{\text{moment}_{\text{stone}}}{\text{weight}_{\text{stone}}} = \frac{423.7}{2 \times 9.81}$$

$$d = 21.4 \text{ m}$$

Example 2

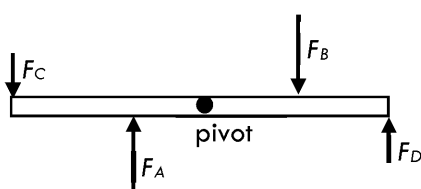
In an art installation called *The Odd Couple*, four fireworks are attached to a rod with a pivot at its centre.

Fireworks A and B are each 45 cm from the pivot, and exert a force on the rod of 18 N each, in opposite directions.

Fireworks C and D each exert a force of 12 N, also in opposite directions, and are the same distance away from the pivot as each other.

The fireworks are all lit at the same time, and the rod is held still.

Calculate the distance of fireworks C and D from the pivot.



In the example, use $F_A = F_B = F_{AB}$ and $F_C = F_D = F_{CD}$. For the rod to be balanced, the two couples need to balance.

The couple generated by fireworks A and B is:

$$\text{couple}_{AB} = F_{AB} \times \text{distance between A and B}$$

$$\text{couple}_{AB} = 18 \times 0.45 \times 2 = 16.2 \text{ N m}$$

This balances with the couple generated by fireworks C and D:

$$\text{couple}_{CD} = F_{CD} \times \text{distance between C and D}$$

$$d_{CD} = \frac{\text{couple}_{AB}}{F_{CD}} = \frac{16.2}{12} = 1.35 \text{ m}$$

This gives the force between the fireworks and the pivot to each is:

$$d_{\text{pivot}} = 0.68 \text{ m}$$

Example 3

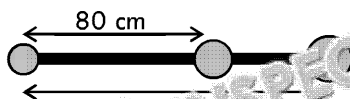
In an art installation called *Life in Balance*, three metal balls are arranged along a light rod, which balances on a single point.

The first 320 g ball is placed at the end of the rod.

The second 680 g ball is placed 80 cm from the end of the rod.

The third 910 g ball is placed 1.4 m from the end of the rod.

Calculate where the point that the rod balances on is.



The rod will balance on its centre of mass

The centre of mass is given by

$$m_{\text{total}}d_{\text{CoM}} = m_1d_1 + m_2d_2 + m_3d_3$$

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{m_1d_1 + m_2d_2 + m_3d_3}{m_{\text{total}}}$$

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{m_1d_1 + m_2d_2 + m_3d_3}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3}$$

$$d = \frac{(0.32 \times 0) + 0.68 \times 0.8 + 0.91 \times 1.4}{0.32 + 0.68 + 0.91}$$

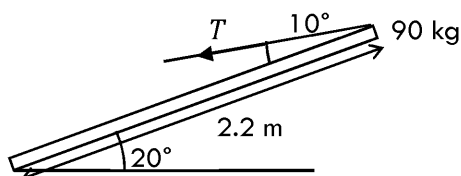
$$d_{\text{CoM}} = 0.95 \text{ m along the rod (from left end)}$$

Example 4

In an art installation called *Balancing the Books*, an enormous 2.2 m tall, 90 kg book is held at an angle of 20° from the ground by a rope, which is at 10° to the book at its top.

A side view of the balancing book is shown below.

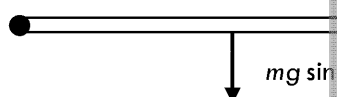
Calculate the tension in the rope.



It is easiest to solve this problem by considering the book itself. The pivot in this case is the ground.

There are two forces acting on the book: its weight, and the tension in the rope.

The weight acts down at the book's centre of mass, the pivot, and the tension acts up at the top of the book.

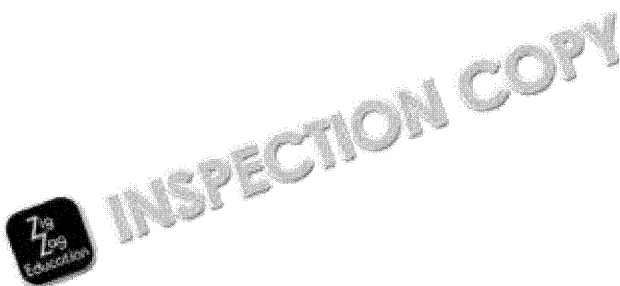


For the moments to balance

$$T \sin 10 \times 2.2 = 90 \times 9.81 \times \cos 20 \times 1.1$$

$$T = \frac{90 \times 9.81 \times \cos 20 \times 1.1}{\sin 10 \times 2.2}$$

$$T = 2400 \text{ N}$$



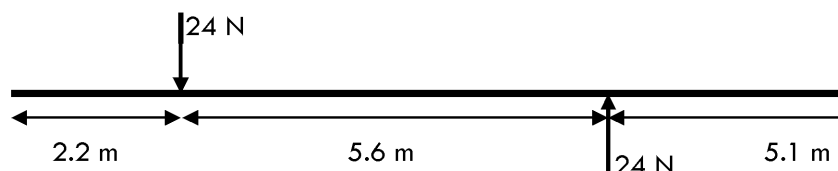
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QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. Two forces act on a bar, as shown below.

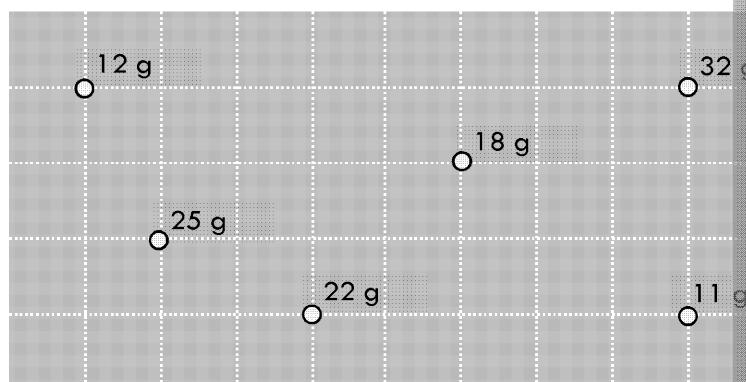


Calculate the moment of the forces and state where the centre of the bar's rest

2. Lucie and Elvira are balanced on a see-saw.
 Lucie is 1.1 m from the see-saw's pivot and has a mass of 50 kg.
 Elvira has a mass of 65 kg.
 Calculate Elvira's distance from the see-saw.

Speeding up

3. Several stones are placed on a large flat sheet, with their positions and masses as shown below.
 The sheet itself is uniform, has a mass of 45 g and has 1 cm markings along its edges.



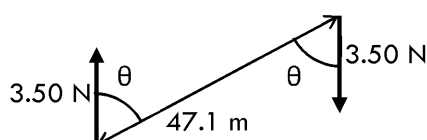
Calculate the centre of mass of the stones and sheet.

4. A plank has a mass of 8.10 kg and a total length of 2.60 m.
 A 4.30 kg mass is placed 1.15 m from the left end of the plank, between two



Calculate the magnitudes of the normal contact forces labelled A and B.

5. The forces shown below create a moment of 67.0 N m.



Calculate θ .

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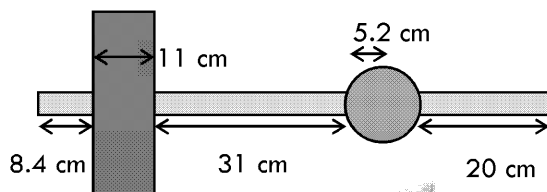


Top speed

6. A metal rod has a circular cross section, with a radius of 2.4 cm.

The metal rod passes through the centres of a metal block with dimensions 11×8.4 cm and a radius of 5.2 cm.

The density of the rod is 7.9 g cm^{-3} , the density of the block is 8.3 g cm^{-3} , and the density of the rod is 7.4 g cm^{-3} .



Calculate the centre of mass of the rod, block and system.

7. A plank has a mass of 5.1 kg and a length of 83.0 cm , and rests at an angle of 24.0° to the horizontal. At a distance of 18.1 cm along the plank, a rope pulls with a tension of 24 N at an angle of 18.1° . A second rope 62.1 cm along the plank pulls with a tension T at an angle of 77.1° .

Calculate T .

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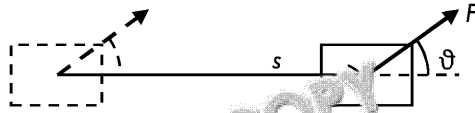


6. DOING WORK

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

When a force causes a displacement, it does **work**.



In this example, a force F is pulling on the block at an angle ϑ – but because of the block's weight, the block is only displaced horizontally by s .



$$W = Fs \cos \vartheta$$

The work done by a force is equal to the **energy transferred**.

Power is the rate of doing work or rate of transferring energy, and is given by

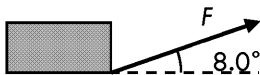
$$P = \frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} = Fv$$

Example 1

A rope pulls a crate, at an angle of 8.0° from horizontal.

The rope is pulled by a winch that uses 5400 J to drag the box 2.2 m across the ground.

Calculate the force that the winch pulls with.



The box is pulled along the ground, so the force acting horizontally is important.

$$W = Fs \cos \vartheta$$

which rearranges to

$$F = \frac{W}{s \cos \vartheta}$$

$$F = \frac{5400}{2.2 \times \cos 8.0^\circ}$$

$$F = 2500 \text{ N}$$



EXAM TIP

Remember
60 kW = 60 000 W
1.5 kN = 1500 N
The exception to the
SI unit for power is

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Example 2

A scooter's engine can provide a maximum power of 60 kW.

The scooter and driver have a combined mass of 200 kg.

The frictional force acting on the scooter along level ground at its maximum speed is 1.5 kN.

a) Calculate the maximum speed of the scooter.

b) The scooter climbs up a hill at a 10° incline.

Calculate the maximum speed of the scooter up the hill.



a) The scooter has to overcome 1.5 kN of resistive force to maintain a constant velocity

$$P = Fv$$

$$v = \frac{P}{F} = \frac{60 \times 10^3}{1.5 \times 10^3}$$

$$v = 40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

b) On an incline, the scooter has to overcome forces as on level ground, but also the weight component down the incline

$$F = F_{\text{resistive}} + mg \sin \theta$$

$$F = 1.5 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 9.81 \times \sin 10^\circ$$

$$F = 1840 \text{ N}$$

$$v = \frac{P}{F} = \frac{60 \times 10^3}{1840}$$

$$v = 33 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A motor uses 930 J to pull a rope attached to a small crate. The crate moves a distance of 1.5 m. A constant resistive force of 120 N acts against the crate's motion. Calculate the tension in the rope.
2. A speedboat's engine provides a power of 52 kW, and is 85 % efficient. At a speed v , 3.6 kN of resistive forces act against the speedboat. Calculate the speed v .

Speeding up

3. A frog's legs can do 0.668 J of work, providing 3.02 N of force. If the frog jumps at an angle of 5.11° to horizontal, calculate the distance covered.
4. A 9450 kg truck travels down an incline. The truck's engine provides a total power of 100 kW and is 53.8 % efficient. 48.1 kN of resistive forces act against the truck. The truck travels at 44 m s⁻¹. Calculate the angle of the slope.

Top speed

5. A stone block slides down an incline. For a 10 m block experiences a friction of 100 N. The stone block slides a distance of 3.55 m and is initially at rest. The stone block has a mass of 43.3 kg. Calculate the final velocity of the stone block.
6. A rocket has a mass of 2.06 Gg. The rocket's engine provides a power of 561 kW. The rocket is launched at an angle of 11.6° to vertical. This is caused by wind resistance, which produces a downwards force of 42.6 kN at angle of 38.8° to the vertical.

Assuming that the rocket's speed and power and all relevant forces are constant after take-off, calculate the time it takes for the rocket to leave the atmosphere 10 000 km above the surface of Earth.

7. ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY

2: MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

Energy is always conserved, meaning that it can't be created or destroyed. Energy can be converted between different forms, though, either usefully or not.

When a process dissipates energy into non-useful forms of energy such as thermal energy, we can calculate the efficiency of that process using the following formula:

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output power}}{\text{input power}} = \frac{\text{useful output energy}}{\text{input energy}}$$

Power and energy are linked by

$$P = E/t$$

Kinetic energy, the energy stored by an object due to its motion, is given by

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

Gravitational potential energy, the energy stored by an object because of its place in a uniform gravitational field, is given by

$$\Delta E_p = mg\Delta h$$

P = power
 E = energy
 t = time
 E_k = kinetic energy
 E_p = gravitational potential energy
 m = mass
 v = speed
 Δh = change in height
 g = gravitational field strength

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Example 1

A ball with a mass of 350 g is fired directly upwards at a speed of 5 m s^{-1} . Calculate the maximum height the ball reaches.

At the highest point of the ball's path, all has been transferred to gravitational potential energy

$$\Delta E_p = \Delta E_k$$

which gives

$$mg\Delta h = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

Rearranging

$$\Delta h = \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

Substituting in values

$$\Delta h = \frac{5^2}{2 \times 9.81}$$

$$\Delta h = 1.27 \text{ m}$$

Example 2

A car's engine provides 60 kW total power, which produces a force of 5 kN.

The engine is only 80 % efficient. Calculate the velocity of the car.

The useful power provided by the engine is

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{input power}}$$

Rearranging

$$\text{useful power output} = \text{efficiency} \times \text{input power}$$

Substituting in values

$$\text{useful power output} = 0.80 \times 60 \times 10^3$$

$$\text{useful power output} = 48 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

which gives us P for

$$P = Fv$$

$$v = \frac{P}{F}$$

$$v = \frac{48 \times 10^3}{5 \times 10^3}$$

$$v = 9.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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QUESTIONS

Setting off

- Two light bulbs each produce the same amount of light, 4.8 W.
One of the light bulbs is a traditional incandescent bulb, which is 3.4 % efficient.
The other light bulb is an energy-saving LED bulb, which is 8.1 % efficient.
Calculate how much more power the traditional bulb uses, compared to the LED bulb.
- A waterfall is 38 m high. At the top of the waterfall, the water travels at 5.4 m s⁻¹.
Assuming there are no energy losses, use conservation of energy to calculate the speed of the water at the bottom of the waterfall.

Speeding up

- A boulder with a mass of 262 kg rolls down a 72.9 m hill, and then up a smaller hill. When the boulder reaches the top of the smaller hill, it bangs into a smaller rock and comes to a stop. The rock is rolling away at 7.14 m s⁻¹.
93.8 % of the kinetic energy of the boulder is dissipated in the collision.
Calculate the height of the smaller hill.
- An engine uses a constant power of 4.13 kW for 164 s to accelerate a 919 kg car from rest.
The engine is 55.1 % efficient.
Calculate the final speed of the car.

Top speed

- A motor uses 0.94 J to drag a 13 g block up a slope by a horizontal distance of 22 cm. A constant frictional force of 0.55 N acts on the block.
Calculate the efficiency of the motor.
- A spring has a spring constant of 12 N m⁻¹ and is compressed by 6.1 cm.
Elastic potential energy is given by $E_e = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$ where k is the spring constant and x is the compression.
The energy in the spring is used to accelerate a 34 g hammer, which raises by 1.2 m.
93 % of the energy in the spring is used to accelerate the hammer, and 82 % of that energy is transferred to the ball bearing.
Calculate the speed of the ball bearing after it is struck by the hammer.
- Wind enters a wind turbine at a rate of 8.75 kg m⁻² s⁻¹ and leaves at 5.59 kg m⁻² s⁻¹.
Over a period of 60.0 s, 18 % of the wind's kinetic energy is converted to heat by the wind turbine's axels.
All other energy is converted to electrical energy.
A single blade of the wind turbine's blades has a length of 35.4 m. The density of air is 1.225 kg m⁻³.
Calculate the efficiency of the wind turbine.

