

GENERAL CIRCULAR MOTION

Question 1 ()**

A parcel is placed on a rough flat horizontal surface at the back of a delivery van.

The van travels around a circular bend of radius 25 m at constant speed and the parcel does not slide. The coefficient of friction between the parcel and surface at the back of the van particle is 0.8.

Calculate the greatest speed of the van around this bend.

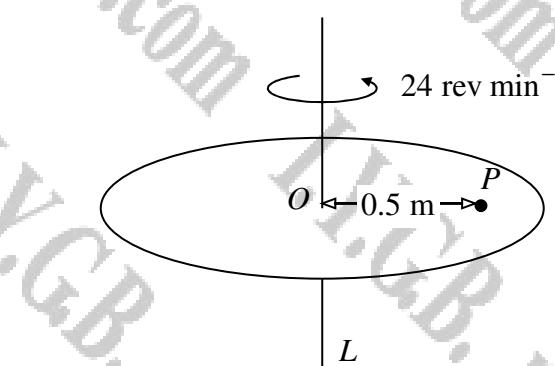
$$V_{\max} = 14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

CONSIDER MOTION AT MAX SPEED, SO EQUILIBRIUM IS UNATTAINABLE

RADIALLY

$$m\frac{v^2}{r} = -f$$
$$m\left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right) = -\mu(mg)$$
$$\frac{v^2}{r} = \mu g$$
$$v^2 = \mu rg$$
$$v^2 = 0.8 \times 25 \times 9.8$$
$$v = 14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Question 2 (**)



A rough turntable is rotating in a horizontal plane about a vertical axis L passing through its centre O , with constant angular speed of 24 revolutions per minute.

A particle P is located 0.5 m from O and it is at the point of slipping.

Calculate the value of the coefficient of friction between P and the turntable.

$$\mu \approx 0.322$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega &= 2\pi \text{ rev/min} \\
 \omega &= \frac{2\pi \times 20}{60} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ rad s}^{-1} \\
 \Rightarrow m\ddot{r} &= -fr \\
 \Rightarrow m(r\omega^2) &= -f(\mu g) \\
 \Rightarrow r\omega^2 &= \mu g \\
 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} &= 1 \times 9.8 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}\pi^2 &= \frac{9.8}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow \mu &\approx 0.322 //
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 (*)**

A light rod AB , of length a , has particles of masses $2m$ and $3m$ attached at A and B , respectively. The rod is made to rotate with constant angular velocity about the point C on the rod, so that the tensions in the sections AC and CB are equal.

Show clearly that $|AC| = \frac{3}{5}a$.

proof

• looking at \vec{T} at A
 $2m\vec{v} = -\vec{T}$
 $2m(-\omega^2 ka) = -T$
 $T = 2m\omega^2 ka$

• looking at \vec{T} at B
 $3m\vec{v} = -\vec{T}$
 $3m(-\omega^2 (1-k)a) = -T$
 $T = 3m\omega^2 (1-k)a$

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$$2m\omega^2 ka = 3m\omega^2 (1-k)a$$
 $2k = 3(1-k)$
 $2k = 3-3k$
 $5k = 3$
 $k = \frac{3}{5}$
 $\therefore |AC| = \frac{3}{5}a$

Question 4 (*)**

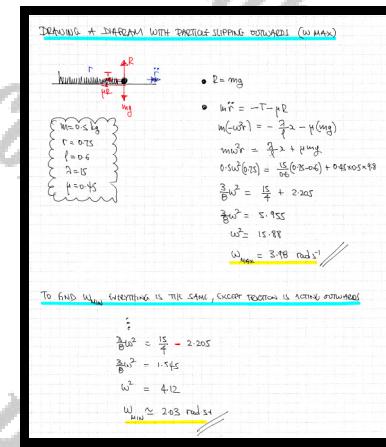
A rough circular plate rotates horizontally with constant angular velocity $\omega \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, about a smooth vertical axis through its centre.

A particle of mass 0.5 kg lies at a point on the plate at a distance of 0.75 m from the centre of the plate.

The particle is connected to the axis through the centre of the plate by an elastic string of natural length 0.6 m, and modulus of elasticity 15 N.

