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**Advanced**

**PAPER 32: Mechanics**

**You must have:**

Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Green), calculator

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- Unless otherwise indicated, whenever a value of  $g$  is required, take  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$  and give your answer to either 2 significant figures or 3 significant figures.

### Information

- A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.
- The total mark for this part of the examination is 50. There are 5 questions.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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1. [In this question, position vectors are given relative to a fixed origin.]

At time  $t$  seconds, where  $t > 0$ , a particle  $P$  has velocity  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  where

$$v = 3t^2\mathbf{i} - 6t^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{j}$$

- (a) Find the speed of  $P$  at time  $t = 2$  seconds. (2)
- (b) Find an expression, in terms of  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ , for the acceleration of  $P$  at time  $t$  seconds, where  $t > 0$  (2)

At time  $t = 4$  seconds, the position vector of  $P$  is  $(\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ .

- (c) Find the position vector of  $P$  at time  $t = 1$  second. (4)

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 3t^2 \\ -6t^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{a) When } t=2: V = \begin{pmatrix} 3(2)^2 \\ -6\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -6\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Speed = mag of velocity

$$= \sqrt{(12)^2 + (-6\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{144 + 36(2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{144 + 72}$$

$$= \sqrt{216} = 14.7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

b) acceleration is the derivative of velocity

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} 6t \\ -3t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 6t\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{t}}\mathbf{j}$$



Question 1 continued

c)  $t = 4$ : position vector =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

Displacement =  $\int (\text{velocity}) dt$

We just integrate each component

Way 1:

$$\text{Displacement} = \begin{pmatrix} \int 3t^2 dt \\ \int -6t^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3t^3}{3} + C_1 \\ -\frac{6t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} + C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} t^3 + C_1 \\ -4t^{\frac{3}{2}} + C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use when  $t = 4$ , position =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ : use this to find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4^3 + C_1 \\ -4(4)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equate components

$$1 = 64 + C_1$$

$$-4 = -4(8) + C_2$$

$$C_1 = -63$$

$$C_2 = 28$$

Sub these back into the displacement

$$\text{so position} = \begin{pmatrix} t^3 - 63 \\ -4t^{\frac{3}{2}} + 28 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Total for Question 1 is 8 marks)



Question 1 continued

sub in  $t=1$ :

$$\text{position} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 63 \\ -4 + 28 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -62 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{-62i + 24j}$$

Way 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Displacement} &= \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 3t^2 dt \\ \int_0^1 -6t^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 63 \\ -28 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Displacement = position at time  $t=1$   
- position at time  $t=0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 63 \\ -28 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

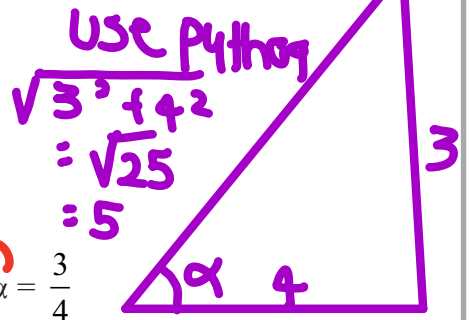
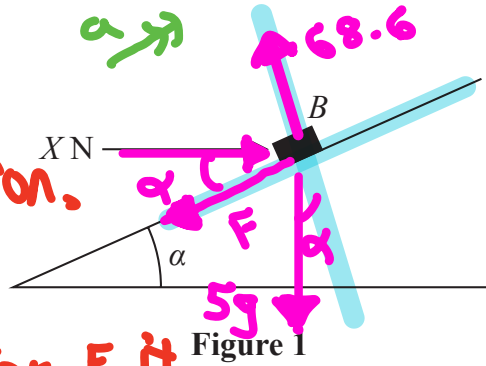
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 63 \\ -28 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -62 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{-62i + 24j}$$

(Total for Question 1 is 8 marks)



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**Note!**  
 Doesn't matter which direction we use for friction. The maths from resolving will tell us if correct. If negative answer for  $F$  it means going opposite to direction chosen



A rough plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle  $\alpha$ , where  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$

A small block  $B$  of mass  $5 \text{ kg}$  is held in equilibrium on the plane by a horizontal force of magnitude  $X$  newtons, as shown in Figure 1.

The force acts in a vertical plane which contains a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane.

The block  $B$  is modelled as a particle.

The magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on  $B$  is  $68.6 \text{ N}$ .