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8. DENSITY AND PRESSURE

4: MATERIALS

BACKGROUND

Every material has a density, which is how much mass there is in a given volume.

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

The pressure exerted on a surface due to a force is given by

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

The pressure in a fluid is given by

$$p = h\rho g$$

An object in a fluid will experience an upthrust, due to the difference in pressure between the top and bottom surfaces of the object.

The upthrust an object experiences in a fluid is equal to the **weight of fluid displaced**. The upthrust is also equal to the difference in pressure between the top and bottom surfaces of the object.

How easily an object falls through a fluid is dependent on the fluid's viscosity. This is why a ball bearing falls faster through oil than through water.

As a spherical object falls through a fluid, the drag forces acting on it are given by

$$F_{\text{drag}} = 6\pi r\eta v$$

EXAM TIP

The symbol for pressure, p , and the symbol for density, ρ , can look very similar! Double-check which one you're working with when looking at an equation.

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Example 1

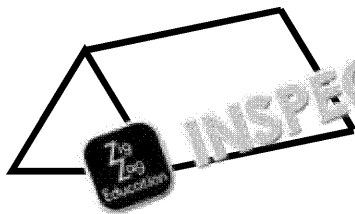
A triangular prism sits on a table.

The triangular cross section of the prism has a base of 36.0 mm, and a height of 28.0 mm.

The length of the prism is 209 mm.

The prism has a density of 1.33 g cm^{-3} .

- Calculate the mass of the prism.
- The prism sits with the base of its triangle and its length on the table. Calculate the pressure exerted on the table by the prism.



a) First, find the volume of the prism
The cross section of the prism has
$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$$
$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 36.0 \times 10^{-3} \times 28.0$$
$$\text{area} = 5.04 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

The volume of the prism is given by
$$\text{volume} = \text{cross-sectional area} \times \text{length}$$
$$\text{volume} = 5.04 \times 10^{-4} \times 209$$
$$\text{volume} = 1.053 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3$$

The density is given in g cm^{-3} –
useful in the form kg m^{-3} .

$$1.33 \text{ g cm}^{-3} = 1.33 \times 10^{-3} \div (10^{-6})$$

The density of the prism is given by

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

which rearranges to

$$m = \rho V$$

$$m = 1330 \times 1.053 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$m = 0.140 \text{ kg}$$

(0.1402 kg to 4 significant figures)

- b) The pressure is the force exerted
which is in contact with the table
Here, the only force acting is the

$$A = \text{base} \times \text{length}$$

$$A = 36.0 \times 10^{-3} \times 209 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$A = 7.524 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

$$F = mg$$

$$F = 0.1402 \times 9.81$$

$$F = 1.375 \text{ N}$$

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$p = \frac{1.375}{7.524 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$p = 183 \text{ Pa (or N m}^{-2}\text{)}$$

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Example 2

A beach ball is halfway submerged into water.

The beach ball has a radius of 18.0 cm. Water has a density of 997 kg m^{-3} .

- Calculate the difference in pressure between the bottom and top of the ball.
- Calculate the upthrust on the ball.

- a) The top of the ball is only affected by atmospheric pressure. The value of atmospheric pressure is the same here, but it is important that it is the same as the atmospheric pressure at the size of the beach ball. Atmospheric pressure adds to the pressure due to the depth of the water.

The pressure due to the depth of the water is given by $p = h\rho g$

Here, the depth of water, h , is equal to the radius of the ball.

$$p = 0.180 \times 997 \times 9.81$$
$$p = 1760 \text{ Pa (or N m}^{-2}\text{)}$$

- b) The upthrust on the ball is equal to the weight of the water displaced by the ball. This means that the upthrust is given by

$$\text{upthrust} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{volume of ball} \times \rho \times g$$

Only half the ball's volume is submerged.

$$\text{upthrust} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \times \rho \times g$$
$$\text{upthrust} = \frac{2}{3} \pi \times 0.180^3 \times 997 \times 9.81$$
$$\text{upthrust} = 119 \text{ N}$$

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QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A metal sphere has a density of 4.506 g cm^{-3} and a mass of 0.6711 kg .
Calculate the radius of the sphere.
2. A wooden cube has a side length of 3.00 cm and sits on a table.
An upward force of 0.0930 N acts on the cube, so that the pressure of the cube on the table is 1.6 Pa .
Calculate the mass of the wooden cube.
3. A plastic cylinder has a cross-sectional area of 0.01 m^2 . It is submerged in water of density 13.6 g cm^{-3} , and experiences an upward force of 1.6 N .
Calculate the length of the cylinder.

Speeding

4. A block of balsam wood floats in the Dead Sea.
The block has a width of 1.34 m , a length of 4.66 m , and a height of 0.882 m .
 $x \text{ m}$ of the block's height is submerged.
The block floats at a constant depth.
Water in the Dead Sea has a density of 1.24 g cm^{-3} .
Balsam wood has a density of 160 kg m^{-3} .
Calculate the value of x .
5. A steel ball bearing is dropped through a thick syrup, and travels at a terminal velocity of 0.001 m s^{-1} .
The ball bearing has a diameter of 2.30 cm . The syrup has a density of 1.41 g cm^{-3} .
Calculate the viscosity of the syrup.

Top speed

6. Saturn's moon Titan has lakes made out of liquid methane.
A sphere is entirely submerged into one of these lakes and slowly sinks at a constant speed of 0.00832 m s^{-2} .
The sphere has a radius of 2.04 m , and has a spherical hollow cavity at its centre.
Titan has a gravitational field strength of 1.35 m s^{-2} .
Liquid methane has a density of 0.656 g cm^{-3} .
Calculate the density of the sphere.
7. A pipe stands on its end. The pipe has an outer radius of 4.10 cm and a length of 1.5 m .
The pipe has a density of 113 g cm^{-3} .
The pipe is pushed down with a force of 11.5 N , so that it exerts a pressure of 1.6 Pa on the ground.
Calculate the inner radius of the pipe.

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9. MATERIALS

4: MATERIALS

BACKGROUND

One of the most important characteristics of a material is how much force it can withstand before breaking.

Hooke's law describes the extension of an object

$$F = k\Delta L$$

Elastic strain energy, the energy stored by an object due to its extension is given by

$$E_e = \frac{1}{2} F\Delta L = \frac{1}{2} k(\Delta L)^2$$

The stress caused by an extension is given by

$$\text{stress} = \frac{F}{A}$$

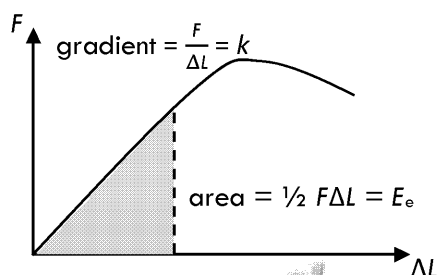
and the strain by

$$\text{strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

The Young modulus is a property of each material, and is independent of an object's shape.

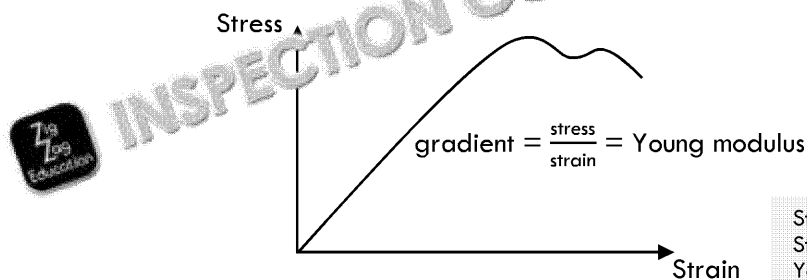
$$\text{Young modulus} = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{FL}{A\Delta L}$$

For a force-extension graph, the gradient gives the stiffness and the area under the line gives the energy stored.



F = force
k = stiffness
L = length
E_e = elastic strain energy
A = cross-sectional area

For a stress-strain graph, the gradient gives the Young modulus.



Stress
Strain
Young modulus

EXAM TIP

Young moduli tend to be very large units such as MPa (10^6 Pa) or GPa (10^9 Pa). Some materials such as diamond can be measured in TPa (10^{12} Pa).

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Example 1

Masses are hung from a wire and the extension is measured, producing the below.



- Calculate the stiffness of the wire.
- Calculate the work done on the wire before it reaches its limit of proportionality.

- The stiffness of a wire can be determined using the equation

$$F = k\Delta L$$

$$\text{Rearranging, } k = \frac{F}{\Delta L}$$

However, the graph gives mass instead of force, and the extension is in mm.

Reading from the graph

extension, $\Delta L = 18 \text{ mm} = 0.018 \text{ m}$

mass = 900 g

which gives $F = 0.9 \times 9.81 = 8.83 \text{ N}$

so

$$k = \frac{8.83}{0.018}$$

$$k = 490 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

- The work done in stretching a wire is given by

$$E_e = \frac{1}{2} F \Delta L$$

Here, we're interested in the wire's limit of proportionality: the portion of the curve that is linear.

As before,

extension, $\Delta L = 18 \text{ mm} = 0.018 \text{ m}$

mass = 900 g and $F = 0.9 \times 9.81 = 8.83 \text{ N}$

$$E_e = \frac{1}{2} \times 8.83 \times 0.018$$

$$E_e = 0.079 \text{ J}$$

EXAM TIP
These questions often involve using the graph to find the force and extension. Using the graph to find the force and extension makes the calculation easier.

EXAM TIP
Another way to calculate the work done is to find the area under the graph.

Example 2

An iron bar has a Young modulus of 190 GPa. The iron bar has a square cross section, where this square has side length 0.80 cm. A force of 65 kN is applied to the iron bar, and it compresses by 4.0 mm.

- Calculate the original length of the bar.
- Calculate the strain of the bar when the force is applied.

- a) The Young modulus of a material

$$\text{Young modulus} = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} = \frac{FL}{A\Delta L}$$

Rearranging for the original length

$$L = \frac{\text{Young modulus} \times A\Delta L}{F}$$

$$L = \frac{190 \times 10^9 \times (0.80 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times 4.0 \times 10^{-3}}{65 \times 10^3}$$

$$L = 0.75 \text{ m}$$

- b) Strain is given by

$$\text{strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

or

$$\text{strain} = \frac{\text{Young modulus}}{\text{stress}} = \frac{\text{Young modulus}}{F/A}$$

Hint: This example uses the second equation. Using the first equation is wrong with using the first, using the second is correct. Watch out for rounding errors!

$$\text{strain} = \frac{190 \times 10^9}{65 \times 10^3 \div (0.80 \times 10^{-2})^2}$$

$$\text{strain} = 190$$

Remember! Strain is unitless.

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QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A spring has a spring constant of 405 N m^{-1} . A force of 23.1 N compresses the spring.
Calculate the change in length of the spring.
2. A nylon wire has a Young modulus of 2.38 GPa , and is extended from 38.1 cm to 38.5 cm .
Calculate the stress in the nylon wire.

Speeding up

3. A wire is extended until it breaks, with the force—extension graph for the wire.



- a) Calculate the work done on the wire before it breaks.
 - b) Calculate the stiffness of the wire up until its limit of proportionality.
4. A carbon nanotube has a Young modulus of 1380 GPa , and a radius of 4.14 nm .
A force extends the carbon nanotube from a length of 8.00 cm to a length of 8.01 cm .
Calculate the magnitude of the force on the carbon nanotube. Model the carbon nanotube as a cylinder.

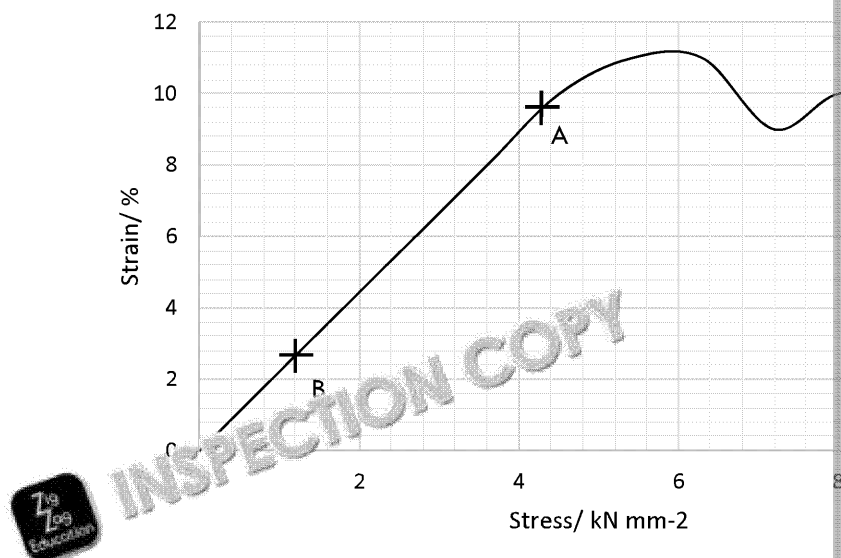
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Top speed

5. The stress–strain graph below is for a wire.



- Calculate the Young modulus of the wire.
 - The extension of the wire at A is 3.0 cm. Calculate the original length of the wire.
 - The force exerted on the wire at B is 840 N. Calculate the cross-sectional area of the wire.
6. A wire has a Young modulus of 321 GPa, an original length of 42.2 cm and a circumference of 0.888 mm. Calculate the stiffness, k , of the wire.

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10. MOMENTUM

6: FURTHER MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

Momentum is a property of all moving objects.

Momentum is a vector, given by

$$\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$$

Momentum is always **conserved** – the momentum of a system of objects or particles is the same before and after a collision as afterwards.

Elastic collisions are ones in which kinetic energy is the same before and after the collision.

Inelastic collisions are ones in which kinetic energy is dissipated during the collision.



For an elastic collision

$$K_{E, \text{before}} = K_{E, \text{after}}$$

For an inelastic collision

$$K_{E, \text{before}} > K_{E, \text{after}}$$

The force exerted on an object is equal to the **rate of change in momentum**

$$F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$$

Impulse is equal to the force exerted over time, or the change in momentum

$$F\Delta t = \Delta(mv)$$

Example 1

A 70 kg student stands stationary on a 3.0 kg skateboard.

The student jumps off the skateboard to the right-hand side at a velocity of 0.45 m s^{-1} .

Calculate the velocity of the skateboard.



Momentum is conserved – this means the total momentum before and after the student jumps off is the same.

Before the jump, the student and skateboard are stationary, so their combined momentum is zero.

This means that the combined momentum of the student and skateboard after the jump must also be zero.

The momentum of the student after the jump is:

$$\text{momentum}_{\text{student}} = m_{\text{student}} v_{\text{student}} = 70 \times 0.45 = 31.5 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$$

This means that the momentum of the skateboard must be the same in the opposite direction, since the total momentum must be zero.

$$\text{momentum}_{\text{total}} = \text{momentum}_{\text{student}} + \text{momentum}_{\text{skateboard}} = 0$$

$$v_{\text{skateboard}} = \frac{\text{momentum}_{\text{skateboard}}}{m_{\text{skateboard}}} = \frac{-31.5}{3.0}$$

$$v_{\text{skateboard}} = -11 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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Example 2

A rower rows a rowing boat.
The oars exert a constant force of 360 N when they are in the water, causing the rowing boat to accelerate from 1.5 m s^{-1} to 2.3 m s^{-1} .
The combined mass of the rowing boat and rower is 190 kg.
Calculate the amount of time the oars are in the water for.

