



Solutions

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- Your grade will be based on the correctness of your solution and the clarity of your work leading up to the solution.

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Question 1

The position of a particle is given as a function of time as $\vec{r} = (4t^2\hat{i} - 8t\hat{j})$ meters.

- Find the displacement vector $\Delta\vec{r}$ of the particle between $t = 1$ and $t = 4$ seconds.
- Find the average velocity vector \vec{v}_{avg} of the particle between $t = 1$ and $t = 4$ seconds.
- Find the angle between the average velocity vector \vec{v}_{avg} of the particle and the x-axis between $t = 1$ and $t = 4$ seconds.
- Find the instantaneous velocity \vec{v} of the particle at $t = 2$ seconds.
- Find the instantaneous acceleration \vec{a} of the particle at $t = 5$ seconds.

$$\begin{aligned}
 5 \text{ a) } \quad \vec{r}(t=4s) &= 4(4^2)\hat{i} - 8(4)\hat{j} = (64\hat{i} - 32\hat{j}) \text{ m} \\
 \vec{r}(t=1s) &= 4(1^2)\hat{i} - 8(1)\hat{j} = (4\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) \text{ m} \\
 \Delta\vec{r} = \vec{r}_4 - \vec{r}_1 &= (60\hat{i} - 24\hat{j}) \text{ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \text{ b) } \quad \vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta\vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{60\hat{i} - 24\hat{j}}{4 - 1} = (20\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

$$5 \text{ c) } \quad \tan \theta = \frac{v_{avg,y}}{v_{avg,x}} = \frac{20}{-8}, \quad \theta = \arctan(-2.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5 \text{ d) } \quad \vec{v} &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 4(2t)\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} = (8t\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) \text{ m/s} \\
 \vec{v}(t=2s) &= (16\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5 \text{ e) } \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = (8\hat{i}) \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{a}(t=5s) = (8\hat{i}) \text{ m/s}^2$$

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Question 2

Joe starts from rest and finishes a 150 meter race in 18 seconds. For the first 30 meters, he runs with constant acceleration and then with constant velocity.

- 15 a) How long does it take for him to run the first 30 meters?
 2 b) How long does it take for him to run the last 120 meters?
 2 c) What is his final velocity?
 2 d) What is his acceleration in the first 30 meters?

Mary is in the race. She starts from rest at the same time and runs with constant acceleration of 0.75 m/s^2 .

- 2 e) Who wins the race?
 2 f) At time $t = 6$ seconds, what is Mary's velocity relative to Joe?

Method 1:

First 30m :
$$\begin{cases} x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \\ v = v_0 + a t \end{cases} \quad 2$$

Last 120m :
$$\begin{cases} x = v_1 t \\ v = v_1 \end{cases} \quad 2$$

1 $30 = \frac{1}{2} a t_1^2$ 5
 1 $v_1 = a t_1$ substitute: $30 = \frac{1}{2} v_1 t_1$
 $v_1 t_1 = 60 \text{ m}$

$120 = v_1 (18 - t_1)$ 2
 $= 18 v_1 - v_1 t_1$

$120 = 18 v_1 - 60$
 $v_1 = \frac{180}{18} = 10 \text{ m/s}$

$v_1 t_1 = 60 \text{ m} \rightarrow t_1 = \frac{60}{v_1} = \frac{60}{10} = 6 \text{ s}$ 2

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2 $t_2 = 18 - t_1 = 12 \text{ s}$

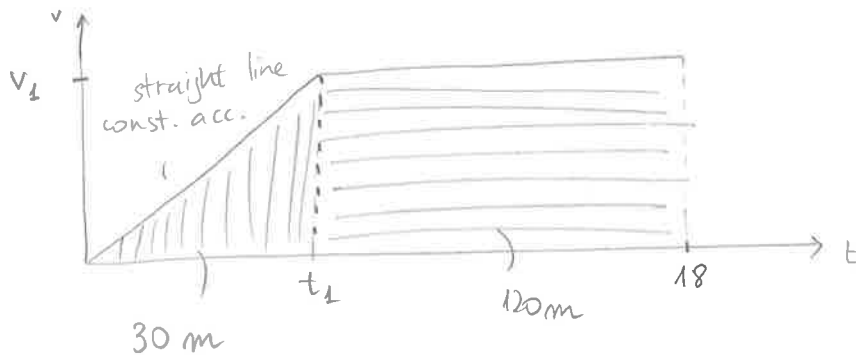
b)

2 c) Final velocity = $v_1 = 10 \text{ m/s}$

d) $v_1 = a t_1$ 2
 $10 = a \cdot 6 \rightarrow a = \frac{10}{6} \text{ m/s}^2$

Question 2

Method 2:



Area under curve gives the distance:

$$\text{First } 30 \text{ m: } \frac{v_1 t_1}{2} = 30 \quad \rightarrow \quad v_1 t_1 = 60 \text{ m} \quad 5$$

$$\text{Last } 120 \text{ m: } v_1 (18 - t_1) = 120 \text{ m}$$

$$18 v_1 - v_1 t_1 = 120 \text{ m}$$

$$18 v_1 - 60 = 120 \text{ m}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{180 \text{ m}}{18 \text{ s}} = 10 \text{ m/s} \quad 2$$

$$t_1 = \frac{60}{10} = 6 \text{ s} \quad 2$$

$$2 \quad t_2 = 18 - t_1 = 12 \text{ s}$$

$$2 \quad v_{\text{final}} = v_1 = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$2 \quad a: v_1 = at_1 \rightarrow a = \frac{v_1}{t_1} = \frac{10}{6} \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$2 e) \quad 150 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2} a_{\text{Mary}} t_{\text{Mary}}^2$$

$$150 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2} \left(0.75 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) t_{\text{Mary}}^2$$

$$t_{\text{Mary}} = \sqrt{\frac{300}{0.75}} = \sqrt{400} = 20 \text{ s}$$

$$t_{\text{Joe}} = 18 \text{ s} \rightarrow \text{Joe wins}$$

$$2 f) \quad t = 6: \quad v_{\text{Joe}} = v_1 = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{\text{Mary}} = a_{\text{Mary}} (6 \text{ s}) = (0.75)(6) = 4.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{\text{Mary}/\text{Joe}} = v_{\text{Mary}/\text{Earth}} + v_{\text{Earth}/\text{Joe}}$$

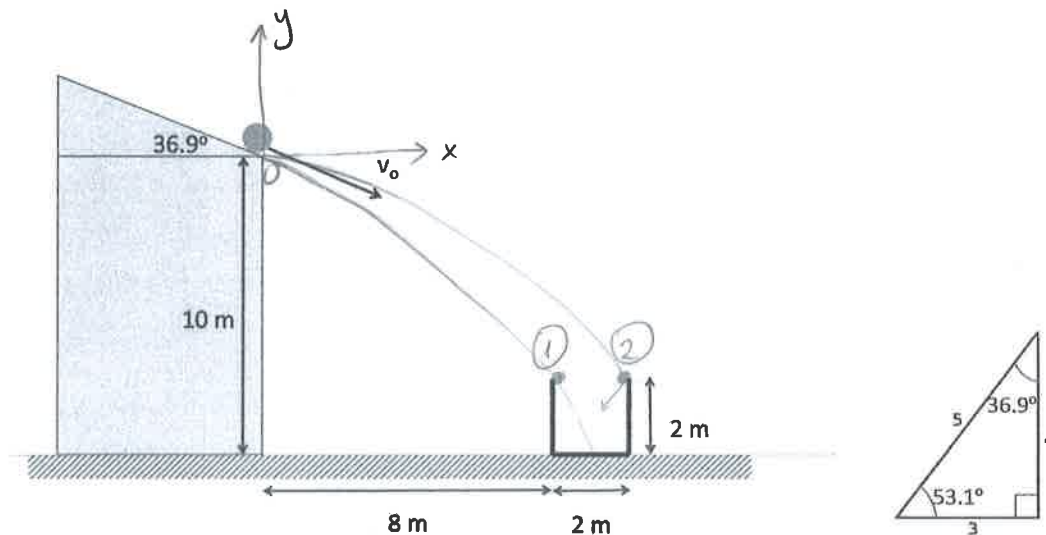
$$= v_{\text{Mary}/\text{E}} - v_{\text{Joe}/\text{E}}$$

$$v_{\text{Mary}/\text{Joe}} = 4.5 - 10 = -5.5 \text{ m/s}$$

Question 3

For a ball sliding off the roof with initial velocity v_0 as shown, find the range of initial velocities (v_0) for which the ball enters the container on the street. (Assume $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

(You can leave answers as square root and fractions)



$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos 36.9^\circ = \frac{4}{5} v_0 \quad , \quad v_{0y} = v_0 \sin 36.9^\circ = \frac{3}{5} v_0$$