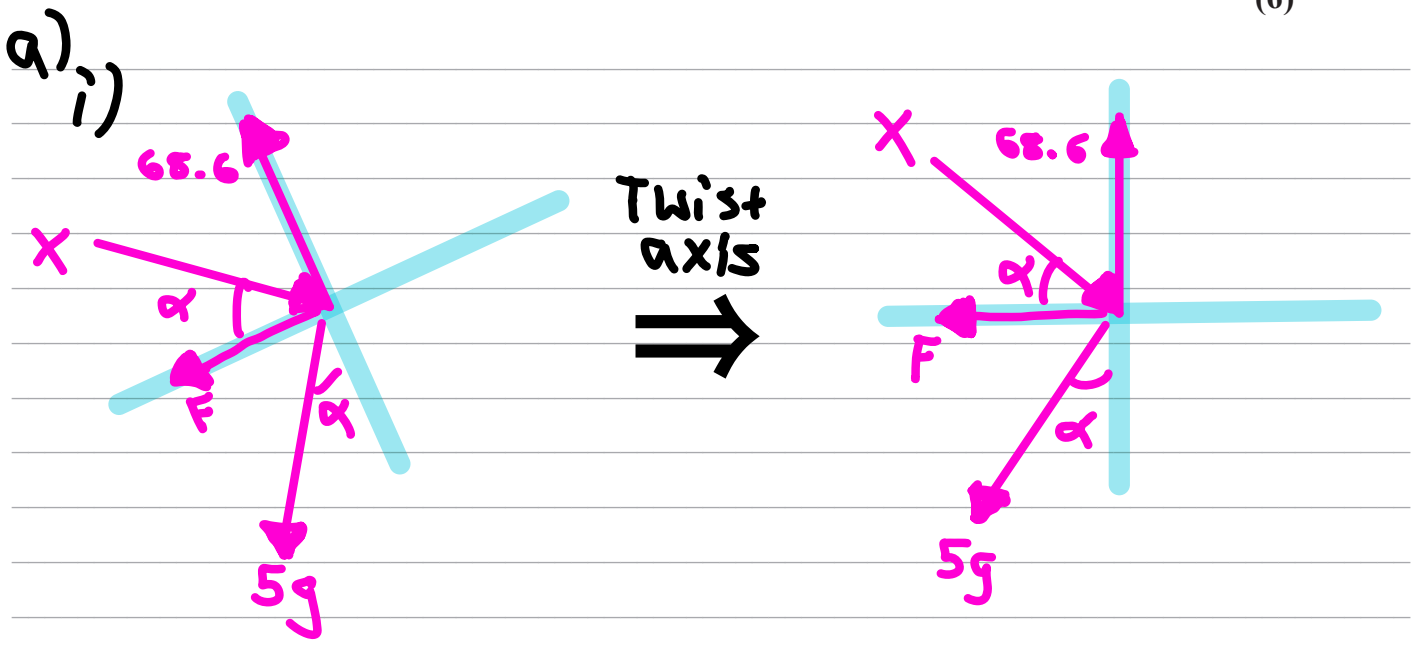
Using the model,

- (a) (i) find the magnitude of the frictional force acting on  $B$ , (3)
- (ii) state the direction of the frictional force acting on  $B$ . (1)

The horizontal force of magnitude  $X$  newtons is now removed and  $B$  moves down the plane.

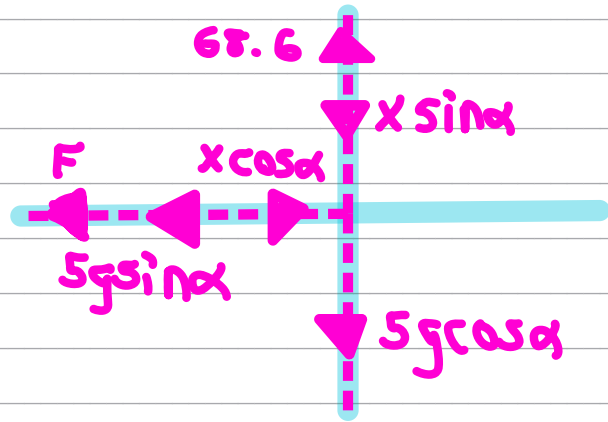
Given that the coefficient of friction between  $B$  and the plane is  $0.5$

- (b) find the acceleration of  $B$  down the plane. (6)



Question 2 continued

resolve diagonal forces into horizontal & vertical components



Let's resolve in the horizontal and vertical directions since we have forces in these directions:

Resolve perpendicular:

↑: Follow the template  $F = ma$

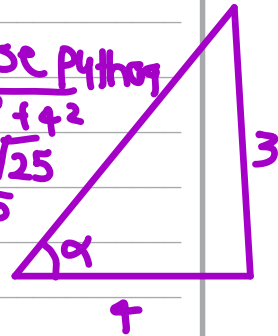
$$R - X \sin \alpha - 5g \cos \alpha = 5(0)$$

given  $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$ :  
Build triangle

$$68.6 - X \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) - 5g \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

no movement in this direction

Use Pythag  
 $\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{25}$   
 $= 5$



$$\frac{3}{5} X = 68.6 - 4g$$

$$\frac{3}{5} X = 29.4$$

$$X = 49 \text{ N}$$

Resolve Parallel:

→: Follow the template  $F = ma$

$$X \cos \alpha - 5g \sin \alpha - F = 5(0)$$

$$X \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) - 5g \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) - F = 0$$

= 0 since in equilibrium

$$4g \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) - 3g - F = 0$$

$$F = -3g + \frac{196}{5} = 9.8 \text{ Magnitude is } 9.8 \text{ N}$$

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Question 2 continued

ii) It acts down the plane (we know this since we chosen down the plane as our positive sense, and our answer for  $F$  was positive which means going in same direction to positive sense chosen.

b) Re-resolve perpendicular & parallel again but this time without the force  $x$

• Perpendicular:  
↑:  $R - 5g \cos \alpha = 5(0)$

$$R = 5g \cos \alpha$$

$$= 5g \left( \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

$$= 4g$$

$$= 39.2 \text{ N}$$

• Parallel: Take down the plane as positive sense now  
↓:  $5g \sin \alpha - F = 5a$

$$5g \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) - F = 5a$$

$$3g - F = 5a \quad \textcircled{1}$$

→ we now have acceleration

• We also know  $F = \mu R$

$$= 0.5(39.2) = 19.6 \text{ N}$$

① becomes  $3g - 19.6 = 5a$

$$5a = 9.8$$

$$a = 1.96 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$



3. [In this question,  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are horizontal unit vectors.]

A particle  $P$  of mass 4 kg is at rest at the point  $A$  on a smooth horizontal plane.

At time  $t = 0$ , two forces,  $\mathbf{F}_1 = (4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})\text{N}$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2 = (\lambda\mathbf{i} + \mu\mathbf{j})\text{N}$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constants, are applied to  $P$

Given that  $P$  moves in the direction of the vector  $(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

(a) show that

$$\lambda - 3\mu + 7 = 0 \quad (4)$$

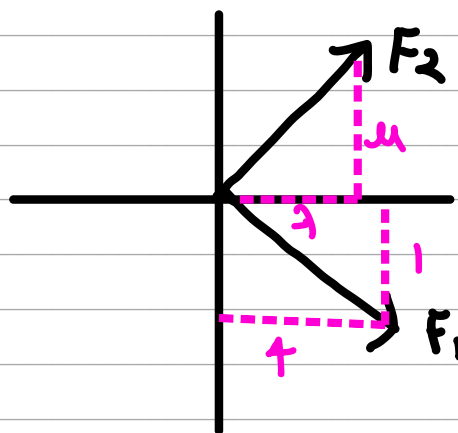
At time  $t = 4$  seconds,  $P$  passes through the point  $B$ .

Given that  $\lambda = 2$

(b) find the length of  $AB$ .

(5)

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resultant} &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 4 \\ \mu - 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Moves in the direction means parallel to

so  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 4 \\ \mu - 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is parallel to  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  hence a multiple of. This means

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 4 \\ \mu - 1 \end{pmatrix} &= k \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 4 \\ \mu - 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 3k \\ k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$





Question 3 continued

Equate components

$$7 + 4 = 3k \Rightarrow k = \frac{7+4}{3}$$

$$\mu - 1 = k$$

Both expressions are equal to  $k$  so we can set them equal

$$\frac{7+4}{3} = \mu - 1$$

$$7 + 4 = 3\mu - 3$$

$$7 - 3\mu + 7 = 0 \text{ as required}$$

b)  $7 = 2$ :

$$2 + 4 = 3\mu - 3$$

$$6 = 3\mu - 3$$

$$\mu = 3$$

$$\text{Resultant force} = \begin{pmatrix} 7+4 \\ \mu-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+4 \\ 3-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Plug into  $F = ma$ :

$\downarrow$  resultant  $\downarrow$  mass  $\rightarrow$  acceleration

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4x \\ 4y \end{pmatrix}$$

Equate coefficients



Question 3 continued

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= 4x & \text{and} & & 2 &= 4y \\ x &= 1.5 & & & y &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

