



# THE COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

## PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

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PH 110 TEST 1

### INTRODUCTORY PHYSICS

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. THERE ARE FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER AND EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS. ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS.
2. WRITE YOUR STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (SIN).
3. INDICATE YOUR GROUP e.g GROUP A, GROUP B, GROUP C, e.t.c

DURATION: TWO (2) HOURS

USE THE FOLLOWING DATA WHERE NECESSARY:

Acceleration due to gravity,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$



$$\eta = \text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$$

### QUESTION 1

- a) A dimension is a physical nature of a quantity. [2 Marks]  $\times$
- (i) Give two (2) limitations of dimensional analysis. [4 Marks]  $\times$
- (ii) If velocity (V), time (T) and force (F) were chosen as basic quantities, find the dimensions of mass. [8 Marks]
- b) If the units of force, energy and velocity in a new system are 10N, 5J and 0.5 m/s respectively, find the units of mass, length and time in that system. [5 Marks]  $\times$
- c) When a small sphere moves at low speed through a fluid, the viscous force **F** opposing the motion is found experimentally to depend on the radius *r*, velocity *v* and the viscosity  $\eta$  of the fluid. Find the force dimension of the force **F**. [3 Marks]  $\times$
- d) A cheap wrist watch loses time at the rate of 8.5s a day. How much time will the watch be off at the end of a month? Given that a month has 30 days. [3 Marks]  $\times$
- e) A solid cube of aluminum (density of 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) has a volume of 0.9 cm<sup>3</sup>. How many atoms are contained in the cube? [3 Marks]

### QUESTION 2

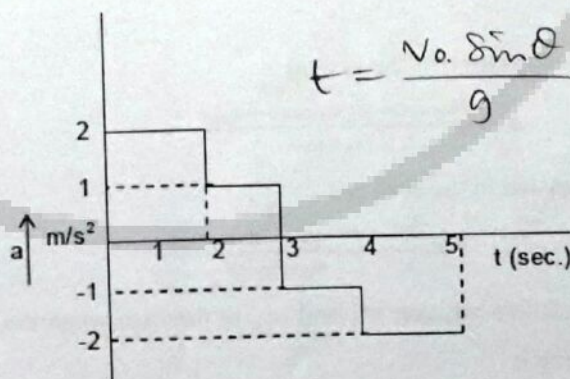
- (a) Given a vector  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . Find another vector  $\vec{B}$  which is parallel to vector  $\vec{A}$  and has a magnitude of 17 units. [5 marks]  $\times$
- (b) The following instructions lead to a buried treasure: Go 75 m 30° west of south, turn northwest and walk 125 m, then travel 100 m 20° north of west. Determine the resultant displacement from the starting point. [7 marks]  $\times$
- (c) Which two of the following three vectors are parallel to each other:  
 $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{C} = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . [3 marks]  $\times$
- (d) Find the angles which the vector  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  makes with the coordinate axes. [6 marks]  $\textcircled{1}$



- (e) Determine a vector perpendicular to the plane of  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . [4 marks] ✗

### QUESTION 3

- (a) A stone thrown horizontally from the top of a 24 m tower hits the ground at a point 18 m from the base of the tower. [4 marks]
- Find the speed at which the stone was thrown. [3 marks]
  - Find the speed of the stone just before it hits the ground. [3 marks]
- (b) A marble rolls horizontally off a table with a speed of 3.7 m/s. A second marble is dropped vertically from the table at the same instant. If the table is 1.20 m high, [3 marks] ✗
- how far apart do the marbles land? [3 marks] ✗
  - what difference is there in the times of impact of the two marbles? [3 marks] ✗
- (c) Just as a car starts to accelerate from rest at a constant acceleration of  $2.44 \text{ m/s}^2$ , a bus moving at a constant speed of 19.6 m/s passes the car in a parallel lane. [3 marks] ✗
- How long does it take the car to overtake the bus? [2 marks] ✗
  - How fast is the car going? [2 marks] ✗
  - How far has the car gone at that point? [5 marks]
- (d) A car starting from rest moving on a straight line has acceleration – time graph as shown in the figure below. Draw the velocity – time graph.





