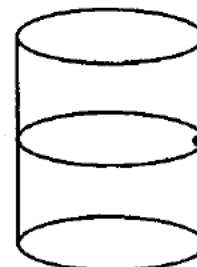


Take  $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and give all answers correct to 3 significant figures where necessary.

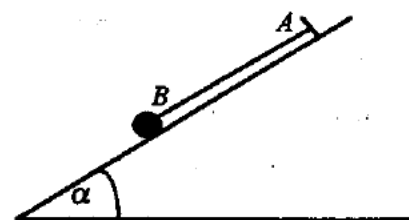
1. A motorcyclist rides in a cylindrical well of radius 5 m. He maintains a horizontal circular path at a constant speed of  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The coefficient of friction between the wall and the wheels of the cycle is  $\mu$ . Modelling the cyclist and his machine as a particle in contact with the wall, show that he will not slip downwards provided that  $\mu \geq 0.49$ .



(7 marks)

2. A particle  $P$  moves with simple harmonic motion in a straight line. The centre of oscillation is  $O$ . When  $P$  is at a distance 1 m from  $O$ , its speed is  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . When it is at a distance 2 m from  $O$ , its speed is  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .
- (a) Find the amplitude of the motion. (4 marks)
- (b) Show that the period of motion is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  s. (3 marks)

3. A particle of mass  $m$  kg is attached to the end  $B$  of a light elastic string  $AB$ . The string has natural length  $l$  m and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda$  N. The end  $A$  is attached to a fixed point on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, as shown, and the particle rests in equilibrium with the length  $AB = \frac{5l}{4}$  m.



- (a) Show that  $\lambda = 4 mg \sin \alpha$ . (3 marks)
- The particle is now moved and held at rest at  $A$  with the string slack. It is then gently released so that it moves down the plane along a line of greatest slope.
- (b) Find the greatest distance from  $A$  that the particle reaches down the plane. (6 marks)

4. The acceleration  $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$  of a particle  $P$  moving in a straight line away from a fixed point  $O$  is given by  $a = \frac{k}{1+t}$ , where  $t$  s is the time that has elapsed since  $P$  left  $O$ , and  $k$  is a constant.
- (a) By solving a suitable differential equation, find an expression for the velocity  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  of  $P$  in terms of  $t$ ,  $k$  and another constant  $c$ . (3 marks)
- Given that  $v = 0$  when  $t = 0$  and that  $v = 4$  when  $t = 2$ ,
- (b) show that  $v \ln 3 = 4 \ln (1 + t)$ . (3 marks)
- (c) Calculate the time when  $P$  has a speed of  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . (3 marks)

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5. A particle of mass  $m$  kg, at a distance  $x$  m from the centre of the Earth, experiences a force of magnitude  $\frac{km}{x^2}$  N towards the centre of the Earth, where  $k$  is a constant. Given that the radius of the Earth is  $6.37 \times 10^6$  m, and that a 3 kg mass experiences a force of 30 N at the surface of the Earth,

(a) calculate the value of  $k$ , stating the units of your answer. (3 marks)

The 3 kg mass falls from rest at a distance  $x = 12.74 \times 10^6$  m from the centre of the Earth. Ignoring air resistance,

(b) show that it reaches the surface of the Earth with speed  $7.98 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . (7 marks)

In a simplified model, the particle is assumed to fall with a constant acceleration  $10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . According to this model it attains the same speed as in (b),  $7.98 \times 10^3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , at a distance  $(12.74 - d) \times 10^6$  m from the centre of the Earth.

(c) Find the value of  $d$ . (3 marks)

6. A particle  $P$  of mass 0.4 kg hangs by a light, inextensible string of length 20 cm whose other end is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . It is given a horizontal velocity of  $1.4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  so that it begins to move in a vertical circle. If in the ensuing motion the string makes an angle of  $\theta$  with the downward vertical through  $O$ , show that

(a)  $\theta$  cannot exceed  $60^\circ$ , (6 marks)

(b) the tension,  $T$  N, in the string is given by  $T = 3.92(3 \cos \theta - 1)$ . (4 marks)

If the string breaks when  $\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $P$  is ascending,

(c) find the greatest height reached by  $P$  above the initial point of projection. (5 marks)

7. A uniform solid sphere, of radius  $a$ , is divided into two sections by a plane at a distance  $\frac{a}{2}$  from the centre and parallel to a diameter.

(a) Show that the centre of gravity of the smaller cap from its plane face is  $\frac{7a}{40}$ . (9 marks)

This smaller cap is now placed on an inclined plane whose angle of inclination to the horizontal is  $\theta$ . The plane is rough enough to prevent slipping and the cap rests with its curved surface in contact with the plane.

(b) If the maximum value of  $\theta$  for which this is possible without the cap turning over is  $30^\circ$ , find the corresponding maximum inclination of the axis of symmetry of the cap to the vertical. (6 marks)