In order to find the length of AB, we need the displacement, so we need to integrate the acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \begin{pmatrix} \int 1.5 dt \\ \int 0.5 dt \end{pmatrix} \\ V &= \begin{pmatrix} 1.5t + c_1 \\ 0.5t + c_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

When  $t=0, V=0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5t + c_1 \\ 0.5t + c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Equating components:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 1.5t + c_1 & \text{and} & & 0 &= 0.5t + c_2 \\ c_1 &= 0 & & & c_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5t \\ 0.5t \end{pmatrix}$$

Integrate again to get  $S$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1.5t^2}{2} + c_3 \\ \frac{0.5t^2}{2} + c_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75t^2 + c_3 \\ 0.25t^2 + c_4 \end{pmatrix}$$



Question 3 continued

At A:  $t=0, s=0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $c_3=0, c_4=0$

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75t^2 \\ 0.25t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

At B:  $t=4$

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75(4^2) \\ 0.25(4^2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Length of } AB &= \sqrt{12^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{160} = 4\sqrt{10} \\ &= 12.6 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

(Total for Question 3 is 9 marks)



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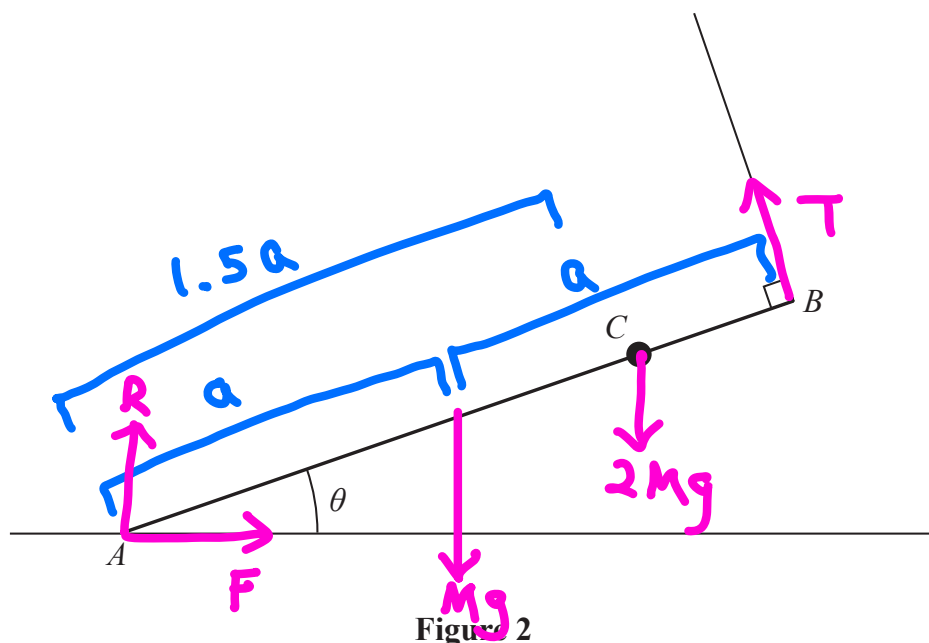


Figure 2

A uniform rod  $AB$  has mass  $M$  and length  $2a$

A particle of mass  $2M$  is attached to the rod at the point  $C$ , where  $AC = 1.5a$

The rod rests with its end  $A$  on rough horizontal ground.

The rod is held in equilibrium at an angle  $\theta$  to the ground by a light string that is attached to the end  $B$  of the rod.

The string is perpendicular to the rod, as shown in Figure 2.

- (a) Explain why the frictional force acting on the rod at  $A$  acts horizontally to the right on the diagram.

(1)

The tension in the string is  $T$

- (b) Show that  $T = 2Mg \cos \theta$

(3)

Given that  $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$

- (c) show that the magnitude of the vertical force exerted by the ground on the rod at  $A$  is  $\frac{57Mg}{25}$

(3)

The coefficient of friction between the rod and the ground is  $\mu$

Given that the rod is in limiting equilibrium,

- (d) show that  $\mu = \frac{8}{19}$

(4)



Question 4 continued

a) The frictional force acts in the opposite direction to the direction that the rod will move. In this case the string exerts a force to the left so the frictional force acts to the right in order to maintain equilibrium.