#### QUESTION 4

(a) Explain briefly why

- (i) action and reaction (equal and opposite) forces do not cancel each other out, resulting in zero net force. [2 marks]  $\times$
- (ii) a man standing in an elevator going down with uniform acceleration experiences loss of weight [2 marks]  $\times$

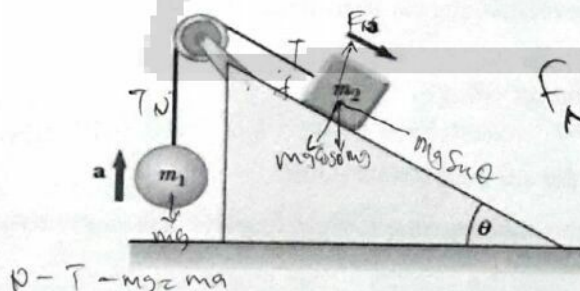
(b) An object of mass 10 g is moving in a plane. Its position as a function of time is given by

$$\vec{r} = (2t^3 - t^2)\vec{i} + (4t^3 + 2t)\vec{j}$$

Find the magnitude and direction of resultant force acting on the object at  $t = 2$  s.

[5 marks]  $\times$

(c) A ball of mass  $m_1$  hanging vertically is connected to a block of mass  $m_2$  lying on the rough inclined surface by means of a light non-stretchable cord over a massless, frictionless pulley as shown in the figure below. The surface is inclined at an angle  $\theta$



Show that:

(i) the acceleration of the system is  $a = \frac{(m_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)g}{m_1 + m_2}$  [5 marks]

(ii) the tension in the cord is  $T = \frac{(1 + \sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta)m_1 m_2 g}{m_1 + m_2}$  [3 marks]

(iii) the relation between  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in the case when the system is on the verge of slipping is

$$m_1 = (\sin \theta - \mu_s \cos \theta)m_2$$

[3 marks]



where  $\mu_s$  is the coefficient of static friction, and  $\mu_k$  is the coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the surface.

- (c) A CBU physics student shopping at Mukuba mall pushes a trolley of mass 18 kg along a rough horizontal surface at a constant speed. To do this requires a force of 80 N directed along the handle, which is at an angle of 40 degrees below the horizontal. Calculate the coefficient of kinetic friction between the wheels of trolley and the surface. [5 marks]

[a]  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

→ Find a unit vector in the direction of vector  $\vec{A}$ .

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{A}}{\|\vec{A}\|}$$

$$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 6^2 + 2^2} = 7$$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{7}$$

→ The magnitude of a unit vector is one. In order to get a vector with a magnitude of 17 units in the direction of  $\vec{A}$ , we have to multiply the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{A}$  by 17.

$$\therefore \vec{B} = 17\hat{n} = \frac{17}{7}(3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = \frac{51}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{102}{7}\hat{j} - \frac{34}{7}\hat{k}$$

[b]

$$\vec{A} \equiv r = 75, \theta = 240^\circ$$

$$\vec{B} \equiv r = 125, \theta = 135^\circ$$

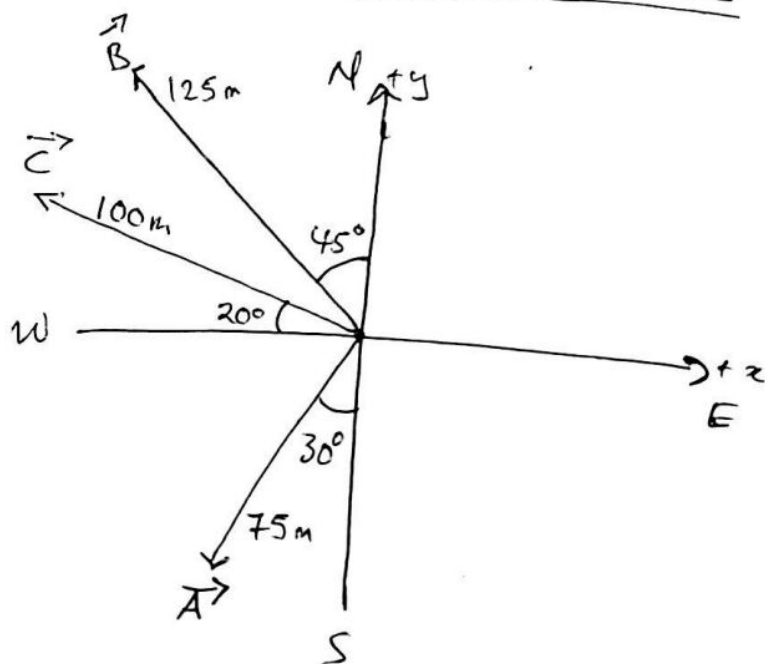
$$\vec{C} \equiv r = 100, \theta = 160^\circ$$

$$x = r \cos \theta \text{ and } y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{A} = -37.5\hat{i} - 65\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = -88.4\hat{i} + 88.4\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{C} = -94\hat{i} + 34.2\hat{j}$$