Use the equation
 $F\Delta t = \Delta(mv)$
and rearrange for Δt
$$\Delta t = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{F}$$
$$\Delta t = \frac{190 \times (2.3 - 1.5)}{360}$$
$$\Delta t = 0.42 \text{ s}$$

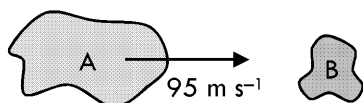
Example 3

Two asteroids collide in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
Asteroid A has a mass of 5300 kg and is initially moving to the right at a velocity of 95 m s^{-1} .
Asteroid B has a mass of 1200 kg and is initially at rest.

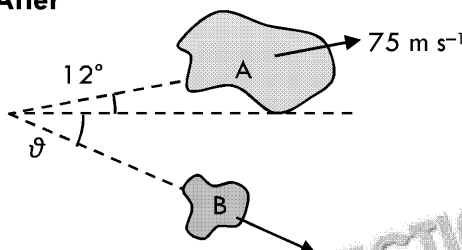
After the asteroids collide, Asteroid A travels at 75 m s^{-1} , at an angle of 12° to its initial path.

Calculate the velocity and direction of travel of Asteroid B after the impact.

Before



After



Momentum must be conserved in both directions.

Before, the horizontal momentum of the system is
 $momentum_{\text{before}} = m_A u_A = 5300 \times 95$

This is the combined momentum of both asteroids after the collision.

After the collision, horizontally
 $momentum_{\text{before}, x} = m_A v_{A,x} + m_B v_{B,x}$
$$v_{B,x} = \frac{momentum_{\text{before}, x} - m_A v_{A,x}}{m_B}$$

$(v_{A,x} = v_A \cos \vartheta_A)$
$$v_{B,x} = \frac{504\,000 - 5300 \times 75 \cos 12}{1200}$$
$$v_{B,x} = 96.0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

The vertical momentum of the asteroids is initially zero, so

$m_A v_{A,y} = -m_B v_{B,y}$
$$v_{B,y} = \frac{-m_A v_{A,y}}{m_B}$$
$$v_{A,y} = v_A \sin \vartheta_A$$
$$v_{B,y} = \frac{-5300 \times 75 \sin 12}{1200}$$
$$v_{B,y} = -68.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Combining the horizontal and vertical components, the magnitude of the velocity of B is

$$v_B = \sqrt{v_{B,x}^2 + v_{B,y}^2} = \sqrt{96.0^2 + 68.9^2}$$
$$v_B = 120 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{B,y}}{v_{B,x}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{-68.9}{96.0}$$
$$\vartheta = -36^\circ$$

EXAM TIP

As in previous sheets, u is the initial velocity and v is the final velocity. Subscripts such as A, B, x and y help keep track of which asteroid and which direction are currently being used.

Once we have to consider multiple objects and multiple directions, it can get a lot more complicated keeping track of everything!

QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A 4.5 g paper boat travels over a pond at a steady speed of 0.068 m s^{-1} . A penny is dropped into the paper boat from directly above.
Calculate the velocity of the paper boat after the penny has been dropped in.
2. A space shuttle fires its thrusters for 135 s, providing a constant force of 64.2 MN .
The space shuttle has a mass of $20.3 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$.
Calculate the change in speed of the space shuttle.

Speeding up

3. A mine cart travels at an initial speed of 1.00 m s^{-1} .
Sand falls out of the mine cart at a steady rate of 280 g s^{-1} .
The initial mass of the cart is 31.5 kg .
Calculate the speed of the cart after 1 minute.
4. Two balls roll towards each other. Ball A has a mass of 236 g and ball B has a mass of 180 g.
Initially ball A is travelling to the right at 2.10 m s^{-1} and ball B is travelling to the left at 1.50 m s^{-1} .
The two balls collide head on, and ball A rolls back to the left at 0.810 m s^{-1} .
a) Calculate the velocity of ball B after the collision.
b) Show that this collision is inelastic.

Top speed

5. A tennis ball is dropped from a height of 1.25 m.
The ball bounces on the floor, and is in contact with the floor for 0.0680 s, before rising to a height of 1.08 m.
The tennis ball has a mass of 58.5 g.
Calculate the force exerted on the floor by the tennis ball.
6. Two curling stones slide across an ice floor and collide.
The curling stones before and after the collision are shown below, with their speed and path.



Curling stone A has a mass of 19.2 kg , and curling stone B has a mass of 17.4 kg .
Calculate v_B and θ_B .

Show that this collision is inelastic.

7. Two cars are involved in a collision.
Car A has a mass of 2350 kg and is stopped at a red light.
Car B has a mass of 1870 kg and goes into the back of Car A. After colliding together.
The brakes of both cars together provide a total force of 6630 N.
Calculate the initial velocity of car B.

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11. CIRCULAR MOTION

6: FURTHER MECHANICS

BACKGROUND

For an object to travel in a circular path, the object must accelerate towards the centre of the path. This acceleration is caused by a **centripetal force** towards the centre of the circle.

Angular speed is a measure of how frequently an object moves through a circle.

and

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = 2\pi f$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

EXAMPLE

The period of a circular motion for the circle is given by the position.

The acceleration towards the centre of circular motion is given by

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$$

so that the centripetal force is given by

$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r} = m\omega^2 r$$

Example 1

A fairground carousel takes 15 s to make a complete revolution.

- Calculate the angular speed of the carousel.
- The carousel has a diameter of 18 m. Calculate the linear speed of the carousel.

- For the angular speed, use

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

But frequency, f , hasn't been given. Frequency is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

so

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{15}$$

$$\omega = 0.419 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

For the linear speed, use

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r}$$

which rearranges to

$$v = \omega r$$

The question gives the diameter. The diameter is double the radius.

$$v = 0.419 \times 9$$

$$v = 3.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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Example 2

A car with a mass of 800 kg travels over a hill.

The hill is a section of a circle with a radius of 30 m.

Calculate the maximum speed the car can travel at to not lose contact with the road.

For the car not to lose contact at the normal reaction force on the car must equal to the centripetal force on the

In this case, the normal reaction force and

$$F_{\text{centripetal}} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

so

$$mg = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{gr}$$

$$v = \sqrt{9.81 \times 30}$$

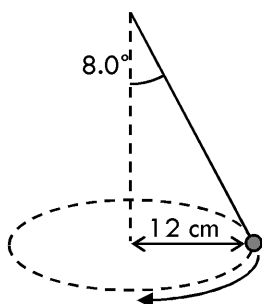
$$v = 17 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Example

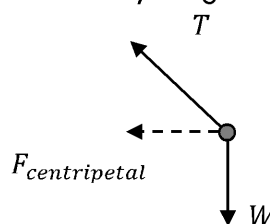
A conker is spun around on a string, at an angle of 8.0° .

The conker has a mass of 60 g and moves in a circle with a constant radius of 12 cm.

Calculate the angular speed of the conker.



First, draw a free body diagram of the conker.



The conker moves in a circle with a constant radius, so the vertical forces balance and the horizontal forces produce only centripetal acceleration

This means that the weight of the conker is balanced by the vertical component of the tension

$$W = T \cos \theta$$

$$mg = T \cos \theta$$

and the centripetal force comes from the horizontal component of the tension

$$F_{\text{centripetal}} = T \sin \theta$$

$$m\omega^2 r = T \sin \theta$$

Dividing one equation by the other gives

$$\frac{m\omega^2 r}{mg} = \frac{T \sin \theta}{T \cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{\omega^2 r}{g} = \tan \theta$$

Rearranging

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g \tan \theta}{r}}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \tan 8.0}{0.12}}$$

$$\omega = 3.4 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

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QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A record on a record player makes 45 revolutions per minute, and has a radius of 0.15 m.
a) Calculate the angular speed of the record.
b) Calculate the linear speed of the outer edge of the record.
2. A fairground ride consists of a hollow cylinder with a radius of 5.5 m which rotates at 1.5 rad s⁻¹, causing its occupants to stick to the wall.
The ride produces a centripetal acceleration of 3 g.
The ride runs for 18 s.
Calculate the number of rotations the ride makes while it runs.

Speeding up

3. A car sits on a banked curve, turning around the corner.
The car is travelling at 30 km h⁻¹ and the road's bend is an arc of a circle with a radius of 50 m.
Calculate the angle of the bank of the road.
4. Europa is one of the moons of Jupiter.
Europa orbits Jupiter at a radius of 671 Mm, and has a mass of 4.80×10^{22} kg.
Jupiter has a mass of 1.90×10^{27} kg.
Gravitational force is given by

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}$$

Calculate the time it takes for Europa to orbit Jupiter.

Top speed

5. A boat rides around the edge of a whirlpool with a radius of 23.4 m, travelling at a speed of 1.5 m s⁻¹ in the direction of the current of water.
The sides of the whirlpool make an angle of 62.1° to the horizontal.
The water at the edge of the whirlpool travels at 24.5 m s⁻¹.
The boat has a mass of 3220 kg and the boat's engine can provide a force of 1.5 kN.
Calculate the power that is needed from the boat's engine for the boat to not be pushed out of the whirlpool.
6. A roller coaster contains a vertical loop which is a perfect circle with a radius of 10 m.
Calculate the minimum speed that the roller coaster needs to enter the vertical loop so that the passengers can be able to sit on the roller coaster without falling out of their seat, purely from the centripetal force experienced.
Hint: Consider the forces on the passenger and the energy changes the carriage experiences.

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12. SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

13: OSCILLATIONS

BACKGROUND

Simple harmonic motion (SHM) occurs in a system where a restoring force resists the particle or object to return to a central equilibrium point.

The condition for simple harmonic motion is that acceleration is proportional to the displacement in the opposite direction.

$$a \propto -x$$

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

The displacement of an object undergoing simple harmonic motion is given by

$$x = A \cos \omega t$$

The velocity of an object undergoing simple harmonic motion is given by

$$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

An object undergoing SHM has a maximum speed as it passes through its equilibrium position and maximum acceleration at its greatest displacement

$$\text{Maximum speed} = \omega A$$

$$\text{Maximum acceleration} = \omega^2 A$$

Example 1

A buoy on the surface of a still lake bobs up and down with simple harmonic motion.

The buoy's motion has an amplitude of 2.5 cm and a maximum speed of 0.080 m s⁻¹.

- Calculate the angular frequency of the buoy.
- Calculate the maximum acceleration of the buoy.
- State at which point in the buoy's oscillation that it has maximum speed and maximum acceleration.

- The angular velocity of the buoy is 3.22 rad s⁻¹.
Maximum speed = 0.080 m s⁻¹

which rearranges to

$$\omega = \frac{\text{Maximum speed}}{A}$$

$$\omega = \frac{0.080}{2.5 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$\omega = 3.22 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

- The maximum acceleration of the buoy is 0.26 m s⁻².

$$\text{Maximum acceleration} = \omega^2 A$$

$$\text{Maximum acceleration} = 3.22^2 \times 2.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{Maximum acceleration} = 0.26 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

- The buoy's maximum speed occurs as it passes through its central equilibrium position. The buoy's maximum acceleration changes direction, when its displacement is at its maximum amplitude.

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Example 2

A pendulum swings with simple harmonic motion.

The pendulum has an amplitude of 6.0 cm, and an angular frequency of $\frac{4}{3}\pi$.

- a) Calculate the displacement of the pendulum after 10 s.
- b) Calculate the speed of the pendulum after 20 s.

- a) The pendulum's displacement is

$$x = A \cos \omega t$$

$$x = 6.0 \times 10^{-2} \times \cos \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi \times 10 \right)$$

$$x = 0.045 \text{ m}$$

- b) The pendulum's speed at a given time is

$$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

To get this equation in terms of the displacement equation for displacement

$$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2} \cos^2 \omega t$$

$$v = \pm \frac{4}{3}\pi \sqrt{(6.0 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times (1 - \cos^2 \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi \times 20 \right))}$$

$$v = 0.25 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$



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QUESTIONS

Setting off

1. A particle, moving with simple harmonic motion, has a maximum speed of 1.1 m s^{-1} and an amplitude of 1.5 mm .
 - a) State the minimum speed of the particle, and where this occurs.
 - b) Calculate the angular speed of the particle.
2. An atom moves with simple harmonic motion in an electric field. When the atom has a displacement of 220 nm , the acceleration of the atom is $4.0 \times 10^{14} \text{ m s}^{-2}$.
 - a) Calculate the linear frequency of the atom.
 - b) The maximum acceleration of the atom is $4.0 \times 10^{14} \text{ m s}^{-2}$. Calculate the amplitude of the atom's motion.

Speeding up

3. A particle moves with simple harmonic motion with an amplitude of 6.20 mm and a period of 15.2 ms . Calculate the time after it is initially displaced that its displacement is 3.10 mm .
4. When a particle has a displacement of -3.55 cm , its velocity is 5.67 m s^{-1} and its acceleration is -1.25 m s^{-2} . Calculate the amplitude of the particle's motion.

Top speed

5. A particle oscillates with a linear frequency of 98.1 Hz and an amplitude of 2.35 mm . Calculate the time after the particle is at maximum displacement at which its acceleration is 1.25 m s^{-2} .
6. A particle moves with simple harmonic motion. The particle's motion has a period of 1.2 s and an amplitude of $22.1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Calculate the time at which the velocity of the particle is 1.28 mm s^{-1} .

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13. SIMPLE HARMONIC SYSTEMS AND OSCILLATIONS

13: OSCILLATIONS

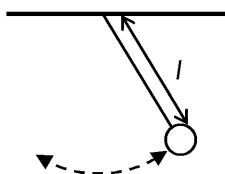
BACKGROUND

For a mass-spring system undergoing simple harmonic motion,



$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

For a simple pendulum,



$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

When a simple harmonic system is damped, energy is dissipated.

A periodic force can be exerted on a simple harmonic system to change the amplitude. This force is called a driving force.

If the driving force is at a specific frequency, called the natural frequency, the amplitude of oscillations greatly increases. The natural frequency of a system is a frequency at which a system oscillates naturally.

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Example 1

A particle on a spring oscillates with simple harmonic motion.

The spring constant of the spring is 4.0 N m^{-1} and the linear frequency of the particle is 0.50 Hz .

Calculate the mass of the particle.

The period of the particle's oscillation is

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Instead of the particle's period, we have its linear frequency

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{0.5} = 2.0 \text{ s}$$

Rearranging the equation above

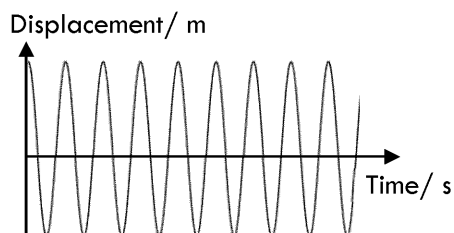
$$m = \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^2 \times k$$

$$m = \left(\frac{2.0}{2\pi} \right)^2 \times 4.0$$

$$m = 0.41 \text{ kg}$$

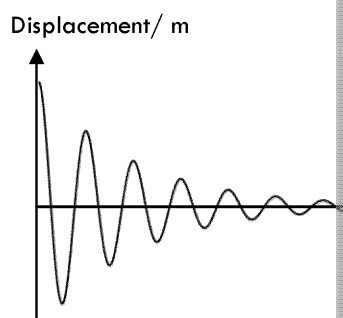
Example 2

The graph below shows the displacement of a particle undergoing simple harmonic motion.

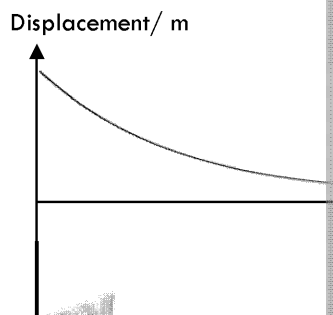


Damping is added to the particle. Sketch graphs showing the effect on the displacement of the particle for light, heavy and critical damping.