b) Let's draw an axis for reference

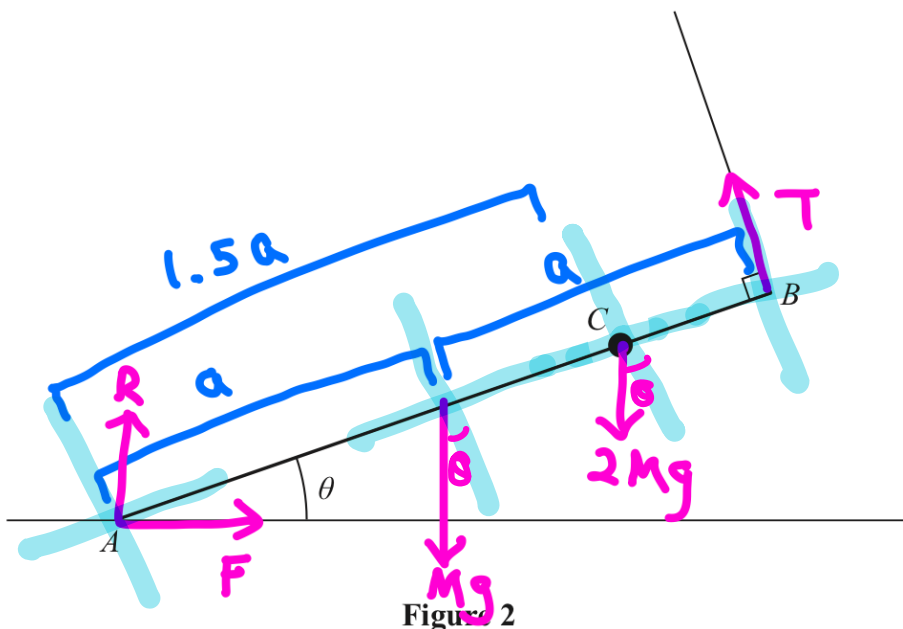
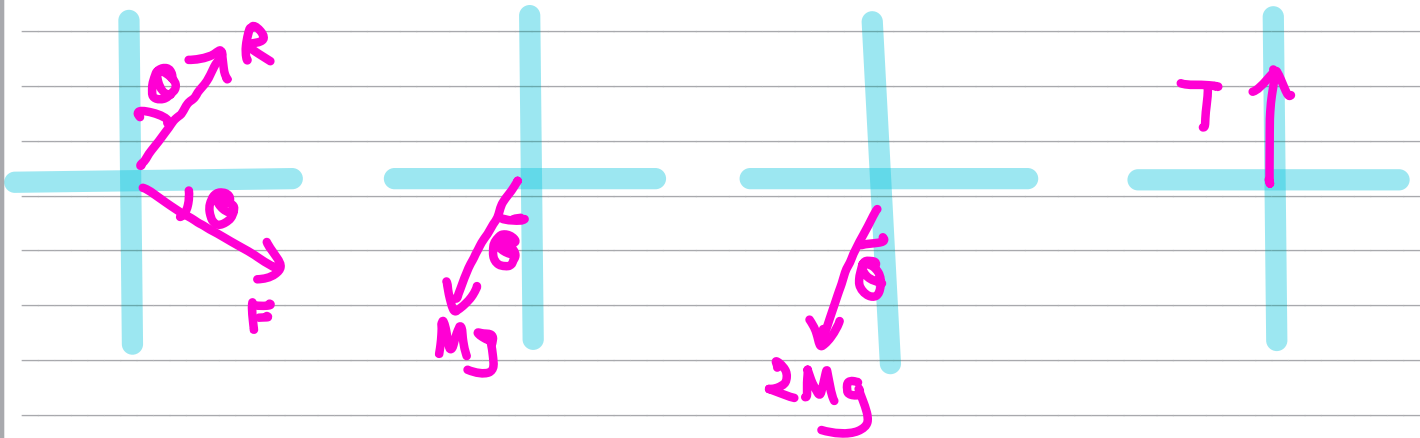