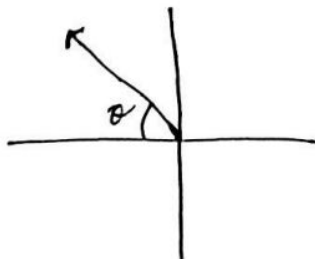
$$\therefore \vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} = -220\hat{i} + 57.6\hat{j}$$

## QUESTION 2

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$$\|\vec{R}\| = \sqrt{220^2 + 57.6^2} = \underline{\underline{227.4 \text{ m}}}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{57.6}{220}\right) = \underline{\underline{14.7^\circ}}$$



~~The displacement is 2~~

$\therefore$  The resultant displacement is 227.4 m, 14.7° north of west.

[C] Note: The vector product of two parallel vectors is zero.

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = \hat{i} [(6 \times 8) - (-2 \times 5)] - \hat{j} [(3 \times 8) - (-2 \times 1)] + \hat{k} [15 - 6]$$

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = 58\hat{i} - 26\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$\therefore$   $\vec{A}$  is not parallel to  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{C} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \\ 3/2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} (-6 - (-6)) - \hat{j} (-3 - (-3)) + \hat{k} (9 - 9)$$

$$\underline{\vec{A} \wedge \vec{C} = 0}$$

$\therefore$   $\vec{A}$  is parallel to  $\vec{C}$ . This ~~also~~ means that  $\vec{B}$  is not parallel to  $\vec{C}$ .

$$[1] \quad \vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 6^2 + 2^2} = \underline{\underline{7}}$$

(i) Angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the x-axis

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{i} = \|\vec{A}\| \|\vec{i}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{i} = (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \vec{i} = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$3 = 7 \times 1 \times \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{7 \cos \theta}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{7}\right) = \underline{\underline{\underline{64.6^\circ}}}$$

$\therefore$  The angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the x-axis is 64.6^\circ

(ii) Angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the y-axis

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{j} = (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \vec{j} = \underline{\underline{-6}}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{j} = \|\vec{A}\| \|\vec{j}\| \cos \theta$$

$$-6 = 7 \cos \theta \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{6}{7}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{6}{7}\right) = \underline{\underline{\underline{149^\circ}}}$$

$\therefore$  The angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the y-axis is 149^\circ

(iii) Angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the z-axis

$$\vec{A} \cdot \hat{k} = (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k} = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{k} = \|\vec{A}\| \|\vec{k}\| \cos \theta$$

$$2 = 7 \cos \theta \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) = \underline{\underline{\underline{73.4^\circ}}}$$

$\therefore$  The angle between  $\vec{A}$  and the z-axis is 73.4^\circ



$$\text{ex] } \vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}[6 - (-9)] - \hat{j}[-2 - (-12)] + \hat{k}(6 - (-24))$$

$$\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = 15\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 30\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B} = 15\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 30\hat{k}}}$$

We can go beyond this point if we wish to, by determining the unit vector.

$$\|\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B}\| = \sqrt{15^2 + 10^2 + 30^2} = 35$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B}}{\|\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B}\|} = \frac{1}{35} (15\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 30\hat{k}) = \frac{15}{35}\hat{i} - \frac{10}{35}\hat{j} + \frac{30}{35}\hat{k}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B}}{\|\vec{A} \wedge \vec{B}\|} = \frac{3}{7}\hat{i} - \frac{2}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{k}}}$$

### QUESTION THREE

[a]