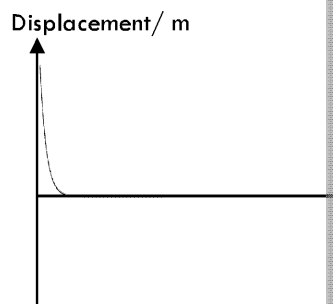
For a system with **light damping**, the particle will oscillate for several periods, with the oscillations decreasing:



For **heavy damping**, the system does not oscillate; instead slowly returns to its equilibrium position:



For a **critically damped** system, there is no oscillation, which returns to its equilibrium position, where it then stays:



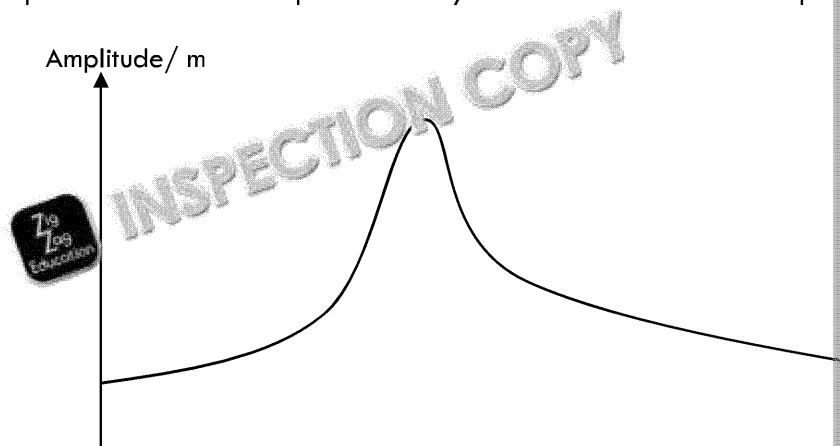
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QUESTIONS

Setting off

- Draw displacement–time graphs for a system which has been:
 - lightly damped
 - heavily damped
 - critically damped
 Suggest an application for each type of damping.
- The graph below shows the amplitude of a systems oscillation with the frequency



Draw what the graph would look like if the system were damped.

Speeding up

- A pendulum has a frequency of 2.33 Hz.
Calculate the length of the pendulum.
- A force of 0.261 N is used to extend a particle on a spring by 0.994 mm.
The particle is released, and the spring oscillates with an angular speed of 8.4
Calculate the mass of the particle.
- Two iron balls oscillate with the same frequency.
One ball is on the end of a 3.64 m pendulum, and the other is attached to a spring.
Both the balls have masses of 1.98 kg.
Calculate the spring constant of the spring.

Top speed

- By considering the motion of a pendulum, derive the equation for the period of oscillation.
- By considering the energy of a mass–spring system undergoing simple harmonic motion, derive the equation for the velocity of a simple harmonic oscillator.

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EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS

- 1 **Figure 1** shows a track that a ball bearing follows.
The ball bearing is released from point **A**, travels to point **B**, which is the lowest point of the track. At point **C**, the ball bearing leaves the track and travels through the air.

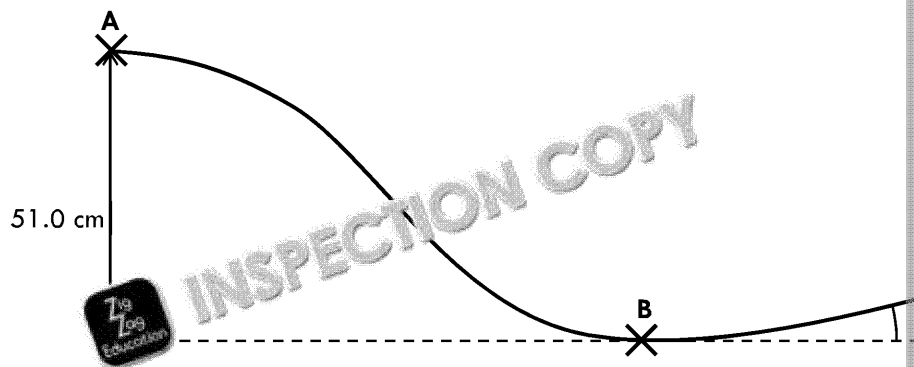


Figure 1

- 1.1 Sketch a velocity-time graph of the horizontal component of the ball bearing's motion from point **A** to point **C**.
- 1.2 Show the speed of the ball bearing at point **C** is 2.30 m s^{-1} .
- 1.3 Calculate the horizontal and vertical components of the ball bearing's velocity at point **C**.
- 1.4 Calculate the horizontal distance from point **C** that the ball bearing lands.

- 2 At a fair, two bumper cars, A and B, collide.
The total mass of bumper car A and its passengers is 215 kg .
- 2.1 Before the collision, bumper car A is accelerated from rest by a force of 1.2 kN .
Calculate the momentum of bumper car A after being accelerated.
 - 2.2 After being accelerated, bumper car A collides with bumper car B, which is moving in the same direction at 1.41 m s^{-1} .
After the collision, car A rebounds in the opposite direction at 0.333 m s^{-1} .
Calculate the mass of bumper car B and its passengers.
 - 2.3 Explain how the safety features such as cushioned bumpers in the bumper cars make the passengers safe.



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- 3 A spring is extended by adding masses to the end. The data shown in Figure 2

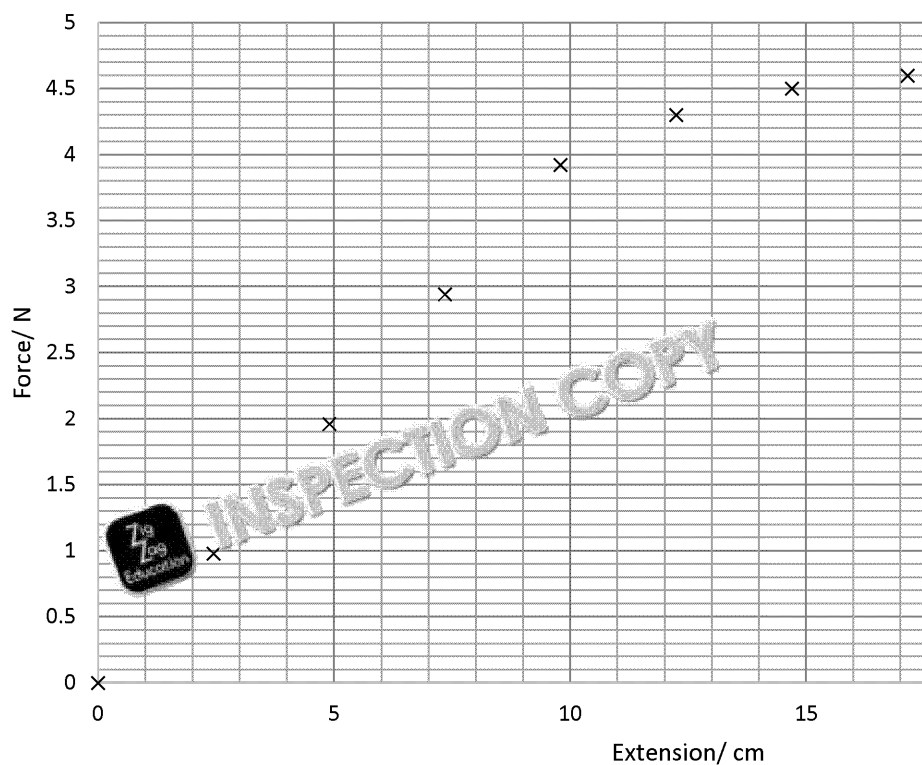


Figure 2

- 3.1 Describe how the data shown in **Figure 2** could be collected.
- 3.2 Explain the shape of the graph shown in **Figure 2**.
- 3.3 Calculate the spring constant of the spring.
- 3.4 A motor has a power rating of 0.432 W and pulls on the spring for 3.0 s. The spring extends by 8.71 cm. Calculate the efficiency of the motor.

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- 4 **Figure 3** shows a roller-coaster cart. The section of track the cart is on is inclined at an angle of 40.3° and makes an arc of a circle with a radius of 21.0 m.

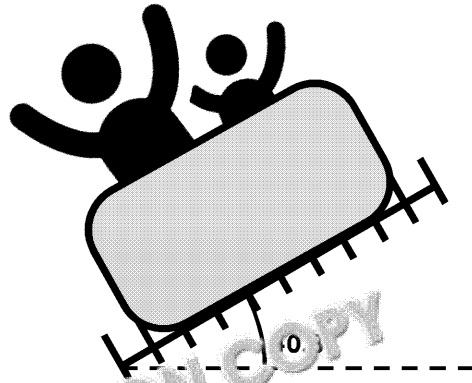


Figure 3

- 4.1 Compute the resultant force on a passenger in **Figure 3** by adding the forces experienced by a passenger in the cart.
- 4.2 The roller coaster is designed so that a passenger with a mass up to 150 kg can sit comfortably at all on the section of the track shown in **Figure 3**.
Calculate the minimum speed the roller-coaster cart must travel around the section of track to be possible.
- 4.3 The force provided by the engine for a given velocity is given by
$$F = 5.51v^2$$

Calculate the power provided by the engine as it travels around the section of track shown in **Figure 3**.

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APPENDIX – GCSE MECHANICS REFRESHER

If you studied GCSE Physics, you'll probably be familiar with some aspects of mechanics. You will come across some of the forces in this pack, such as gravity, tension or friction, and how they combine in different ways. You'll probably have learnt about the different quantities of displacement, velocity and acceleration. You may have also learnt about momentum and energy, and how both are conserved.

The next few pages are a quick summary of what you may have already come across in memory and consolidate your knowledge before moving on to the more difficult topics. If you are not feeling confident, you should first go slowly through this appendix and spend time building a foundation of knowledge and understanding before building on these topics with the more challenging problems.

SCALARS AND VECTORS

Measurements can either be **scalars** or **vectors**.

Scalars have magnitude (or size), but not direction.

Vectors have both magnitude and direction.

| Scalars | Vectors |
|-------------|--------------|
| Distance | Displacement |
| Speed | Velocity |
| Mass | Acceleration |
| Temperature | Force |
| Time | |

Imagine two forces pushing on a ball – one 2 N and the other 3 N. This is simple enough, but what if the forces were acting in different directions?



In this case, the forces add up to a net force of 1 N! This is why giving a direction is important. Here, we would say the forces are + 2 N and – 3 N, giving a total force of – 1 N. The negative sign means the force is acting to the left – usually positive is to the right.

MOTION

An object's motion can be described in terms of its displacement, velocity and acceleration.

Displacement is how far an object is from a specific point.

Velocity is how quickly an object moves – its rate of change of displacement.

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

Acceleration is how quickly an object's velocity changes – the rate of change of velocity.

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

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FORCES

A force is something that causes an acceleration, changing an object's motion or object's speed or direction.

Since forces are vectors, they can add and balance, cancelling out to zero.

Forces are measured in newtons, given the symbol N.

Some common forces are:

Weight

The force caused by gravity – the attraction between different masses.
On Earth, an object with a mass m experiences weight W due to the attraction of Earth of

$$W = mg$$

where g is the gravitational field strength of Earth, $g = 9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$

Tension



A force in a rigid object caused by pulling on the object

Friction

A force which resists the motion of an object

Normal reaction force

A force at right angles to a surface, which is equal to and opposite to the weight of a force making contact with the surface

NEWTON'S LAWS

Newton's laws describe forces and their effects on matter.

Newton's first law

An object at rest or travelling at constant velocity will not accelerate or decelerate.

An arrow fired from a bow only accelerates while the bow string exerts a force on the arrow.

When the arrow leaves the bow, and no force acts on it, the arrow continues to travel at the same speed it was before.

The arrow will only slow down due to another force acting in the opposite direction, such as air resistance, or when it hits a target – the target exerts a normal contact force on the arrow, bringing it to a stop.

Newton's second law

A force exerted on an object produces an acceleration which is proportional to the force.

$$\text{Force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

A space shuttle's engines exert a force, accelerating the rocket. A space shuttle with half the mass with rockets that can exert the same force would accelerate twice as fast.

For a space shuttle with a mass of 2000 kg accelerating at 5 m s^{-2} , the force provided by the rockets is

$$\text{Force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration} = 2000 \times 5 = 10\,000 \text{ N}$$

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Newton's third law

Any force on an object causes the object to exert a force of the same type and in the opposite direction.

An apple falls to Earth because Earth exerts an attractive force on the apple.

Earth is also pulled up towards the apple, with a force equal to the weight of the apple.

When the apple reaches the ground, it stops accelerating because the normal contact force the apple exerts on the ground is balanced by the normal contact force the ground exerts on the apple.



MOMENTS

A lever or crowbar can transfer a force over a distance, turning a linear force into a rotational force. A moment is given by

$$\text{moment} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}$$

A crowbar is 2 m long. A force of 4 N is applied to one end of the crowbar.

The moment on the other end of the crowbar is

$$\text{moment} = \text{force} \times \text{distance} = 4 \times 2 = \mathbf{8 \text{ N m}}$$



MOMENTUM

All moving objects have momentum.

$$\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$$

Momentum is always conserved in any interaction.

A 60 kg cannon fires a 5 kg cannonball at 12 m s⁻¹.

The momentum of the cannonball is
 $\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity} = 5 \times 12 = 60 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$

Because momentum is conserved, the cannon must have a momentum of -60 kg m s⁻¹.

The velocity of the cannon is

$$\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{mass}} = \frac{-60}{60} = \mathbf{-1 \text{ m s}^{-1}}.$$

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ENERGY

Energy is a property which gives an object the ability to do work or exert a force.

Energy is always conserved, so the total energy in a closed system stays the same, but it can be transferred from one store to another.

Some common forms of energy are:

Kinetic energy The store of energy in an object because of its motion.
The kinetic energy stored by an object is given by

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}^2$$

Gravitational potential energy The energy an object stores because of its position in a gravitational field.
In a uniform gravitational field, the gravitational potential energy stored by an object is given by



$$\text{gravitational potential energy} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{height}$$

Thermal energy The energy an object stores due to the vibration of its molecules.

Electrical energy The energy transferred by an electric current.

Elastic potential energy The energy stored by an object because of being stretched or compressed.
This is the energy stored between particles being stretched or compressed together.

Chemical energy The energy stored by a material due to its chemical properties, which can be released via chemical reactions.

These are just some of the forms that energy can be stored or transferred as.

EFFICIENCY

Even though energy is always conserved, energy can dissipate, or be wasted. This is when the energy has been converted into non-useful forms.

The efficiency of a process is a measure of how much energy is transferred into useful forms.

The efficiency of a process is given by

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output energy}}{\text{total input energy}} \times 100 \%$$

A light bulb transfers 40 J of energy per second.

8 J of energy is wasted as heat by the light bulb.

This means that 32 J of the energy is used usefully.

The efficiency of the light bulb is

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output energy}}{\text{total input energy}} \times 100 \% = \frac{32}{40} \times 100 \% = 80 \%$$

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POWER

Power is the rate at which energy is transferred by a process.

Power is given by

$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$$

A kettle has a power rating of 350 W and takes 2 minutes to boil.

The energy used by the kettle is given by

$$\text{energy transferred} = \text{power} \times \text{time} = 350 \times 120 = 42\,000 \text{ J} (= 42 \text{ kJ})$$

MATERIALS

The strength of a material can be described in terms of the amount of distortion that it can withstand on that object.

