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Mathematics

Advanced

PAPER 32: Mechanics



You must have:

Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Green), calculator

Total Marks

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- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions and ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You should show sufficient working to make your methods clear. Answers without working may not gain full credit.
- 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 $\mathbf{v} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ where

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

- (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 $(\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})$ m.

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



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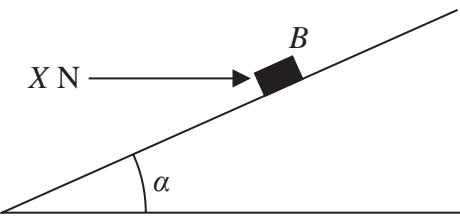
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**Figure 1**

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

A small block B of mass 5 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 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.

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

A particle P of mass 4kg 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 λ and μ 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 .

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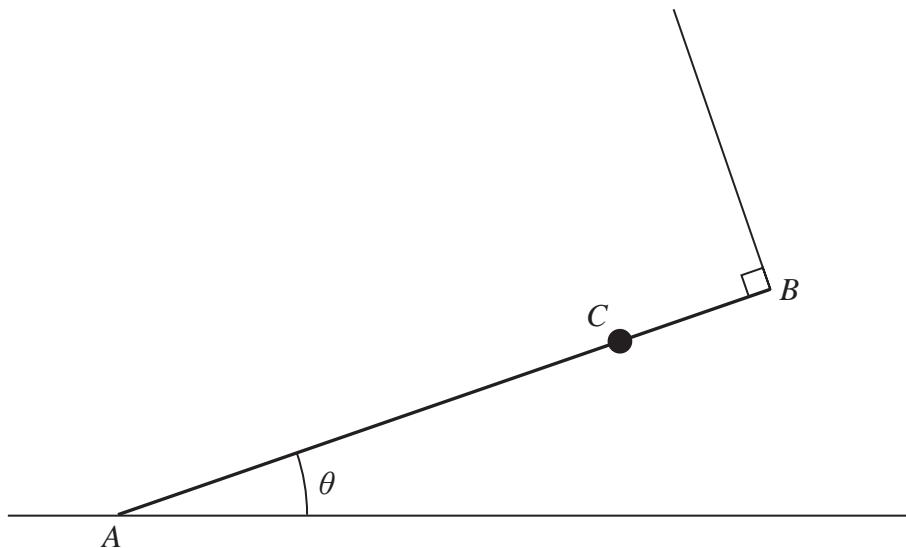
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**Figure 2**

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 θ 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

$$\text{is } \frac{57Mg}{25} \quad (3)$$

The coefficient of friction between the rod and the ground is μ

Given that the rod is in limiting equilibrium,

- (d) show that $\mu = \frac{8}{19}$ (4)

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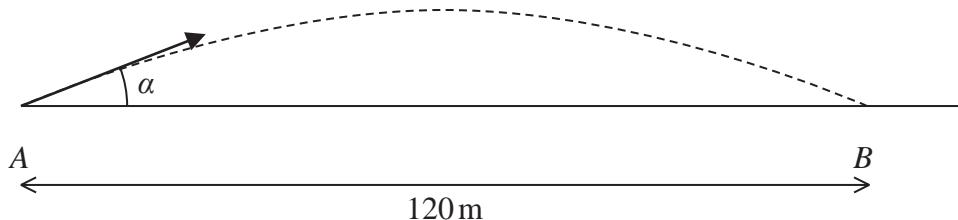


Figure 3

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

The ball is hit and initially moves at an angle α to the ground.

The ball first hits the ground at the point B , where $AB = 120\text{ m}$, 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 $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$

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)



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