(i) Y-axis

$$X = 0 \text{ m}$$

$$X_0 = 24 \text{ m}$$

$$a = -9.81$$

$$t = ?$$

$$u = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$X - X_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$0 - 24 = 0t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.81)t^2$$

$$-24 = -4.9t^2$$

$$\frac{-24}{-4.9} = \frac{-4.9t^2}{-4.9}$$

$$t^2 = 4.898$$

$$t = 2.2 \text{ sec}$$

X-axis

$$X = 18$$

$$X_0 = 0 \text{ m}$$

$$t = 2.2 \text{ sec}$$

$$u = ?$$

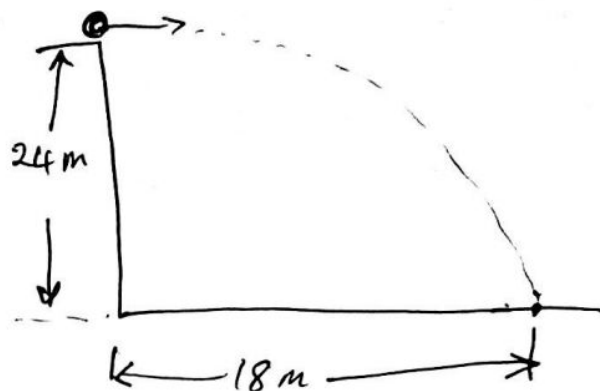
$$a = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$X - X_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$18 - 0 = u(2.2) + \frac{1}{2}(0)(2.2)^2$$

$$\frac{18}{2.2} = \frac{2.2u}{2.2}$$

$$u = 8.2 \text{ m/s}$$



∴ The Stone was thrown at a speed of 8.2 m/s.

(ii)

$$V_y = u_y + at$$

$$V_y = 0 + (-9.81)(2.2)$$

$$V_y = -21.6$$

$$V_y = -21.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Note:  $V_x = 8.2 \text{ m/s}$

$$V = \sqrt{V_y^2 + V_x^2} = \sqrt{(21.6)^2 + (8.2)^2}$$

$$V = 23.1 \text{ m/s}$$

∴ Its speed just before it hits the ground is 23.1 m/s



[6]

(i) Y-axis

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 \text{ m} \\ x_0 &= 1.2 \\ u &= 0 \text{ m} \\ a &= -9.81 \\ t &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x - x_0 &= ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \\ 0 - 1.2 &= 0t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.81)t^2 \\ -1.2 &= -4.9t^2 \\ \frac{-1.2}{-4.9} &= \frac{-4.9t^2}{-4.9} \end{aligned}$$

$$t^2 = 0.2449$$

$$t = 0.49 \text{ sec}$$

X-axis

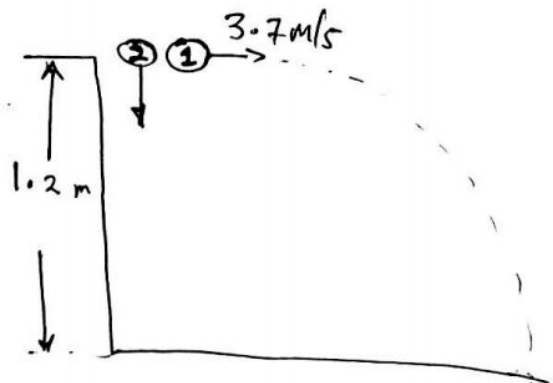
$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0 \\ x &= x \\ u &= 3.7 \\ t &= 0.49 \\ a &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x - x_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$x - 0 = 3.7(0.49) + \frac{1}{2}(0)t^2$$

$$x = 1.813$$

$$\underline{x = 1.8 \text{ m}}$$



$\therefore$  The Marbles land 1.8 m apart.

(ii) Note: The time of impact for the first marble is 0.49 sec

~~Y-axis~~

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 0 \text{ m} \\ x_0 &= 1.2 \text{ m} \\ u &= 0 \text{ m/s} \\ a &= -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \\ t &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$x - x_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$0 - 1.2 = 0t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.81)t^2$$

$$\frac{-1.2}{-4.9} = \frac{-4.9t^2}{-4.9}$$

$$t^2 = 0.2449$$

$$\underline{t = 0.49 \text{ sec}}$$

The time of impact for the second marble is 0.49 sec

$\therefore$  There is no difference in the time of impact of the two Marbles

[c]