The force required to extend or compress an object by a certain amount is given by

$$\text{force} = \text{spring constant} \times \text{change in length}$$

The elastic potential energy stored in an object due to a force is given by

$$\text{elastic potential energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{change in length})^2$$

A spring has a spring constant of 15 N m⁻¹ and is extended by 4.0 cm.

The force exerted on the spring is given by

$$\text{force} = \text{spring constant} \times \text{change in length} = 15 \times 0.040 = 0.60 \text{ N}$$

The energy stored in the spring is given by

$$\text{elastic potential energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{change in length})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times (0.040)^2 = 0.012 \text{ J}$$

CIRCULAR MOTION

For an object to travel in a circle, a force must act perpendicular to the object's direction of travel towards the centre of its circular path.

An object travelling in a circle is always accelerating towards the centre of its path, even if its speed is constant.

As Earth travels around the Sun, it is attracted by gravity.

Earth has a constant speed around the Sun, but the Sun's gravity causes Earth to accelerate towards the Sun.

This causes Earth to travel in a circle, with the Sun at the centre.

(In reality Earth travels in an ellipse, a sort of stretched out circle. This is because its velocity changes as it travels round the Sun.)

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GCSE POP QUIZ


1. State whether the following quantities are scalars or vectors:

- Distance
- Velocity
- Weight
- Temperature
- Tension
- Brightness

2. Three forces act on a trolley, as shown below.



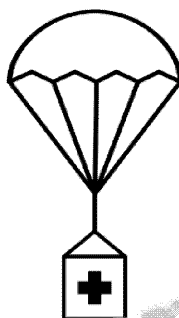
Calculate the resultant force on the object, and state its direction.

3.  A sea otter floats 80 m in 140 s.
Calculate the sea otter's speed.

4. A bike is initially travelling at 1.0 m s^{-1} and accelerates at 0.60 m s^{-2} .
How much time does it take the bike to reach 5.0 m s^{-1} ?



5. Label each of the forces acting on the parachute and its package below.



6. On Earth, an object has a weight of 34 N. On Jupiter, the same object has a weight of 136 N.
Calculate the gravitational field strength on Jupiter.
Use $g_{\text{Earth}} = 9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$.

7. Explain the following situations, with reference to Newton's laws:

- A ball rolling down a slope until it hits a wall, when it stops.
- A boat's engine causes the boat to go faster, until it reaches a certain speed.

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8. A 13 N force pushes a 2.0 kg stone, producing an acceleration of 6.2 m s^{-2} .
Calculate the resistive forces acting on the stone.
9. A lever is pulled with a force of 29 N, producing a moment of 11 N m.
Calculate the distance between the force and the lever's pivot.
10. A 55 kg student throws a 0.40 kg ball away at a speed of 3.2 m s^{-1} .
Describe what happens to the student's motion. Include any relevant numbers, where appropriate.
11. A ball is thrown directly up at a speed of 5.4 m s^{-1} .
Calculate the maximum height reached by the ball.
Use $g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
12. A battery powered motor uses 7.1 J of energy, and 6.8 J of that energy is used to do work.
 - a) Describe the changes in energy occurring in the motor.
 - b) Calculate the efficiency of the motor.
13. A light bulb has a power rating of 40 W.
How much energy does the light bulb use in one hour?
14. A spring with a stiffness of 67 N m^{-1} is compressed by 8.1 cm.
 - a) Calculate the force exerted on the spring.
 - b) Calculate the energy stored in the spring.

ANSWERS

1. VECTORS

Setting off

$$1. \quad v = \sqrt{v_{\text{bike}}^2 + v_{\text{wind}}^2}$$

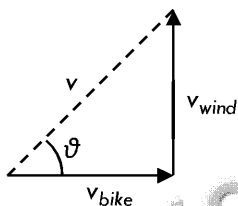
$$v = \sqrt{6.5^2 + 3.2^2}$$

$$v = 7.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{\text{wind}}}{v_{\text{bike}}}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{3.2}{6.5}$$

$$\vartheta = 26^\circ$$



$$2. \quad v_x = v \cos \vartheta$$

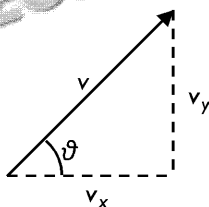
$$v_x = 54 \times \cos 12$$

$$v_x = 53 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v_y = v \sin \vartheta$$

$$v_y = 54 \times \sin 12$$

$$v_y = 11 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$



Speeding up

$$3. \quad \text{a) } v = \sqrt{v_{\text{belt}}^2 + v_{\text{ball}}^2}$$

$$v_{\text{ball}} = \sqrt{v^2 - v_{\text{belt}}^2}$$

$$v_{\text{ball}} = \sqrt{5.21^2 - 4.30^2}$$

$$v_{\text{ball}} = 2.94(2) \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

b) Using answer from part a):

$$\tan \vartheta = \frac{v_{\text{ball}}}{v_{\text{belt}}}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{\text{ball}}}{v_{\text{belt}}}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{2.942}{4.30}$$

$$\vartheta = 34.4^\circ$$

Without using answer from part b):

$$\cos \vartheta = \frac{v_{\text{belt}}}{v}$$

$$\vartheta = \cos^{-1} \frac{v_{\text{belt}}}{v}$$

$$\vartheta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4.30}{5.21}$$

$$\vartheta = 34.4^\circ$$

$$4. \quad s = s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + \dots$$

$$s_x = -3 + 8 - 15 + 2$$

$$s_x = -8 \text{ squares}$$

$$s_y = 9 + 11 - 4 - 1$$

$$s_y = 15 \text{ squares}$$

$$s = \sqrt{s_x^2 + s_y^2}$$

$$s = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + 15^2}$$

$$s = 17 \text{ squares}$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \frac{s_x}{s_y}$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \frac{-8}{15}$$

$$\vartheta' = -28.1^\circ, \text{ or}$$

$$\vartheta = 332^\circ \text{ from direction}$$

Top speed

$$5. \quad \text{Forces balance so}$$

$$\text{and } T_y = W$$

$$F = T \sin \vartheta$$

$$W = T \cos \vartheta$$

$$\frac{T \sin \vartheta}{T \cos \vartheta} = \tan \vartheta$$

$$\tan \vartheta = \frac{F}{W}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{3.89}{4.11}$$

$$\vartheta = 43.4^\circ$$

$$6. \quad F_{A,x} = F_A \cos \vartheta$$

$$F_{A,x} = 243 \times \cos 61$$

$$F_{A,x} = 117.8 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{A,y} = F_A \sin \vartheta$$

$$F_{A,y} = 243 \times \sin 61$$

$$F_{A,y} = 212.5 \text{ N}$$

$$F_x = F_{A,x} + F_B$$

$$F_x = 117.8 - 182$$

$$F_x = -64.2 \text{ N}$$

$$F_y = F_{A,y} + F_C$$

$$F_y = 212.5 - 322$$

$$F_y = -109.5 \text{ N}$$

$$F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2}$$

$$F = \sqrt{(-64.2)^2 + (-109.5)^2}$$

$$F = 127 \text{ N}$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \frac{F_y}{F_x}$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \frac{-109.5}{-64.2}$$

$$\vartheta' = 59.6^\circ \text{ from direction}$$

$$\vartheta = 210^\circ \text{ from direction}$$

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7. 32.0° from horizontal is
 $180-90-32.0=58.0^\circ$ from vertical
 Angle of tension from vertical is
 $58+13.1=71.1^\circ$

$$F_x = F \sin \theta$$

$$F_x = 91.0 \times \sin 71.1$$

$$F_x = 86.1 \text{ N}$$

$$F_y = F \cos \theta$$

$$F_y = 91.0 \times \cos 71.1$$

$$F_y = 29.5 \text{ N}$$

2. LINEAR AND PROJECTILE MOTION

Setting off

1. $v = u + at$

$$a = \frac{v-u}{t}$$

$$a = \frac{3.2-1.4}{12}$$

$$a = -0.9 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

2. $s = \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)t$

$$v = \frac{2s}{t} - u$$

$$v = \frac{2 \times 210}{45} - 3.7$$

$$v = 5.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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

$$u = \sqrt{v^2 - 2as}$$

$$u = \sqrt{6.1^2 - 2 \times 9.81 \times 1.6}$$

$$u = 2.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Speeding up

4. $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$\frac{1}{2}at^2 + ut - s = 0$$

$$4.5t^2 + 11t - 88 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$t = \frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{11^2 - 4 \times 4.5 \times (-88)}}{2 \times 4.5}$$

$$t = 3.4 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ or } t = -5.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Can't have negative time, so

$$t = 3.4 \text{ s}$$

5. Time of flight from

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}at^2 + ut - s = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \times gt^2 + 10.4 \sin \theta$$

$$-4.905t^2 + 4.412t$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$t = \frac{-4.412 \pm \sqrt{4.412^2 - 4 \times (-4.905) \times 10.4 \sin \theta}}{2 \times (-4.905)}$$

$$t = -0.3195 \text{ s or } t = 1.9195 \text{ s}$$

Distance from hor

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta s = v \Delta t$$

$$\Delta s = 10.4 \cos 25.7$$

$$\Delta s = 11.5 \text{ m}$$

Top speed

6. Horizontally

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$t = \frac{\Delta s}{v}$$

$$t = \frac{31.5}{15.5 \cos \theta}$$

Vertically

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$s = 0$$

$$u + \frac{1}{2}at = 0$$

$$15.5 \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \times 3.7$$

$$15.5 \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \times 3.7$$

$$15.5 \sin \theta = \frac{58.43}{15.5 \cos \theta}$$

$$\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{58.43}{15.5^2}$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 0.4864$$

$$2\theta = \sin^{-1} 0.4864$$

$$\theta = 14.6^\circ$$

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7.

Police, P

$$v_p = \text{wanted}$$

$$u_p = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$a_p = 5.15 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

Motorbike, M

$$u_M = 29.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$a_M = 0.314 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$t_M = t_p + 1.08$$

$$s = u_M t_M + \frac{1}{2} a_M t_M^2$$

$$s = u_p t_p + \frac{1}{2} a_p t_p^2 = \frac{1}{2} a_p (t_M - 1.08)^2 = \frac{1}{2} a_p (t_M^2 - 2.16 t_M + 1.166)$$

$$u_M t_M + \frac{1}{2} a_M t_M^2 = \frac{1}{2} a_p (t_M^2 - 2.16 t_M + 1.166)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} a_M - \frac{1}{2} a_p\right) t_M^2 + (1.08 a_p + u_M) t_M - 5.083 a_p = 0$$

$$-2.418 t_M^2 + 35.06 t_M - 3.003 = 0$$

Using the quadratic formula or otherwise

$$t_M = 14.41 \text{ s}$$

Only interested in the value greater than 1.08

$$v_p = u_p + a_p (t_M - 1.08) = a_p (t_M - 1.08)$$

$$v_p = 5.15 \times (14.41 - 1.08)$$

$$v_p = 68.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

3. MOTION AND GRAPHS

Setting off

1. a) Average velocity = $\frac{\text{final displacement} - \text{initial displacement}}{\text{time}}$

$$\text{Average velocity} = \frac{72 - 10}{10 \times 60}$$

$$\text{Average velocity} = 0.10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (or } 6.2 \text{ m minute}^{-1}\text{)}$$

b) Velocity = gradient at point = $\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{82 - 23}{(8 - 6) \times 60}$$

$$\text{Velocity} = 0.49 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ (or } 30 \text{ m minute}^{-1}\text{)}$$

2. Change in velocity = area under acceleration–time graph

$$\text{Area of a trapezium} = \frac{1}{2} (a + b) h$$

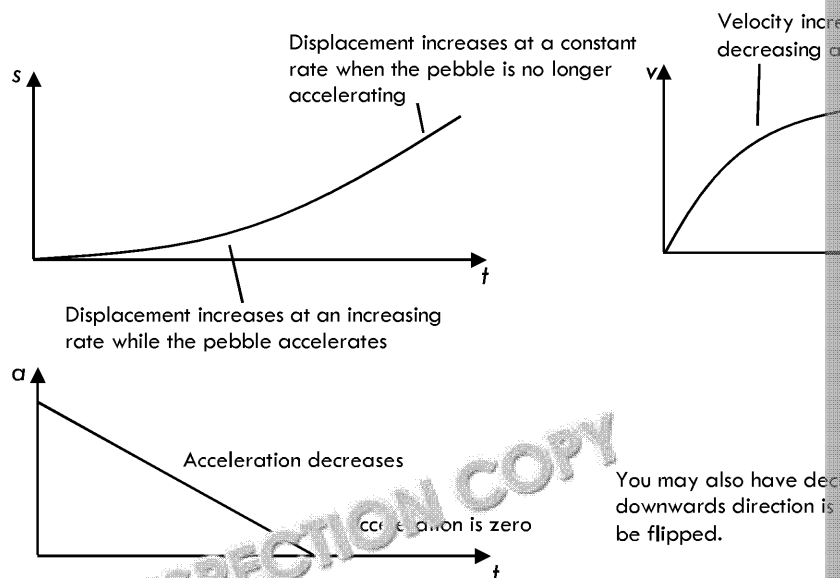
$$\text{Change in velocity} = \frac{1}{2} \times (30 + 6) \times 0.8$$

$$\text{Change in velocity} = 14.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

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3.



Speeding up

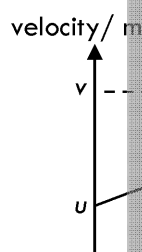
4. a) Displacement, s , is given by the area under a displacement–time graph.