If the coefficient of friction between the plate and the particle is 0.45, calculate the minimum and the maximum value of ω .

$$\boxed{\quad}, \quad \omega_{\min} \approx 2.03, \quad \omega_{\max} \approx 3.98$$



Question 45 (*)+**

A particle of mass $3m$ is attached at the point A of light rigid rod OA , of length $7L$. A second particle of mass $4m$ is attached at the point B on the rod, where $OB = 2L$.

The rod is made to rotate with constant angular velocity about O .

Determine the ratio of the tensions in the sections OB and BA .

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Diagram: A horizontal rod of length $7L$ is pivoted at O . A horizontal force T_B acts at point B (at distance $2L$ from O). A tension T_A acts at point A . The rod rotates clockwise with angular velocity ω .

Equations of Motion:

- At B:** $4m\ddot{\theta} = -T_B + T_A$
 $4m(-\omega^2 \times 2L) = T_A - T_B$
 $8m\omega^2 L = T_B - T_A$
- At A:** $3m\ddot{\theta} = -T_A$
 $3m(-\omega^2 \times 7L) = -T_A$
 $21m\omega^2 L = T_A$

Ratio: $\frac{T_B - T_A}{T_A} = \frac{8m\omega^2 L}{21m\omega^2 L}$
 $\frac{T_B - T_A}{T_A} = \frac{8}{21}$
 $21(T_B - 2T_A) = 8T_A$
 $21T_B - 21T_A = 8T_A$
 $21T_B = 29T_A$
 $\frac{T_B}{T_A} = \frac{29}{21}$ If 29 : 21

Question 6 (**)**

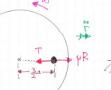
A rough disc rotates in a horizontal plane with constant angular velocity ω about a fixed vertical axis. A particle of mass m is connected to the axis by a light elastic string of natural length a and modulus of elasticity of $2mg$.

As the disc rotates the particle lies at rest on the disc at a distance of $\frac{3}{2}a$ from the axis.

Given that the coefficient of friction between the disc and the particle is $\frac{1}{2}$, find the range of ω^2 , in terms of a and g .

$$\frac{g}{3a} \leq \omega^2 \leq \frac{g}{a}$$

THREE CASES TO CONSIDER AT THE TWO EXTREMS:

- **THE FIRST CASE: ω IS SO SMALL (SLOW) SO THE PARTICLE IS ABOUT TO SLIDE "FORWARDS"**
- **PLAN VIEW:** 
- **SIDE VIEW:** 
- **EQUATION OF MOTION (Y-AXIS):**

$$m(-\omega^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}a) = \frac{1}{2}(mg) - mg$$

$$-\frac{3}{2}\omega^2 a = -\frac{1}{2}g$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{3a}$$
- **THE SECOND CASE: ω IS SO LARGE (FAST) SO THE PARTICLE IS ABOUT TO SLIDE "BACKWARDS"**
- **PLAN VIEW:** 
- **SIDE VIEW:** 
- **THE TENSION IS THE SAME AS IN THE FIRST CASE**
- **EQUATION OF MOTION:**

$$m(-\omega^2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}a) = -mg - \frac{1}{2}mg$$

$$-\frac{3}{2}\omega^2 a = -\frac{3}{2}g$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g}{a}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3} \frac{g}{a} \leq \omega^2 \leq \frac{g}{a}$$

Question 7 (***)**

A satellite is moving in a circular orbit above the Earth's equator.

The orbit is described as geostationary, which means that angular velocity of the satellite is identical to that of Earth's rotation, so it appears in a fixed position relative to an observer on the Earth.

The radius of the orbit, measured from the centre of the Earth, is r .

- a) Show that

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{GMT^2}{4\pi^2}},$$

where M is the mass of the earth, T is the period of the motion and G is the universal gravitation constant.

- b) Determine the value of r , and hence find the minimum number of satellites needed to view all the points on the earth's equator.