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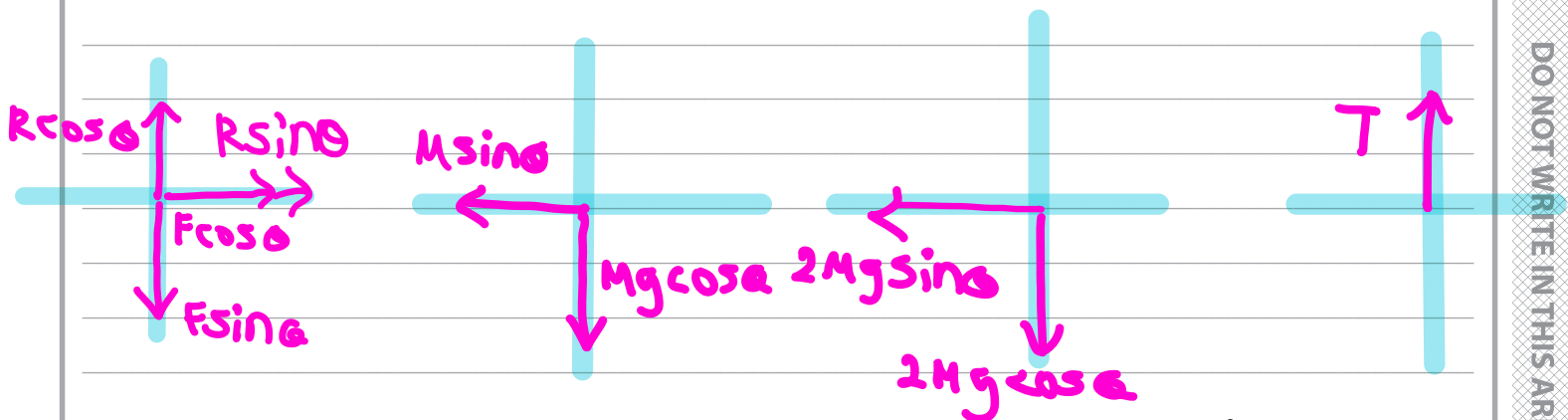
Twist the axes



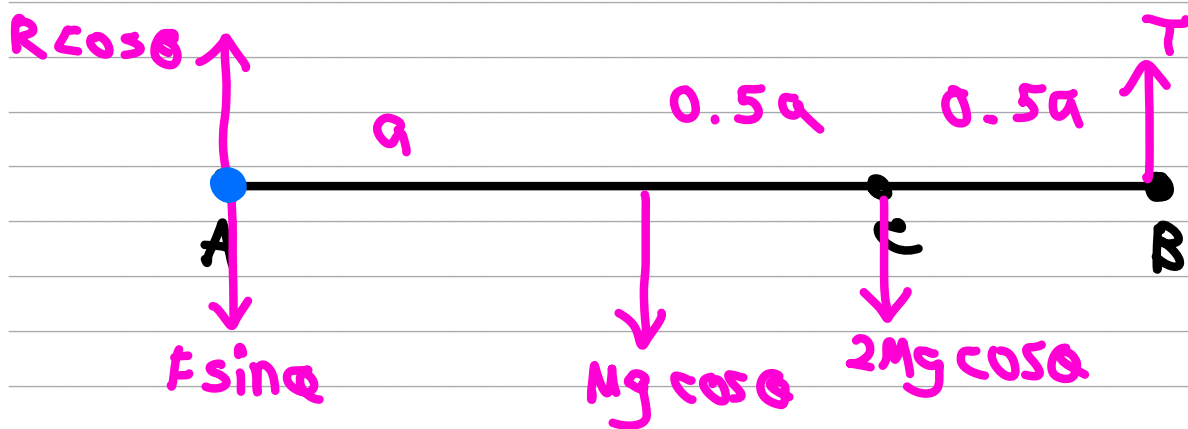
Resolve any diagonal forces



Question 4 continued



We only consider the perpendicular forces when taking moments. Let's put these on a flat rod



$$M(A) \downarrow: Mg \cos \theta (a) + 2Mg \cos \theta (1.5a) - T(2a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Mg a \cos \theta + 3Mg a \cos \theta - 2aT = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4Mg a \cos \theta - 2aT = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(4mg \cos \theta - 2T) = 0$$

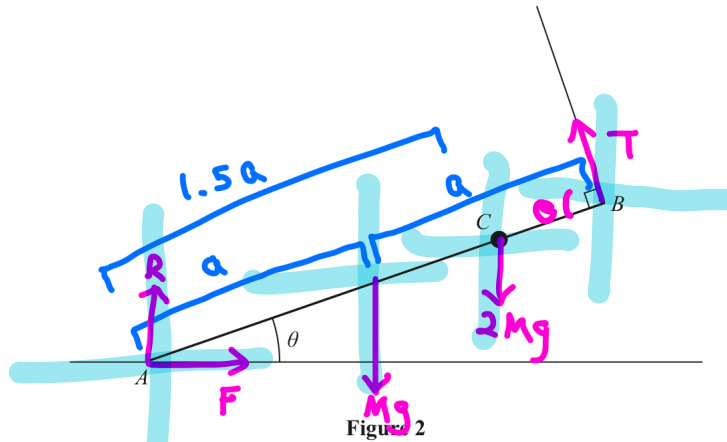
$$a \neq 0, 4mg \cos \theta - 2T = 0$$

$$T = 2mg \cos \theta \text{ as required}$$

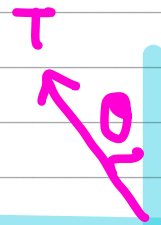
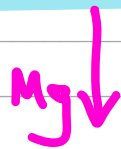