(i) Car :

$$a = 2.44 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$u = 0$$

$$x - x_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$x = 0 + \frac{1}{2} (2.44) t^2$$

$$x = 1.22 t^2 \dots \text{eq (i)}$$

eq (i) into eq (ii) :

$$\frac{1.22 t^2}{1.22 t} = \frac{19.6 t}{1.22 t}$$

$$t = 16 \text{ sec} \dots \text{①}$$

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$$a = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$u = 19.6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x - x_0 = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$x = 19.6 t + \frac{1}{2} (0) t^2$$

$$x = 19.6 t \dots \text{eq (ii)}$$

~~From eq (i) and eq (ii)~~  
~~1.22 t^2 = 19.6 t~~  
~~t = 16 sec~~

[ii]

$$v = u + at$$

$$v = 0 + 2.44 \text{ m/s}^2 \times 16 \text{ s}$$

$$v = 39 \text{ m/s}$$

From eq (iii)

$$x = 19.6 t$$

$$x = 19.6 \text{ m/s} \times 16 \text{ s}$$

$$= 313.6 \text{ m}$$



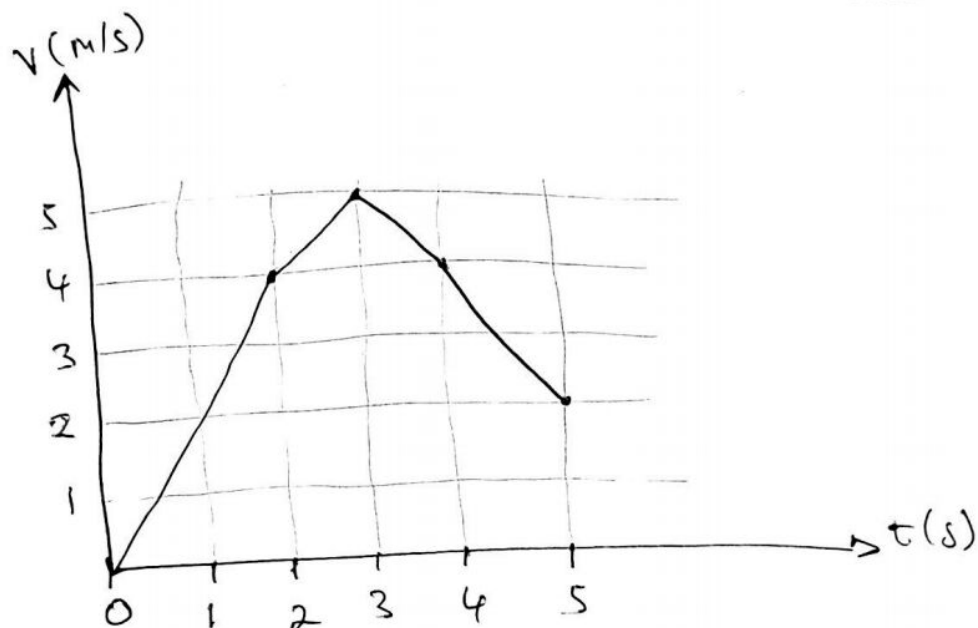
[d]  $\rightarrow$  at  $t = 0s$ ,  $v = 0 \text{ m/s}$ .

$\rightarrow$  at  $t = 2s$ :  $v = u + at$   
 $v = 0 + (2)(2)$   
 $v = \underline{4 \text{ m/s}}$

$\rightarrow$  at  $t = 3s$ :  $v = u + at$   
 $v = 4 + (1)(1) = \underline{5 \text{ m/s}}$

$\rightarrow$  at  $t = 4s$ :  $v = u + at$   
 $v = \underline{5} + (-1)(1) = \underline{4 \text{ m/s}}$

$\rightarrow$  at  $t = 5 \text{ sec}$ ;  $v = u + at$   
 $v = 4 + (-2)(1) = \underline{2 \text{ m/s}}$



### QUESTION 4

- [a] (i) They act on different objects  
(ii) He does not exert a force on the floor of the elevator.

$$\begin{aligned}[b] \quad \vec{r} &= (2t^3 - t^2)\hat{i} + (4t^3 + 2t)\hat{j} \\ \vec{v} &= \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r} = (6t^2 - 2t)\hat{i} + (12t^2 + 2)\hat{j} \\ \vec{a} &= \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v} = (12t - 2)\hat{i} + (24t)\hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

at ~~t=0~~ <sup>t=2</sup> sec, the acceleration is:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= [12(2) - 2]\hat{i} + (24(2))\hat{j} \\ \vec{a} &= 10\hat{i} + 48\hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