- ① position: right at the top of the left side of container:
 $(x, y) = (8, -8) \text{ m}$

$$x = v_{0x} t : 8 = \frac{4}{5} v_0 t \rightarrow t = \frac{10}{v_0}$$

$$y = -v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 : -8 = -\frac{3}{5} v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} (10) t^2$$

$$-8 = -\frac{3}{5} v_0 t - 5 t^2$$

$$-8 = -\frac{3}{5} v_0 \left(\frac{10}{v_0} \right) - 5 \left(\frac{100}{v_0^2} \right)$$

$$8 = 6 + \frac{500}{v_0^2}$$

$$2 = \frac{500}{v_0^2} \rightarrow v_0 = \sqrt{250} = 5\sqrt{10}$$

- ② position: right at the top of the right side of the container:
 $(x, y) = (10, -8) \text{ m}$

$$x = v_{0x} t : 10 = \frac{4}{5} v_0 t \rightarrow t = \frac{50}{4v_0}$$

$$y = -v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 : -8 = -\frac{3}{5} v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} (10) t^2$$

$$-8 = -\frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{50}{4v_0} \right) v_0 - 5 \left(\frac{50}{4v_0} \right)^2$$

$$-8 = -\frac{15}{2} - 5 \left(\frac{2500}{16v_0^2} \right)$$

$$8 = \frac{15}{2} + \frac{12500}{16v_0^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{12500}{16v_0^2}$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{25000}{16}} = \frac{50}{4} \sqrt{10}$$

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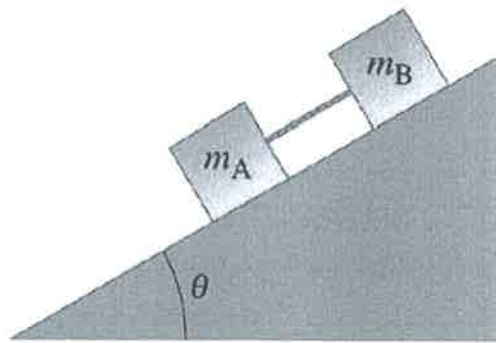
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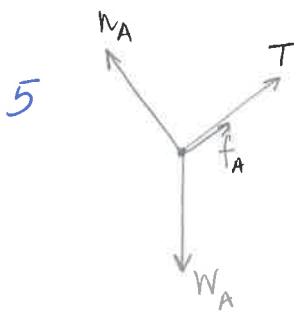
Question 4

Two blocks of equal mass $m_A = m_B = m$, connected by a massless cord of fixed length, slide down a plane ramp inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal as shown in the figure. The coefficient of kinetic friction between block A and the inclined surface is $\mu_A = \mu$, whereas the coefficient of kinetic friction between block B and the inclined surface is $\mu_B = 2\mu$.

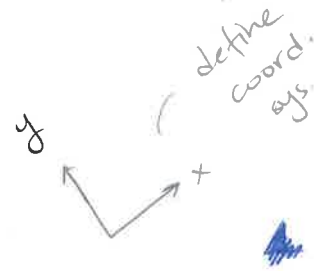
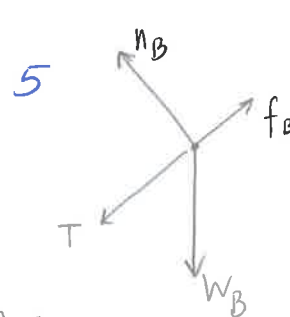
- Draw a free body diagram for each block.
- Find the acceleration of the blocks in terms of m , μ , θ and the gravitational acceleration g .
- Find the tension in the cord in terms of the above-mentioned parameters.



FBD for A:

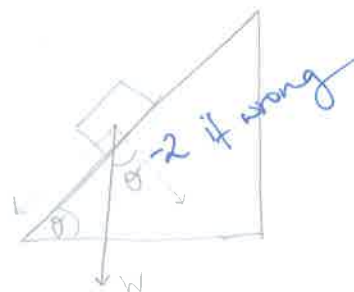


FBD for B:

 T has same magnitude

$$a_A = a_B = a \quad -2, \text{ if wrong}$$

$$W_A = W_B = mg$$



Question 4

For A: $\Sigma F_x : T + f_A - mg \sin \theta = -ma$ 2.5

$\Sigma F_y : n_A - mg \cos \theta = 0$ 2.5

$$n_A = mg \cos \theta$$

$$T + \mu_A n_A - mg \sin \theta = -ma$$

$$T + \mu mg \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta = -ma \quad (1)$$

For B: $\Sigma F_x : f_B - T - mg \sin \theta = -ma$ 2.5

$\Sigma F_y : n_B - mg \cos \theta = 0$ 2.5

$$n_B = mg \cos \theta$$

$$\mu_B n_B - T - mg \sin \theta = -ma$$

$$2\mu mg \cos \theta - T - mg \sin \theta = -ma \quad (2)$$

$$3\mu mg \cos \theta - 2mg \sin \theta = -2ma \quad (1) + (2) \quad 2.5$$

$$-\frac{3}{2} \mu g \cos \theta + g \sin \theta = a$$

$$a = g \left(\sin \theta - \frac{3}{2} \mu \cos \theta \right)$$

$$(1) : T = mg(\sin \theta - \mu \cos \theta) - mg \left(\sin \theta - \frac{3}{2} \mu \cos \theta \right) = \frac{1}{2} mg \mu \cos \theta \quad 2.5$$