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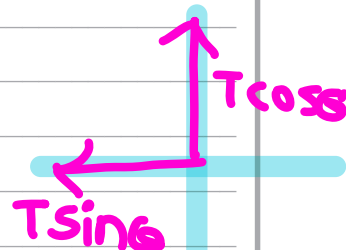
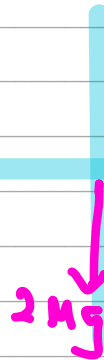
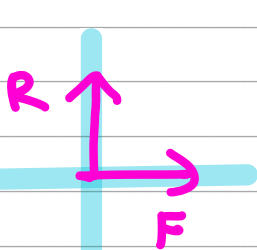
c) Let's draw an axis for reference and resolve like we normally do



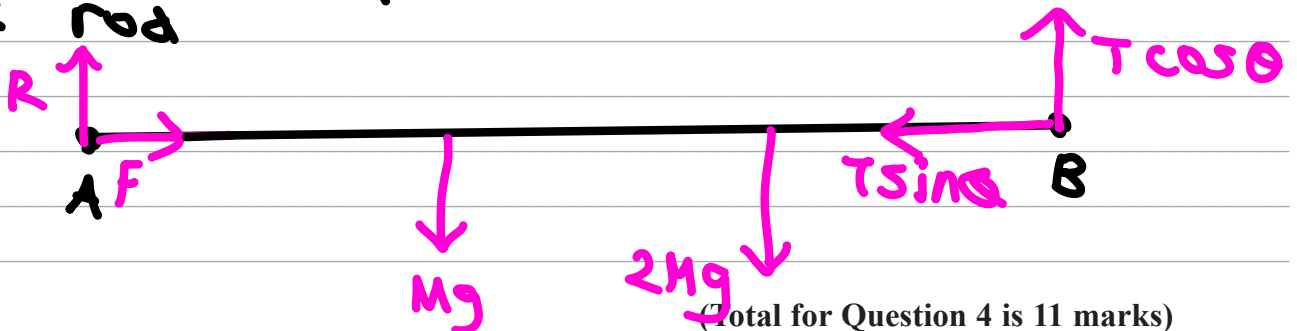
look at each axis:



Resolve any diagonal forces



We can now put all forces on a flat rod



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Question 4 continued

Resolve like USUAL (not taking moments):

$$\uparrow: R - Mg - 2Mg + T \cos \theta = 0$$

$$R - 3Mg + T \cos \theta = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\rightarrow: F - T \sin \theta = 0 \quad (2)$$

Let's use (1)

$$R - 3Mg + T \cos \theta = 0$$

$$R - 3Mg + T \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\downarrow = 2Mg \cos \theta \text{ from b)}$$

$$R = 3Mg - 2Mg \cos^2 \theta$$

Also given that  $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$

$$R = 3Mg - 2Mg \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2$$

$$R = 3Mg - 2Mg \left(\frac{9}{25}\right)$$

$$R = 3Mg - \frac{18}{25}Mg$$

$$R = \frac{57}{25}Mg$$

d) Let's use  $F - T \sin \theta = 0$  from (2)

$$F = T \sin \theta = 2Mg \cos \theta \sin \theta = 2Mg \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) = \frac{24}{25}Mg$$

$$\downarrow = 2Mg \cos \theta \text{ from b)}$$

(Total for Question 4 is 11 marks)



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Question 4 continued

$$F = \mu R$$

$$\frac{24}{25} Mg = \mu \left( \frac{57}{25} Mg \right)$$

$$\frac{24}{25} = \mu \left( \frac{57}{25} \right)$$

$$\mu = \frac{24}{25} = \frac{8}{19}$$

(Total for Question 4 is 11 marks)