~~$\vec{a}$~~   $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

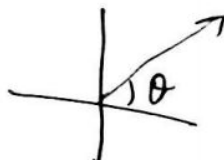
$$m = 10g = 0.01 \text{ kg}$$

$$\vec{F} = 0.01 \vec{a} = 0.01 (10\hat{i} + 48\hat{j})$$

$$\vec{F} = 0.1\hat{i} + 0.48\hat{j}$$

$$\|\vec{F}\| = \sqrt{(0.1)^2 + (0.48)^2} = \underline{\underline{0.49 \text{ N}}}$$

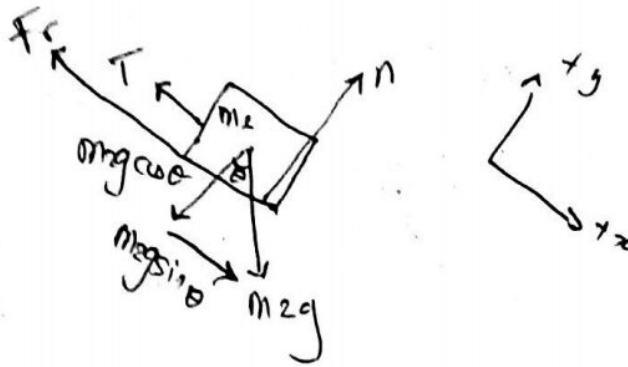
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{0.48}{0.1}\right) = \underline{\underline{78.2^\circ}}$$



The magnitude 0.49 N, 78.2° with respect the positive x-axis.



[c]



$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$T - m_1g = m_1a$$

$$T = m_1g + m_1a \dots \text{eq (i)}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$m_2g \sin \theta - T - F_r = m_2a \dots \text{eq (ii)}$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$N - m_2g \cos \theta = 0$$

$$N = m_2g \cos \theta \dots \text{eq (iii)}$$

$$F_r = \mu N \dots \text{eq (iv)}$$

eq (iii) into eq (iv)

$$F_r = \mu m_2g \cos \theta \dots \text{eq (v)}$$

eq (i) and eq (v) into eq (ii)

$$m_2g \sin \theta - m_1g - m_1a - \mu m_2g \cos \theta = m_2a$$

$$m_1a + m_2a = m_2g \sin \theta - \mu m_2g \cos \theta - m_1g$$

$$a(m_1 + m_2) = (m_2 \sin \theta - \mu m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)g$$

$$a = \frac{(m_2 \sin \theta - \mu m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)g}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Since the system is in motion,  $\mu = \mu_k$

$$\boxed{a = \frac{(m_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)g}{(m_1 + m_2)}} \quad \text{shown.} \dots \text{eq (vi)}$$

(i) eq (vi) into eq (v)

$$T = m_1 (g + a) = m_1 \left[ g + \frac{(\mu_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)g}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right]$$

$$T = m_1 g \left[ \frac{(m_1 + m_2 + \mu_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1)}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right]$$

$$T = m_1 g \left[ \frac{m_2 + \mu_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta}{m_1 + m_2} \right] = \cancel{m_1 g m_2} \left[ \cancel{1 + \mu_2 \sin \theta} \right]$$

$$T = m_1 g \left[ \frac{m_2 + m_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right] = m_1 g m_2 \left[ \frac{1 + \sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta}{(m_1 + m_2)} \right]$$

$$T = \left[ \frac{1 + \sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta}{m_1 + m_2} \right] m_1 m_2 g \rightarrow \text{hence shown}$$

(ii) In the case when  $a=0$ ,  $\mu = \mu_s$

From eq (vi):

$$\left[ 0 = \frac{m_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} g \right] \times \frac{m_1 + m_2}{g}$$

$$0 = m_2 \sin \theta - \mu_k m_2 \cos \theta - m_1$$

$$m_1 = m_2 [\sin \theta - \mu_k \cos \theta]$$

hence shown.

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$n - mg - 80 \sin 40 = 0$$

$$n = mg + 80 \sin 40 \dots \text{eq (i)}$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$80 \cos 40 - F_r = 0$$

$$F_r = 80 \cos 40 \dots \text{eq (ii)}$$

$$F_r = \mu n \dots \text{eq (iii)}$$

~~eq (iii) into eq (ii) a~~

~~eq (ii) and eq (i) into eq (iii)~~

$$\frac{80 \cos 40}{mg + 80 \sin 40} = \frac{\mu_k (mg + 80 \sin 40)}{mg + 80 \sin 40}$$

$$\mu_k = \frac{80 \cos 40}{mg + 80 \sin 40} = 0.269$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{\mu_k = 0.3}}$$