The area of a trapezium is given by

$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$$

so

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$



- b) Inserting $v=u+at$ into $s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+u+at)t$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(2u+at)t$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

Rearrange $v=u+at$ for t

$$t = \frac{v-u}{a}$$

And substitute this into $s=ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$$s = \frac{u(v-u)}{a} + \frac{a(v-u)^2}{2a^2}$$

$$s = \frac{uv - u^2 + \frac{1}{2}v^2 - uv + \frac{1}{2}u^2}{a}$$

$$sa = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - \frac{1}{2}u^2$$

$$2sa = v^2 - u^2$$

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

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5. a) acceleration = gradient of tangent at point = $\frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{30-40}{44-0}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = -0.23 \text{ m s}^{-2} \text{ (accept range -0.20 to -0.26 m s}^{-2}\text{)}$$

b) displacement = area below curve

This is not as easy as previous examples – the easiest method is to count squares

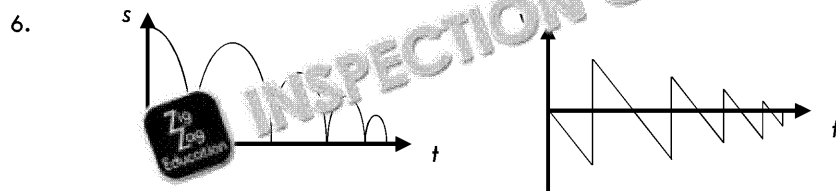
There are around 370 squares below the graph

Each square is 2 s across and 2 m s⁻¹ up – an equivalent of 4 m travelled

Area = number of squares × value of each square

$$\text{Displacement} = 370 \times 4$$

$$\text{Displacement} = 1480 \text{ m}$$



7. To draw the velocity–time graph, we need: velocity after first period of acceleration;
acceleration; time taken during second period of acceleration

After first period of acceleration:

$$v = u + at = v_1 = 6 + 0.8 \times 12$$

$$v_1 = 15.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

After second period of acceleration:

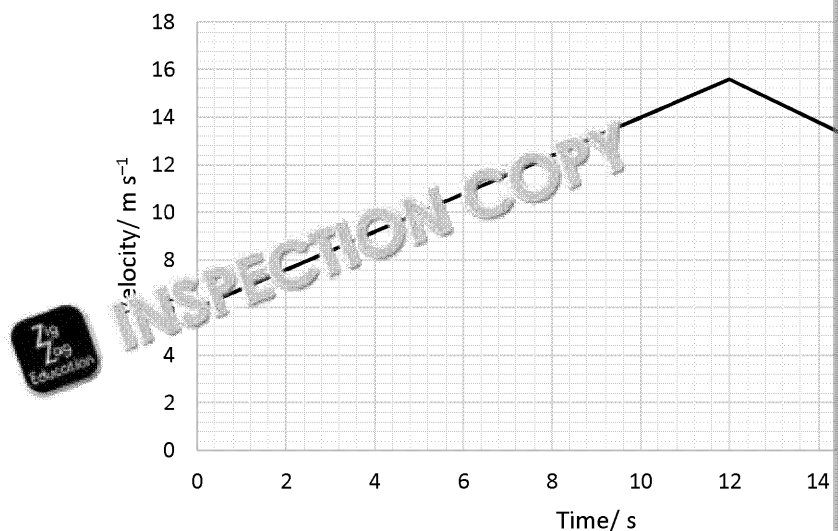
$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$v = \sqrt{u^2 + 2as} = v_2 = \sqrt{15.6^2 + 2 \times 0.9 \times 60}$$

$$v_2 = 17.6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$t = \frac{(v-u)}{a} = \frac{17.6-15.6}{0.9}$$

$$t_2 = 2.22 \text{ s}$$



Total displacement = 60 m + area under first section

$$\text{Total displacement} = 60 + \frac{1}{2} \times (6 + 15.6) \times 12$$

$$\text{Total displacement} = 190 \text{ m}$$

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8. $a = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{t}$

v = gradient of tangent at point

$$v_1 = \frac{150}{3.8 - 1.9} = 78.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{-200}{8.5 - 7.4} = -95.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$a = \frac{-95.2 - 78.9}{5}$$

$$a = -17.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

4. NEWTON'S LAWS AND FORCES

Setting off

1. a) $F = ma$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{6.1}{10}$$

$$a = 0.61$$

b) Toy car carries on travelling at same speed, as resultant force = 0, so no acceleration

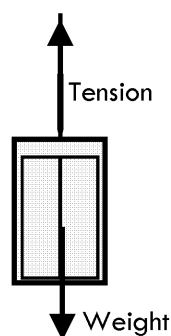
2. a) The gravitational pull on Earth by the student.

b) A tension in the post of 30 N in the opposite direction.

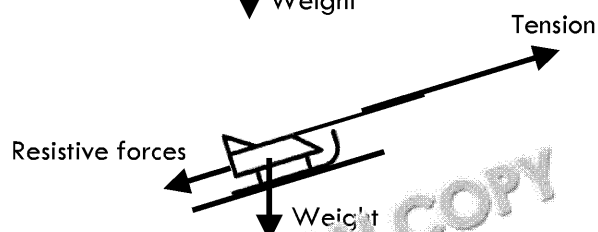
c) Upthrust is due to the difference in pressure on the pineapple, so the corresponding pineapple on the surrounding water.

Speeding up

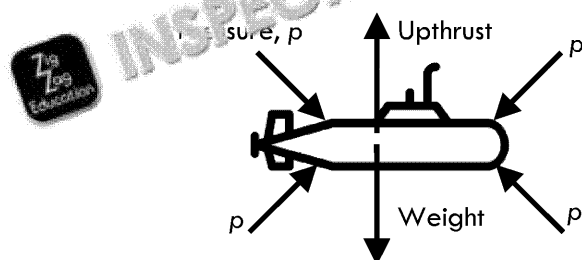
3. a)



b)



c)



You may also include the pressure acting outwards, balancing the pressure inwards

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4. $F=ma$

$$m = \frac{F}{a} = \frac{F_{\text{engine}} - F_{\text{friction}} - F_{\text{air}}}{a}$$

$$m = \frac{62 \times 10^3 - 58 \times 10^3 - 1.4 \times 10^3}{-4.4}$$

$$m = 2300 \text{ kg}$$

Top speed

5. The weight of the rock acting downhill is

$$W_g = mg \sin \vartheta = 390 \times 9.81 \times \sin 11$$

$$W_g = 730 \text{ N}$$

$$F=ma$$

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{F_{\text{pull}} - W_g - F_{\text{friction}}}{m}$$

$$a = \frac{8300 - 730 - 1200}{m}$$

$$a = 16 \text{ m/s}^2$$

6. Both sheets of paper have the same mass, and so the same weight.

In a vacuum, both would accelerate to the ground at the same rate, and land at the same time. However, the crumpled sheet of paper has a lower effective surface area than the flat sheet, so it has less air resistance. This has an effect on the crumpled sheet.

The air resistance on both sheets increases with velocity.

As the air resistance is consistently higher for the crumpled sheet, it accelerates more slowly.

Eventually, both sheets of paper reach terminal velocity and travel at constant speed.

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5. MOMENTS

Setting off

- moment of couple = force \times distance
moment of couple = 24×5.6
moment of couple = 134 N m
Centre of rotation is halfway between forces
i.e. $2.2 + \frac{5.6}{2} = 5.0$ m from the left end OR
 $5.1 + \frac{5.6}{2} = 7.9$ m from the right end

- On Lucie's side of the see-saw

$$\text{moment}_L = m_L g \times d_L$$

$$\text{moment}_L = 50 \times 9.81 \times 1.1$$

$$\text{moment}_L = 540 \text{ N m}$$

To balance the moments must be equal to the moment on Elvira's side of the see-saw

$$\text{moment}_L = \text{moment}_E$$

$$\text{moment}_E = m_E g \times d_E$$

$$d_E = \frac{\text{moment}_E}{m_E g}$$

$$d_E = \frac{540}{65 \times 9.81}$$

$$d_E = 0.85 \text{ m}$$

Speeding up

- $M_{\text{total}} d_{\text{CoM}} = m_1 d_1 + m_2 d_2 + m_3 d_3 + \dots + m_n d_n$

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{m_1 d_1 + m_2 d_2 + m_3 d_3 + \dots + m_n d_n}{m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \dots + m_n}$$

The centre of mass of the sheet on its own is 5.5 cm from the left and 2.5 cm from the bottom (at the centre of the sheet).

(All distances quoted as from left edge to right and from bottom edge up.)

Left to right

$$d_{\text{CoM-x}} = \frac{12 \times 1 + 25 \times 2 + 22 \times 4 + 18 \times 6 + 32 \times 9 + 11 \times 9 + 45 \times 5.5}{12 + 25 + 22 + 18 + 32 + 11 + 45}$$

$$d_{\text{CoM-x}} = 5.4 \text{ cm from left}$$

(taking distances from right gives 5.6 cm)

Bottom to top

$$d_{\text{CoM-y}} = \frac{12 \times 4 + 25 \times 2 + 22 \times 1 + 18 \times 3 + 32 \times 1 + 11 \times 1 + 45 \times 2.5}{12 + 25 + 22 + 18 + 32 + 11 + 45}$$

$$d_{\text{CoM-y}} = 2.4 \text{ cm from bottom}$$

(taking distances from top gives 2.4 cm)

- Centre of mass of right of A, 0.95 m

The mass sits 0.30 m

Around A

$$F_B d_{A-B} = W_{\text{plank}} d_{A-\text{CoM}}$$

$$F_B = \frac{W_{\text{plank}} d_{A-\text{CoM}} + W_{\text{mass}} d_{A-\text{mass}}}{d_{A-B}}$$

$$F_B = \frac{8.10 \times 9.81 \times 0.45 + 1.2 \times 9.81 \times 0.95}{1.2}$$

$$F_B = 34.6 \text{ N}$$

Around B

$$F_A d_{A-B} = W_{\text{plank}} d_{B-\text{CoM}} + W_{\text{mass}} d_{B-\text{mass}}$$

$$F_A = \frac{W_{\text{plank}} d_{B-\text{CoM}} + W_{\text{mass}} d_{B-\text{mass}}}{d_{A-B}}$$

$$F_A = \frac{8.10 \times 9.81 \times 0.95 + 1.2 \times 9.81 \times 0.30}{1.2}$$

$$F_A = 87.1 \text{ N}$$

- moment of couple

Need F and d to find moment

$$\text{moment} = F \sin \theta \times d$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{moment}}{Fd}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{\text{moment}}{Fd}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{67.0}{3.50 \times 47.1}$$

$$\theta = 24.0^\circ$$

Top speed

- $m_{\text{rod}} = V_{\text{rod}} \times \rho_{\text{rod}}$

$$m_{\text{rod}} = \pi \times 2.4^2 \times 8000 \times 0.5$$

$$m_{\text{rod}} = 11600 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{block}} = V_{\text{block}} \rho_{\text{block}}$$

$$m_{\text{block}} = 11 \times 15 \times 200$$

$$m_{\text{block}} = 27400 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{sphere}} = V_{\text{sphere}} \rho_{\text{sphere}}$$

$$m_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \times 5.2^3 \times 1000$$

$$m_{\text{sphere}} = 4360 \text{ g}$$

$$m_{\text{total}} d_{\text{CoM}} = m_{\text{rod}} d_{\text{rod}} + m_{\text{block}} d_{\text{block}} + m_{\text{sphere}} d_{\text{sphere}}$$

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{m_{\text{rod}} d_{\text{rod}} + m_{\text{block}} d_{\text{block}} + m_{\text{sphere}} d_{\text{sphere}}}{m_{\text{rod}} + m_{\text{block}} + m_{\text{sphere}}}$$

(all distances are from the left edge)

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = \frac{11600 \times 40.4 + 27400 \times 20.0 + 4360 \times 10.0}{11600 + 27400 + 4360}$$

$$d_{\text{CoM}} = 25 \text{ cm from left edge}$$

- $\text{moment}_{\text{clockwise}} = \text{moment}_{\text{anticlockwise}}$

$$T \sin 77.1^\circ \times 62.1 \times 0.5 = 5.12 \times 9.81 \times \cos 24.0^\circ \times 0.5$$

$$T = \frac{5.12 \times 9.81 \times \cos 24.0^\circ}{\sin 77.1^\circ}$$

$$T = 27.4 \text{ N}$$

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6. DOING WORK

Setting off

1. $W = Fd$

$$\text{Tension} - \text{resistive forces} = \frac{W}{d}$$

$$\text{Tension} = \frac{W}{d} + \text{resistive forces}$$

$$\text{Tension} = \frac{930}{2.8} + 120$$

$$\text{Tension} = 450 \text{ N}$$

2. $P = Fv$

$$P = \text{output power} = \text{input power} \times \text{efficiency}$$

$$\text{output power} = 52 \times 10^3 \times 0.85$$

$$\text{output power} = 44.2 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$$

$$v = \frac{\text{output power}}{F}$$

$$v = \frac{44.2 \times 10^3}{3.6 \times 10^3}$$

$$v = 12 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Speeding up

3. $W = Fd \cos \vartheta$

$$d = \frac{W}{F \cos \vartheta}$$

$$d = \frac{0.668}{3.02 \times \cos 5.11}$$

$$d = 0.22 \text{ m}$$

4. $P = Fv$

$$\text{input power} \times \text{efficiency} = (F_{\text{resist}} - mg \sin \vartheta) v$$

$$F_{\text{resist}} - \frac{\text{input power} \times \text{efficiency}}{v} = mg \sin \vartheta$$

$$\vartheta = \sin^{-1} \left(\left(F_{\text{resist}} - \frac{\text{input power} \times \text{efficiency}}{v} \right) \div mg \right)$$

$$\vartheta = \sin^{-1} \left(\left(48.1 \times 10^3 - \frac{111 \times 10^3 \times 0.538}{44} \right) \div (9450 \times 9.81) \right)$$

$$\vartheta = 30.3^\circ$$

Top speed

5. $W = Fd$

$$W = (mg \sin \vartheta - F_{\text{resist}}) \times \frac{h}{\sin \vartheta}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} (mg \sin \vartheta - F_{\text{resist}}) \times \frac{h}{\sin \vartheta}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{43.3} (3.3 \times 9.81 \times \sin 18.0 - 84.2) \times \frac{3.55}{\sin 18.0}}$$

$$v = 5.00 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

6. $P = Fv$

$$P = (F_{\text{wind}} \cos(\vartheta' - \vartheta) - mg \sin \vartheta) v$$

$$v = \frac{P}{(F_{\text{wind}} \cos(\vartheta' - \vartheta) + mg \sin \vartheta)}$$

$$t = \frac{s}{v} = \frac{h \cos \vartheta}{v}$$

$$t = \frac{h \cos \vartheta \times (F_{\text{wind}} \cos(\vartheta' - \vartheta) + mg \sin \vartheta)}{P}$$

$$t = \frac{10 \times 10^2 \times \cos 11.6 \times (10 \times 10^2 \times \cos 11.6 + 10 \times 9.81 \times \sin 11.6)}{1000}$$

$$t = 346 \text{ s}$$

7. ENERGY AND POWER

Setting off

1. $\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy}}{\text{total energy input}}$

$$\text{total energy input} = \frac{\text{useful energy}}{\text{efficiency}}$$

For the LED bulb

$$\text{total energy input} = \frac{10 \text{ J}}{0.1}$$

$$\text{total energy input} = 100 \text{ J}$$

For the traditional bulb

$$\text{total energy input} = \frac{10 \text{ J}}{0.05}$$

$$\text{total energy input} = 200 \text{ J}$$

Difference in power

Difference in power = 100 W

2. Gain in kinetic energy = potential energy

$$E_{k, \text{bottom}} - E_{k, \text{top}} = \Delta E_p$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m (v_{\text{bottom}}^2 - v_{\text{top}}^2) = mgh$$

$$v_{\text{bottom}} = \sqrt{2gh + v_{\text{top}}^2}$$

$$v_{\text{bottom}} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 1.5 + 0}$$

$$v_{\text{bottom}} = 5.42 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Speeding up

3. Loss in gravitational energy = gain in kinetic energy

$$\text{efficiency} \times m_{\text{boulder}} gh = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{rock}} v^2$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} m_{\text{rock}} v^2}{\text{efficiency} \times m_{\text{boulder}} g}$$

$$h_2 = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 172 \times 7.14^2}{0.062 \times 263 \times 9.81}$$

$$h_2 = 27.4 \text{ m}$$

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4. Gain in kinetic energy = energy provided by engine

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = Pt \times \text{efficiency}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2Pt}{m} \times \text{efficiency}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 4.13 \times 10^3 \times 164}{919} \times 0.551}$$

$$v = 28.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Top speed

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\Delta E_p + W}{E_{\text{motor}}}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{mgh + Fd}{E_{\text{motor}}}$$

$$d = \sqrt{0.22^2 + 0.84^2}$$

$$d = 0.868 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{3 \times 9.81 \times 0.22 + 0.55 \times 0.868}{0.94}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = 54\%$$

$$E_{\text{hammer}} = 0.93 E_{\text{spring}}$$

$$E_{\text{ball}} = 0.82 (E_{\text{hammer}} - \Delta mgh)$$

$$E_{\text{hammer}} = 0.93 \times \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = 0.93 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 12 \times 0.061^2$$

$$E_{\text{hammer}} = 0.0208 \text{ J}$$

$$E_{\text{ball}} = 0.82 \times (0.0208 - 0.034 \times 9.81 \times 0.023)$$

$$E_{\text{ball}} = 0.0108 \text{ J}$$

$$E_{\text{ball}} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2E_{\text{ball}}}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 0.0108}{0.0093}}$$

$$v = 1.52 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output energy}}{\text{total input energy}}$$

$$\text{input} = \text{kinetic energy of wind}$$

$$\text{input} = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$m = \text{wind rate} \times \text{time} \times \pi r^2 = 8.75 \times 60.0 \times \pi \times 35.4^2 = 2.067 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$$

$$v = \text{wind rate} \div \text{density} = 8.75 \div 1.225 = 7.143 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{input} = \frac{1}{2} \times 2.067 \times 10^6 \times 7.143^2$$

$$\text{input} = 52.73 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{useful output energy}$$

$$= \text{input} - \text{heat} - \text{kinetic energy of air}$$

$$\text{heat} = 52.73 \times 10^6 - 9.491 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