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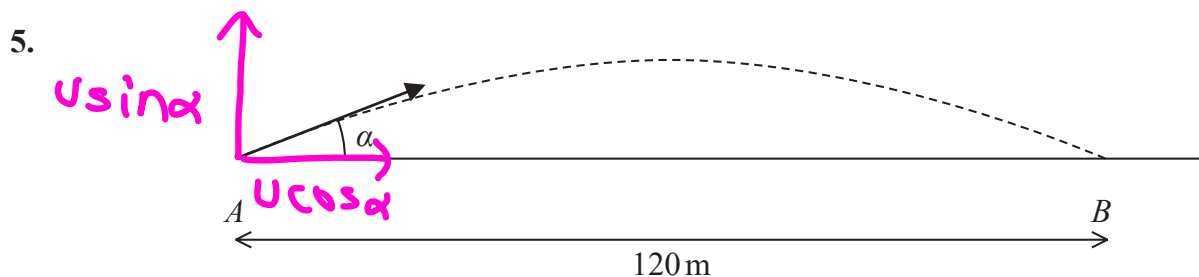


Figure 3

A golf ball is at rest at the point  $A$  on horizontal ground.

The ball is hit and initially moves at an angle  $\alpha$  to the ground.

The ball first hits the ground at the point  $B$ , where  $AB = 120$  m, as shown in Figure 3.

The motion of the ball is modelled as that of a particle, moving freely under gravity, whose initial speed is  $U \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Using this model,

(a) show that  $U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 588$  (6)

The ball reaches a maximum height of 10 m above the ground.

(b) Show that  $U^2 = 1960$  (4)

In a refinement to the model, the effect of air resistance is included.

The motion of the ball, from  $A$  to  $B$ , is now modelled as that of a particle whose initial speed is  $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$

This refined model is used to calculate a value for  $V$

(c) State which is greater,  $U$  or  $V$ , giving a reason for your answer. (1)

(d) State one further refinement to the model that would make the model more realistic. (1)

a) horizontal

$$S = 120$$

$$U = U \cos \alpha$$

$$V =$$

$$A = 0$$

$$T =$$

$$S = Ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$120 = U \cos \alpha t + 0$$

$$t = \frac{120}{U \cos \alpha}$$

Vertical

$$S = 0$$

$$U = U \sin \alpha$$

$$V =$$

$$A = -9.8$$

$$T = \frac{120}{U \cos \alpha}$$

$$S = Ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$0 = U \sin \alpha \left( \frac{120}{U \cos \alpha} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(-9.8) \left( \frac{120}{U \cos \alpha} \right)^2$$



Question 5 continued

$$0 = \frac{120 \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} - 4.9 \left( \frac{14400}{U^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \right)$$

$$\frac{120 \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{70560}{U^2 \cos^2 \alpha}$$

$$120 \sin \alpha = \frac{70560}{U^2 \cos \alpha}$$

$$120 U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 70560$$

$$U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 588 \text{ as required}$$

b) consider vertical again:

$$s = 10$$

$$u = U \sin \alpha$$

$$v = 0 \text{ (greatest height)}$$

$$a = -9.8$$

$$t =$$

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

$$0 = (U \sin \alpha)^2 - 2(9.8)(10)$$

$$U^2 \sin^2 \alpha = 196 \quad (1)$$

We also know  $U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 588$  from a) (2)

$$\text{DO } (1) : \frac{U^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha} = \frac{196}{588}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{U^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{U^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha} = \frac{196}{588}$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{196}{588}$$

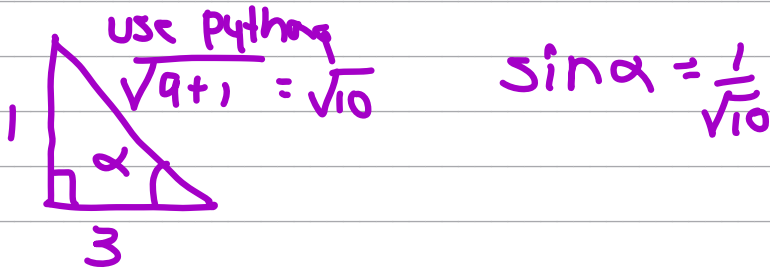
$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

Note: We could also have re-arranged both (1) and (2) for  $U^2$  OR  $\sin \alpha$  and set them equal



Question 5 continued

Build a triangle to find  $\sin \alpha$  so that we can plug into ① which is  $U^2 \sin^2 \alpha = 196$



① becomes  $U^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\right)^2 = 196$

$$U^2 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) = 196$$

$U^2 = 1960$  as required

c)  $v$  is greater. In order to travel the same distance now that air resistance is considered, the initial velocity  $U$  must be greater

d) Take into account the size and spin of the ball.

- model the ball as a particle

- use a more accurate value for gravity

