

PHYSICS I Problem Set 6

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Problem 1 Solution

(a) Assume $m = \lambda l$, therefore, for any tiny enough piece of rope, we have

$$W = \int (dm)gl = \int \lambda gl d = \frac{1}{2} \lambda gl^2 \quad (1)$$

where $m = \lambda l$. Then we know

$$W = \frac{1}{2} mgl \quad (2)$$

(b) We first calculate the value of λ_0

$$m = \int \lambda(x) dx = \lambda_0 \int_0^l (-x^2 + lx) dx = \frac{1}{6} \lambda_0 l^3 \quad (3)$$

Therefore

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{6m}{l^3} \quad (4)$$

We then try to find the minimum work

$$W = \int (dm)gl = \int \lambda_0 x(l-x) dx = \frac{1}{12} \lambda_0 gl^4 \quad (5)$$

where equation(4) survives. Then we know

$$W = \frac{1}{2} mgl \quad (6)$$

Problem 2 Solution

We first try to determine the how deep the cone submerged into the liquid. Suppose the depth is αH . Then

$$\frac{1}{3} \pi (\alpha R)^2 \alpha H = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \pi R^2 H \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}} \quad (8)$$

We then try to denote the volume(V) of the part came out of liquid by the length(x) with the force exerting.

$$V(x) = \int \pi \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}} + x}{H} \cdot R \right)^2 dx \quad (9)$$

$$= \pi R^2 \left(\frac{1}{3H^2} x^3 + \frac{\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}}}{H} x^2 + \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{9}} x \right) \quad (10)$$

We now can express the force F by x

$$F = \rho g V(x) \quad (11)$$

Therefore, we can calculate the minimum work now

$$W = \int_0^{(1-\sqrt[3]{2/3})H} F dx \quad (12)$$

Through calculation, we then get

$$W = \left(-\frac{5}{36} + \frac{1}{6} \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \rho g \pi R^2 H^2 \quad (13)$$

Problem 3 Solution

(a) We will apply conservation of energy law.

$$mgx_m = \int_0^{x_m} F dx = \frac{1}{2} k x_m^2 \quad (14)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_m = 0.0327 \text{ (m)} \quad (15)$$

Then we can easily calculate the maximum force F_m

$$F_m = kx_m = 98 \text{ (N)} \quad (16)$$

(b) Analogously, we apply conservation of energy law.

$$mgx_m = \int_0^{x_m} F dx = 120000x_m^4 + 1500x_m^2 \quad (17)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_m = 0.0304 \text{ (m)} \quad (18)$$

Then we get

$$F_m = 3 \times 10^3 \times (x_m + 160x_m^3) = 105 \text{ (N)} \quad (19)$$

Problem 4 Solution

According to conservation of energy law

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = mgx \sin \alpha + \int_0^x \mu mg \cos \alpha dx \quad (20)$$

where

$$\mu = Ax \quad (21)$$

In addition, we need to ensure that

$$\mu mg \cos \alpha \geq m h \sin \alpha \quad (22)$$

Namely

$$x \geq \frac{\sin \alpha}{A \cos \alpha} \quad (23)$$

In order to show we are proving the statement on the track, the process of calculation is followed.

$$\begin{aligned} v_0^2 &= 2gx \sin \alpha + 2 \int_0^x A x m g \cos \alpha dx \\ &= 2gx \sin \alpha + A g x^2 \cos \alpha \\ &\geq \frac{2g(\sin \alpha)^2}{A \cos \alpha} + \frac{g(\sin \alpha)^2}{A \cos \alpha} = \frac{3g(\sin \alpha)^2}{A \cos \alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5 Solution

We first calculate work done by friction

$$W_f = \int_0^{\frac{L_0}{2}} \frac{x}{L_0} \mu m g dx = \frac{1}{8} \mu m g L_0 \quad (24)$$

Then we calculate the velocity

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + W = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_0 = \frac{\sqrt{\mu g L_0}}{2} \quad (26)$$

Problem 6 Solution

(a) For (A),

$$\mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r}) = (0, 0, 5)$$

Since $\mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r})$ is vertical to the x-axis

$$\mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$W_{aA} = 0 \text{ J} \quad (27)$$

For (B),

$$\mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r}) = (-2x, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_x = (-2x, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_y = (0, 0, 0)$$

We calculate the work separately corresponding to x -component and y -component.

$$W_x = \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_x dx \quad (28)$$

$$W_y = \int_0^0 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_y dy \quad (29)$$

$$W_{aB} = W_x + W_y \quad (30)$$

Therefore,

$$W_{\text{aB}} = 0 \text{ J} \quad (31)$$

(b) For (A),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r}) &= (0, -xy, 5) \\ \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r})_x &= (0, 0, 0) \\ \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r})_y &= (0, xy, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \quad (32)$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = 2x dx \quad (33)$$

We then calculate the work separately corresponding to x -component and y -component.

$$W_x = \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r})_x dx \quad (34)$$

$$W_y = \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}_1(\mathbf{r})_y dy = \int_{-1}^1 -(x^3 - x) 2x dx \quad (35)$$

$$W_{\text{aB}} = W_x + W_y \quad (36)$$

Therefore,

$$W_{\text{bA}} = \frac{8}{15} \text{ J} \quad (37)$$

For (B)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r}) &= (-2x, 0, y - xy) \\ \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_x &= (-2x, 0, 0) \\ \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_y &= (0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the work separately corresponding to x -component and y -component.

$$W_x = \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_x dx \quad (38)$$

$$W_y = \int_0^1 \mathbf{F}_2(\mathbf{r})_y dy \quad (39)$$

$$W_{\text{aB}} = W_x + W_y \quad (40)$$

Therefore,

$$W_{\text{aB}} = 0 \text{ J} \quad (41)$$

Problem 7 Solution

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