Mass leaving the wind turbine is the same as the mass entering the turbine

$$v = 5.59 \div 1.225 = 4.563 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times 2.067 \times 10^6 \times 4.563^2$$

$$\text{kinetic energy} = 21.52 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{useful output energy} = (52.73 - 21.52 - 9.491) \times 10^6 = 21.72 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{efficiency} = \frac{21.72 \times 10^6}{52.73 \times 10^6} = 0.412 \text{ or } 41.2\%$$

8. DENSITY AND

Setting off

$$1. \quad \rho = \frac{m}{V}$$

$$V = \frac{m}{\rho}$$

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{m}{\rho}$$

$$r = \left(\frac{3 \times m}{4 \pi \rho} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left(\frac{3 \times 0.03288}{4 \pi \times 1360} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$r = 0.03288 \text{ m}$$

$$p = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$F = pA$$

$$mg - F_{\text{up}} = pA$$

$$m = \frac{pA + F_{\text{up}}}{g} = \frac{1360 \times 0.001 + 0.0221}{9.81}$$

$$m = 0.0221 \text{ kg}$$

$$3. \quad \text{upthrust} = \text{weight}$$

$$V = \frac{\text{upthrust}}{\rho g}$$

$$A = \frac{\text{upthrust}}{\rho g}$$

$$l = \frac{\text{upthrust}}{\rho g A} = \frac{1360 \times 0.001}{1360 \times 0.001 \times 0.001}$$

$$l = 0.971 \text{ m}$$

Speeding up

$$4. \quad \text{Floating, so}$$

$$mg = \text{upthrust}$$

$$V_{\text{total}} \rho_{\text{balsam}} g = V_{\text{sub}} \rho_{\text{water}} g$$

$$wl \rho_{\text{balsam}} = w_{\text{sub}} \rho_{\text{water}}$$

$$x = \frac{h \rho_{\text{balsam}}}{\rho_{\text{water}}} = \frac{0.01 \times 1200}{1000}$$

$$x = 0.114 \text{ m}$$

$$5. \quad F_{\text{drag}} = \text{upthrust}$$

$$6 \pi \eta r v = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 \rho_s g$$

$$\eta = \frac{2 r^2 \rho_s g}{9 v} = \frac{2 \times 0.001^2 \times 1200 \times 9.81}{9 \times 0.001}$$

$$\eta = 0.794 \text{ Pa s}$$

Top speed

$$6. \quad ma = mg - \text{upthrust}$$

$$(\rho_s = \text{density of sphere})$$

$$V_c = \text{volume of cylinder}$$

$$\rho_s (V_s - V_c) a = \rho_s V_s g$$

$$\rho_s (V_s - V_c) (g - a)$$

$$\rho_s = \frac{\rho_m V_s g}{(V_s - V_c) (g - a)}$$

$$\rho_s = \frac{656 \times 2}{(2.04^3 - 0.883^3) \times (9.81 - 0.5)}$$

$$\rho_s = 718 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

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$$7. \quad p = \frac{F_{\text{total}}}{A}$$

$$A = \frac{F_{\text{total}}}{p} = \frac{\rho g l A + F}{p}$$

$$\pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2 = \frac{\rho g l (\pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2) + F}{p}$$

$$p \pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - p \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2 = \rho g l \pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - \rho g l \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2 + F$$

$$p \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2 - \rho g l \pi r_{\text{inner}}^2 = p \pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - \rho g l \pi r_{\text{outer}}^2 - F$$

$$r_{\text{inner}}^2 \pi (p - \rho g l) = r_{\text{outer}}^2 \pi (p - \rho g l) - F$$

$$r_{\text{inner}} = \sqrt{\frac{r_{\text{outer}}^2 \pi (p - \rho g l) - F}{\pi (p - \rho g l)}}$$

$$r_{\text{inner}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4.10 \times 10^{-2})^2 \times \pi \times (4.26 \times 10^3 - 11300 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-4}) - 1.5}{\pi \times (4.26 \times 10^3 - 11300 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-4})}}$$

$$r_{\text{inner}} = 0.0426 \text{ m}$$

9. MATERIALS

Setting off

$$1. \quad F = k \Delta L$$

$$\Delta L = \frac{F}{k} = \frac{23.1}{405}$$

$$\Delta L = 0.0570 \text{ m}$$

$$2. \quad \text{Young modulus} = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} = \frac{\text{stress} \times L}{\Delta L}$$

$$\text{stress} = \frac{\text{Young modulus} \times \Delta L}{L} = \frac{2.38 \times 10^9 \times (38.3 \times 10^{-2} - 38.1 \times 10^{-2})}{38.1 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$\text{stress} = 1.25 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$$

Speeding up

$$3. \quad \text{a) Work done} = \text{area under graph}$$

By counting squares, or otherwise:

355 squares

$$1 \text{ square} = 0.2 \text{ N} \times 1 \text{ mm} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{Work done} = 355 \times 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{Work done} = 0.071 \text{ J}$$

$$\text{b) Stiffness, } k = \frac{F}{\Delta L} = \text{gradient} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

By considering the linear portion of the graph and taking measurements:

$$k = \frac{4.2}{8.0 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$k = 530 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

$$4. \quad \text{Young modulus} = \frac{F L}{\Delta L A}$$

$$F = \frac{\text{Young modulus} \times \Delta L}{L} = \frac{1380 \times 10^9 \times \pi \times (4.14 \times 10^{-9})^2 \times 0.02 \times 10^{-2}}{8.00 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$F = 1.86 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$

Top speed

$$5. \quad \text{a) Young modulus}$$

Need to determine

$$k \text{ N mm}^{-2} = \frac{F}{A}$$

Young modulus

Young modulus

$$\text{b) strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

from graph, slope

$$L = \frac{\Delta L}{\text{strain}} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^{-2}}{0.09}$$

$$L = 0.31 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{c) stress} = \frac{F}{A}$$

from graph, slope

$$A = \frac{F}{\text{stress}} = \frac{8.4 \times 10^{-2}}{1.2 \times 10^7}$$

$$A = 7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$$

$$6. \quad \text{Young modulus} = \frac{F L}{\Delta L A}$$

$$F = k \Delta L$$

$$k = \frac{F}{\Delta L}$$

$$\text{Young modulus} = \frac{F L}{\Delta L A}$$

$$k = \frac{\text{Young modulus} \times A}{L}$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$c = 2 \pi r$$

$$A = \frac{c^2}{4 \pi} = \frac{(0.888 \times 10^{-2})^2}{4 \pi}$$

$$A = 6.275 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2$$

$$k = \frac{\text{Young modulus} \times A}{L}$$

$$k = 4.77 \times 10^4 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

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10. MOMENTUM

Setting off

1. $p = mv$

$$p_{\text{boat}} = 4.5 \times 0.068$$

$$p_{\text{boat}} = 0.306 \text{ g m s}^{-1}$$

momentum conserved so $p_{\text{boat}} = p_{\text{boat+penny}}$

$$p = (m_{\text{boat}} + m_{\text{penny}})v$$

$$v = \frac{p}{m_{\text{boat}} + m_{\text{penny}}}$$

$$v = \frac{0.306}{4.5 + 2.5}$$

$$v = 0.044 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

2. $F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$

$$\Delta v = \frac{F \Delta t}{m}$$

$$\Delta v = \frac{64.2}{20.3 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$\Delta v = 427 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Speeding up

3. $m_1 v_1 = m_2 v_2$

$$m_2 = 31.5 - 0.280 \times 60 = 14.7 \text{ kg}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{m_1 v_1}{m_2}$$

$$v_2 = \frac{31.5 \times 4.00}{14.7}$$

$$v_2 = 8.57 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

4. a) Initially

$$p = m_A u_A + m_B u_B$$

$$p = 0.236 \times 2.10 - 0.318 \times 2.30$$

$$p = -0.2358 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$$

After

$$p = m_A v_A + m_B v_B$$

$$v_B = \frac{p - m_A v_A}{m_B}$$

$$v_B = \frac{-0.2358 - 0.236 \times 0.810}{-0.318}$$

$$v_B = -0.140 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Answer is negative so ball B travels 0.140 m s^{-1} after the collision

b) In an inelastic collision kinetic energy before collision \neq kinetic energy after collision

$$E_{\text{before}} = \frac{1}{2} m_A u_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B u_B^2$$

$$E_{\text{before}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.236 \times 2.10^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.318 \times 2.30^2$$

$$E_{\text{before}} = 1.36 \text{ J}$$

$$E_{\text{after}} = \frac{1}{2} m_A v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_B v_B^2$$

$$E_{\text{after}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.236 \times 0.810^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.318 \times 0.140^2$$

$$E_{\text{after}} = 0.0805 \text{ J}$$

$E_{\text{before}} \neq E_{\text{after}}$ so collision is inelastic

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Top speed

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

$u = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a = g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $s = 1.25 \text{ m}$

$v_1 = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 1.25}$

$v_1 = -4.952 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$v = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $a = g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$, $s = 1.08 \text{ m}$

$v_2 = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 1.08}$

$v_2 = 4.603 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}$

$F = \frac{0.0585 \times (4.603 + 4.952)}{0.0680}$

$F = 8.22 \text{ N}$

6. Before

Horizontally

$p_x = m_A u_{A,x} + m_B u_{B,x}$

$p_x = 19.2 \times 0.881 \cos 60.0 + 17.4 \times 0.625$

$p_x = 19.33 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$

Vertically

$p_y = m_A u_{A,y}$

$p_y = 19.2 \times 0.881 \sin 60.0$

$p_y = 14.65 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$

After

Horizontally

$v_{B,x} = \frac{p - m_A v_{A,x}}{m_B}$

$v_{B,x} = \frac{19.33 - 19.2 \times 0.790 \cos 28.0}{17.4}$

$v_{B,x} = 0.3412 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Vertically

$v_{B,y} = \frac{p_y - m_A v_{A,y}}{m_B}$

$v_{B,y} = \frac{14.65 - 19.2 \times 0.790 \sin 28.0}{17.4}$

$v_{B,y} = 0.4327 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$v_B = \sqrt{v_{B,x}^2 + v_{B,y}^2}$

$v_B = \sqrt{0.3412^2 + 0.4327^2}$

$v_B = 0.551 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{B,y}}{v_{B,x}}$

$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.4327}{0.3412}$

$\theta = 51.7^\circ$

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

$v = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, $s = 55 \text{ m}$, $a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{-6630}{1870 + 2350} = -1.571 \text{ m s}^{-2}$

$u = \sqrt{2 \times 1.571 \times 3.55}$

$u = 3.340 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

$p_{\text{before}} = p_{\text{after}}$

$v_B = \frac{(m_A + m_B)u}{m_B}$

$v_B = 7.54 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

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11. CIRCULAR MOTION

Setting off

1. a) $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$
 $T = \frac{60}{45} = \frac{4}{3}$
 $\omega = 2\pi \times \frac{3}{4}$
 $\omega = 4.7 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ (4.71 to 3 significant figures)

b) $v = \omega r$
 $v = 4.71 \times 0.18$
 $v = 0.85 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

2. $a = \omega^2 r$
 $a = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 r = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$
 $T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r}{a}}$
 $T = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times \pi^2 \times 5.5}{3 \times 9.81}} = 2.72 \text{ s}$
 $\text{number of rotations} = \frac{18}{2.72}$
 $\text{number of rotations} = 6.6 \text{ rotations}$

Speeding up

3. Centripetal force provided by the component of the normal force towards the centre of

$$F_{\text{centripetal}} = N \sin \vartheta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

The vertical component of the normal force balances the car's weight

$$mg = N \cos \vartheta$$

$$\frac{N \sin \vartheta}{N \cos \vartheta} = \tan \vartheta = \frac{mv^2}{rmg}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v^2}{rg}$$

$$v = 88.5 \times 10^3 \div (60 \times 60) = 24.58 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\vartheta = \tan^{-1} \frac{24.58^2}{78.3 \times 9.81}$$

$$\vartheta = 38.2^\circ$$

4. $m_{\text{Europa}} \omega^2 r = \frac{G m_{\text{Jupiter}} m_{\text{Europa}}}{r^2}$

$$\frac{4\pi^2}{T^2} = \frac{G m_{\text{Jupiter}}}{r^3}$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{G m_{\text{Jupiter}}}}$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 \times (671 \times 10^6)^3}{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 1.90 \times 10^{27}}}$$

$$t = 307\,000 \text{ s} (= 85.2 \text{ hours})$$

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Top speed

5. $v = v_{\text{centripetal}} + v_{\text{water}}$

$$F_{\text{centripetal}} = \frac{mv_{\text{centripetal}}^2}{r} = N \sin \theta$$

$$mg = N \cos \theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{\text{centripetal}}^2}{rg}$$

$$v_{\text{centripetal}} = \sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$$

$$P = F_{\text{engine}} v = F_{\text{engine}} (v_{\text{water}} + \sqrt{rg \tan \theta})$$

$$P = 13.5 \times 10^3 \times (24.5 + \sqrt{23.4 \times 9.81 \times \tan 62.1})$$

$$P = 612 \text{ kW}$$

6. For passenger not to fall out seat

$$mg = \frac{mv_{\text{final}}^2}{r}$$

$$v_{\text{final}} = \sqrt{gr}$$

Gain in gravitational potential energy = loss in kinetic energy

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{\text{final}}^2 - v_{\text{initial}}^2)$$

$$h = 2r$$

$$2gr = \frac{1}{2} (v_{\text{final}}^2 - v_{\text{initial}}^2)$$

$$v_{\text{initial}} = \sqrt{-3gr}$$

$$v_{\text{initial}} = \sqrt{-3 \times -9.81 \times 6.5}$$

$$v_{\text{initial}} = 14 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

12. SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION

Setting off

1. a) The minimum speed for all simple harmonic motion is $v_{\text{min}} = 0 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. This occurs at the

- b) Maximum speed = ωA

$$\omega = \frac{\text{Maximum speed}}{A} = \frac{1.1}{58 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$\omega = 19 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$$

2. a) $a = -\omega^2 x = -(2\pi f)^2 x$

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{a}{4\pi^2 x}} = \sqrt{\frac{310}{4 \times \pi^2 \times 220 \times 10^{-9}}}$$

$$f = 6000 \text{ Hz}$$

- b) Maximum acceleration = $\omega^2 A$

$$A = \frac{\text{Maximum acceleration}}{\omega^2} = \frac{\text{Maximum acceleration}}{(2\pi f)^2} = \frac{410}{310 / (220 \times 10^{-9})}$$

$$A = 2.7 \text{ m}$$

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Speeding up

3. $x = A \cos \omega t$

$$t = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{A} = \frac{1}{15.2} \cos^{-1} \frac{4.00 \times 10^{-3}}{6.20 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$t = 3.28 \text{ s}$

4. $v = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$

$$A = \pm \sqrt{\frac{v^2}{\omega^2} + x^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5.67^2}{3.55 \times 10^{-2}} + (-3.55 \times 10^{-2})^2}$$

$A = \pm 0.326 \text{ m}$

Top speed

5. $a = -\omega^2 x$

$x = A \cos \omega t$

$a = -\omega^2 x$

$$t = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{-\omega^2 A} = \frac{1}{2\pi f} \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{-(2\pi f)^2 A} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 98.1} \times \cos^{-1} \frac{50.0}{-(2\pi \times 98.1)^2 \times 281 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$t = 0.0334 \text{ s}$

6. $v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$

$x = A \cos \omega t$

$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{A^2 - A^2 \cos^2 \omega t}$

$$\cos^2 \omega t = 1 - \frac{v^2}{\omega^2 A^2}$$

$$\cos \omega t = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{\omega^2 A^2}}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{\omega^2 A^2}} = \frac{T}{2\pi} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2 T^2}{4\pi^2 A^2}} = \frac{0.0359}{2\pi} \cos^{-1} \sqrt{1 - \frac{(1.28 \times 10^{-3})^2 \times 0.0359^2}{4\pi^2 (22.1 \times 10^{-6})^2}}$$

$t = 0.110 \text{ s}$

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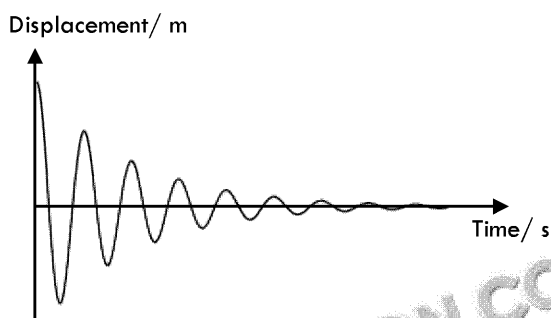
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13. SIMPLE HARMONIC SYSTEMS AND DAMPING

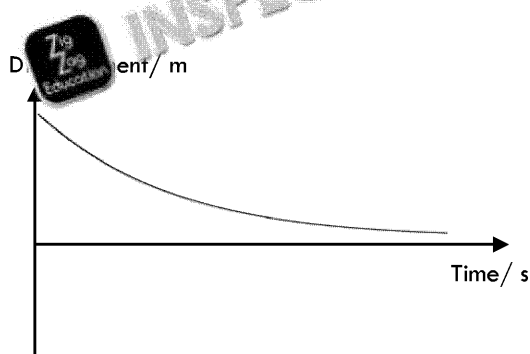
Setting off

1. a)



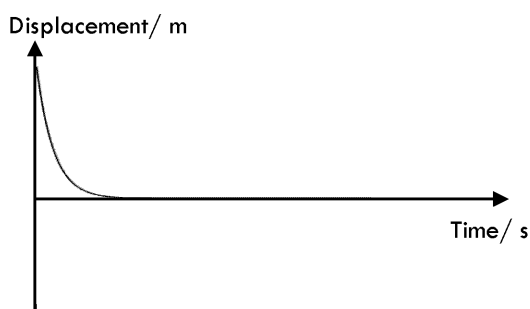
Application: church bell, baby's cot, bungee cord – any application which requires a slow return to equilibrium.

b)



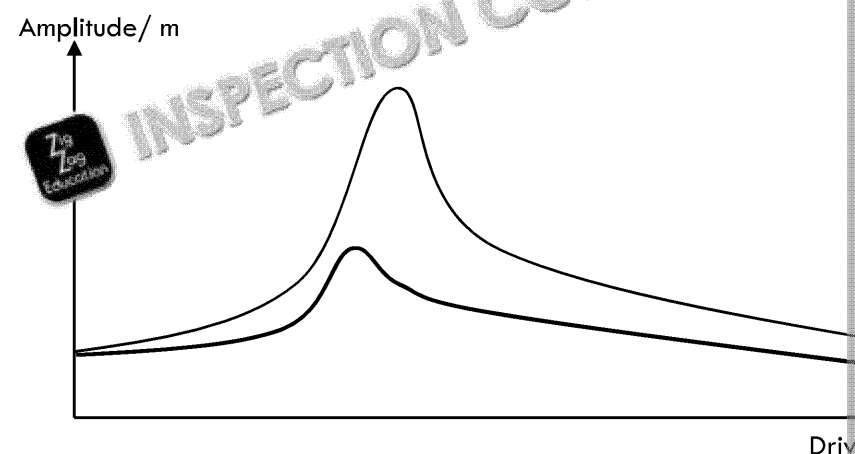
Application: stop a heavy door slamming, safety mats, slow automatic shut-off valve – any application which is used to try to slow down and reduce the amount of oscillation.

c)



Application: car suspension, speedometer needle, recoil absorption in guns, computer mouse – any application that requires a fast reaction and no oscillation afterwards.

2.



Amplitude of oscillation reduced at all frequencies. Resonant frequency (peak) occurs at the same frequency.

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Speeding up

$$3. \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$l = g \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^2 = 9.81 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\pi \times 2.33} \right)^2$$

$$l = 0.0458 \text{ m}$$

$$4. \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$F = kx$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{F/x}}$$

$$m = \frac{F}{\omega^2} = \frac{0.261}{0.994 \times 10^{-3}} \times \frac{1}{8.42^2}$$

$$m = 3.70 \text{ kg}$$

$$5. \quad 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

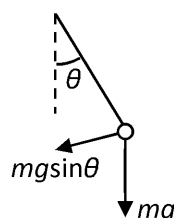
$$\frac{l}{g} = \frac{m}{k}$$

$$k = \frac{mg}{l} = \frac{1.98 \times 9.81}{3.64}$$

$$k = 5.34 \text{ N m}^{-1}$$

Top speed

6. First consider the restoring force on the pendulum due to gravity:



$$\text{So } F = mg \sin \vartheta$$

$$\text{For } \vartheta < 10^\circ, \sin \vartheta \sim \vartheta$$

so

$$F = mg\vartheta$$

Compare this to the displacement of the pendulum from its equilibrium position:



$$x = l \tan \vartheta$$

$$\text{For } \vartheta < 10^\circ, \tan \vartheta \sim \vartheta$$

so

$$x = l\vartheta \rightarrow \vartheta = \frac{x}{l}$$

so

$$F = mg \frac{x}{l}$$

Comparing this to $F = ma$

$$ma = -mg \frac{x}{l} \rightarrow a = -\frac{g}{l} x$$

This is the form of the defining equation of simple harmonic motion.

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$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

so

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{l}$$

$$\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 = \frac{g}{l}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

7. For simple harmonic motion:

total energy = kinetic energy + potential energy

For mass m and spring constant k :

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\text{potential energy} = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

At maximum amplitude total energy = potential energy

$$\text{total energy} = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$

Total energy is constant, so this applies at all points of the system's motion

$$\frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{k}{m}(A^2 - x^2)$$

$$v = \pm \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \text{ so } \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$

$$v = \pm 2\pi f \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$$

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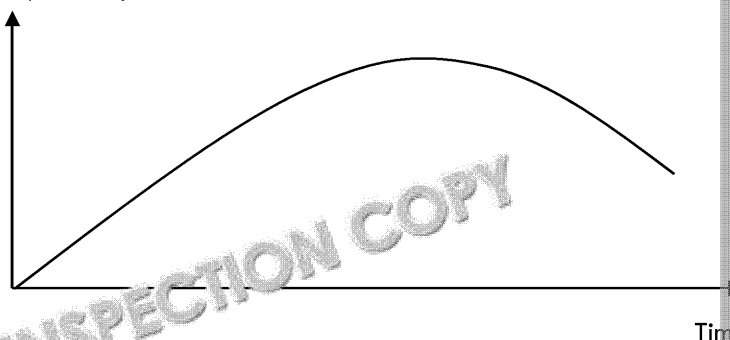
EXAM-STYLE QUESTIONS

Question 1

1.1

Axes labelled correctly (units are not required)
Increases from zero to a maximum
Decreases from maximum to a positive value
As below:

(Horizontal) velocity



1.2

Loss of gravitational potential energy = gain in kinetic energy

$$mg\Delta h = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$v = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times (0.510 - 0.240)}$$

$$(v = 2.30 \text{ m s}^{-1})$$

1.3

Vertically

$$v_v = 2.30 \sin 32.3$$

$$v_v = 1.23 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$(v_v = 1.229 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ to 4 significant figures})$$

Horizontally

$$v_h = 2.30 \cos 32.3$$

$$v_h = 1.94 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$(v_h = 1.944 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ to 4 significant figures})$$

1.4

To top of parabola

$$v = u + at$$

$$0 = u$$

$$t = \frac{0 - 1.229}{-9.81}$$

$$t = 0.1253 \text{ s}$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$s = 1.229 \times 0.1253 + \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times 0.1253^2$$

$$s = 0.07698 \text{ m}$$

To ground

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a}}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (0.24 + 0.07698)}{9.81}}$$

$$t = 0.2542 \text{ s}$$

$$v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta s = 1.944 \times (0.2542 + 0.1253)$$

$$\Delta s = 0.738 \text{ m}$$

Total

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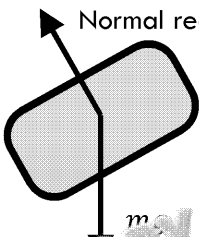


| Question 2 | |
|------------|---|
| 2.1 | $\Delta mv = F\Delta t$ $\Delta mv = 163 \times 1.84$ $\Delta mv = 300 \text{ kg m s}^{-1}$ (299.9 kg m s ⁻¹ to 4 significant figures) |
| 2.2 | momentum before = momentum after $p_{A \text{ before}} + m_B v_{B \text{ before}} = m_A v_{A \text{ after}} + m_B v_{B \text{ after}}$ $m_B = \frac{m_A v_{A \text{ after}} - p_{A \text{ before}}}{v_{B \text{ before}} - v_{B \text{ after}}}$ $m_B = \frac{-215 \times 0.333 - 299.9}{-1.41 - 0.536}$ $m_B = 191 \text{ kg}$ |
| 2.3 | Safety features extend time over which momentum is changed Decreases the force experienced by passengers $F = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$ |
| Total | |

| Question 3 | |
|------------|--|
| 3.1 | Clamp the spring in place Measure initial length Hang masses from end of spring in regular increments (e.g. 100 g) Measure length of spring (Repeat for each mass added) |
| 3.2 | For linear section, Hooke's law is obeyed After limit of proportionality Bonds between atoms weaken/break and atoms can be more easily separated |
| 3.3 | Spring constant $k = \text{gradient} \left(= \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)$ e.g. $k = \frac{5.0}{12.5 \times 10^{-2}}$ $k = 40 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ (Accept 35 to 45 N m ⁻¹) |
| 3.4 | $E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e^2$ $E_e = \frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 0.0871^2$ $E_e = 0.1517 \text{ J}$ $E_{in} = Pt$ $E_{in} = 0.432 \times 3.00$ $E_{in} = 1.296 \text{ J}$ $\text{efficiency} = \frac{E_e}{E_{in}}$ $\text{efficiency} = \frac{0.1517}{1.296}$ $\text{efficiency} = 0.117$ (or efficiency = 11.7 %) |
| Total | |

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| Question 4 | |
|------------|--|
| 4.1 | <p>Weight (or mg) labelled vertically downwards Normal reaction force labelled at right angles to track Normal reaction force labelled as $=mg \cos \vartheta$ (Penalise labelling of separate centripetal or centrifugal force) As below:</p>  |
| 4.2 | $\frac{mv^2}{r} = N \cos \vartheta$ $\frac{mv^2}{r} = mg \cos \vartheta \cos \alpha$ $v = \frac{r \cos \alpha}{\cos \vartheta} \sqrt{g \tan \vartheta}$ $v = \frac{21.0 \times \cos 40.3}{\cos 40.3} \sqrt{9.81 \tan 40.3}$ $v = 10.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ <p>($v = 10.95 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ to 4 significant figures)</p> |
| 4.3 | $P = Fv$ $P = 5.51 v^3$ $P = 5.51 \times 10.95^3$ $P = 7230 \text{ W}$ |
| Total | |

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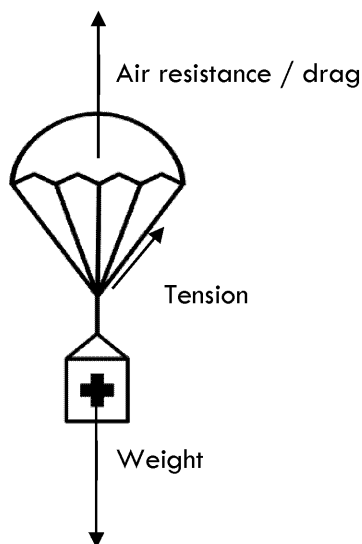
1. a) Scalar
b) Vector
c) Vector
d) Scalar
e) Vector
f) Scalar

2. $F_{\text{resultant}} = 5 + 4 - 3$
 $F_{\text{resultant}} = 6 \text{ N}$
 to the right

3. $v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{80}{140}$
 $v = 0.57 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

4. $a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$
 $\Delta t = \frac{v_2 - v_1}{a} = \frac{5.0 - 1.0}{0.60}$
 $\Delta t = 6.7 \text{ s}$

5.



6. $W = mg$

$$\frac{W_{\text{Jupiter}}}{W_{\text{Earth}}} = \frac{g_{\text{Jupiter}}}{g_{\text{Earth}}}$$

$$g_{\text{Jupiter}} = g_{\text{Earth}} \times \frac{W_{\text{Jupiter}}}{W_{\text{Earth}}} = 9.8 \times \frac{86}{4}$$

$$g_{\text{Jupiter}} = 25 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

7. a) As the car rolls down a hill, the resultant force acts downwards, so the ball accelerates (Newton's second law). When the ball hits the wall, the weight is counteracted by an equal force in the opposite direction (Newton's third law) and the resultant force is zero so the ball is stationary.
 b) The engine causes a resultant force, causing the boat to accelerate (Newton's second law). The acceleration increases with the boat's speed as it exerts more force on the water (Newton's third law). The boat eventually reaches a constant speed when the resultant force is zero (Newton's first law).

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8. $F_{\text{resultant}} = ma$
 $F - F_{\text{resistive}} = ma$
 $F_{\text{resistive}} = F - ma = 13 - 2.0 \times 6.2$
 $F_{\text{resistive}} = 0.6 \text{ N}$
9. $\text{moment} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}$
 $\text{distance} = \frac{\text{moment}}{\text{force}} = \frac{1.1}{29}$
 $\text{distance} = 0.38 \text{ m}$
10. To conserve momentum, the student gains the same momentum as they impart to the ball.
 Their change in velocity is determined using
 $\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$
 $\text{velocity} = \frac{\text{momentum}}{\text{mass}} = \frac{m_{\text{ball}} v_{\text{ball}}}{m_{\text{student}}} = \frac{0.40 \times 1.1}{67}$
 $\text{velocity} = 0.0066 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
11. gain in gravitational potential energy = loss of kinetic energy
 $mgh = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$
 $h = \frac{v^2}{2g} = \frac{5.4^2}{2 \times 9.81}$
 $h = 1.5 \text{ m}$
12. a) Chemical energy (in the battery) is transferred by a current doing work into kinetic energy, and heat energy.
 b) $\text{efficiency} = \frac{\text{useful output energy}}{\text{input energy}} = \frac{6.8}{7.1}$
 $\text{efficiency} = 0.96$
13. $\text{power} = \frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$
 $\text{energy transferred} = \text{power} \times \text{time} = 40 \times 60 \times 60$
 $\text{energy transferred} = 144\,000 \text{ J}$
14. a) $F = ke = 67 \times 0.081$
 $F = 5.4 \text{ N}$
 b) $E_e = \frac{1}{2} ke^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 67 \times 0.081^2$
 $E_e = 0.22 \text{ J}$

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