You may assume

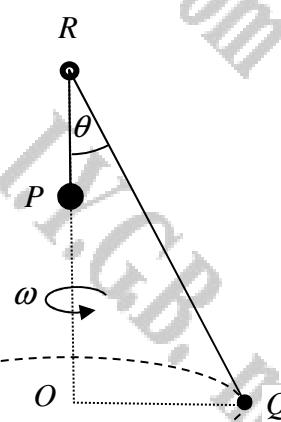
- earth's mass, $M = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$ kg
- earth's radius, $R = 6.37 \times 10^6$ m
- universal gravitation constant, $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ m³ kg⁻¹ s⁻²

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<p>a) LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM</p> $\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F &= G \frac{mM}{r^2} \\ \Rightarrow m(\omega^2 r) &= G \frac{mM}{r^2} \\ \Rightarrow \omega^2 r^3 &= GM \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 r^3 &= GM \\ \Rightarrow \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2} &= GM \\ \Rightarrow r^3 &= \frac{GM T^2}{4\pi^2} \\ \Rightarrow r &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{GM T^2}{4\pi^2}} \end{aligned}$ <p>b)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 10px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td> $M = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$ kg $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ N kg⁻¹ s⁻² $T = 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 86400$ s $R = 6.37 \times 10^6$ m </td> </tr> </table> $\begin{aligned} r &= \left[\frac{6.67 \times 10^{-11} \times 5.97 \times 10^{24} \times (86400)^2}{4\pi^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ r &\approx \sqrt[3]{7.5215 \times 10^{32}} \\ r &\approx 4.22 \times 10^7 \end{aligned}$	$M = 5.97 \times 10^{24}$ kg $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}$ N kg ⁻¹ s ⁻² $T = 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 86400$ s $R = 6.37 \times 10^6$ m	<p>LOOKING AT THE EQUATORIAL DIAGRAM</p> $\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \cos\theta &= \frac{R}{r} \\ \Rightarrow \cos\theta &= \frac{6.37 \times 10^6}{4.22 \times 10^7} \\ \Rightarrow \cos\theta &= 0.1509\dots \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= 81.3\dots \\ \Rightarrow 2\theta &\approx 162.63\dots \\ \therefore \frac{360}{162.63} &= 2.21\dots \text{ i.e. } \boxed{\text{MINIMUM OF 3}} \end{aligned}$
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CONICAL PENDULUM MOTION

Question 1 (**)



The figure above shows two particles P and Q of respective masses of $3m$ and m attached to the ends of a light inextensible string of length $7l$. The string is threaded through a fixed smooth ring R .

When Q is moving in a horizontal circle with constant angular velocity ω , P remains in equilibrium at a vertical distance l below R . The centre of the circle that Q describes has its centre at O , where O is vertically below P , and the angle RQ makes with the vertical is denoted by θ .

Show clearly that ...

a) ... $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}$.

b) ... $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{2l}}$.

proof

(a)

For P: $T = 3mg$

For Q: (a) $T \cos \theta = mg$
 $3mg \cos \theta = mg$
 $3 \cos \theta = 1$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}$ ✓ As Required

(b)

RADIALY LOOKING AT Q:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m\ddot{r} &= -T \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow m(-\omega^2 r) &= -T \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow \mu(\omega^2 r) &= 3mg \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow \omega^2 \times Q \sin \theta &= 3g \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow 6l \omega^2 &= 3g \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2l \omega^2 &= g \\ \Rightarrow \omega^2 &= \frac{g}{2l} \\ \Rightarrow \omega &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{2l}} \end{aligned}$$

As Required

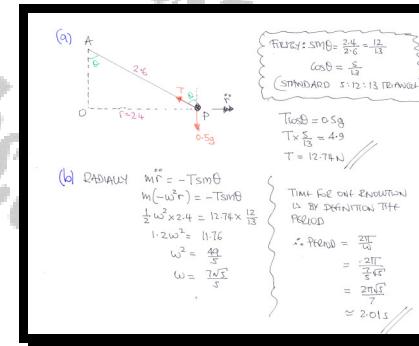
Question 2 ()**

A light inextensible string of length 2.6 m has one end attached to a fixed point A and the other end attached to a particle P of mass 0.5 kg.

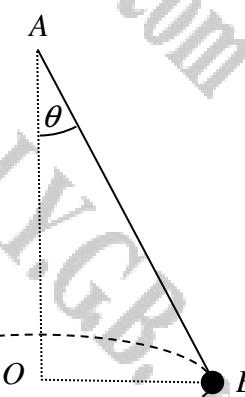
P is moving with constant speed in a horizontal circle with radius 2.4 m and centre at the point O, which is vertically below A.

- Determine the tension in the string.
- Calculate the time it takes P to make one complete revolution.

$$T = 12.74 \text{ N}, \quad t \approx 2.01 \text{ s}$$



Question 3 (***)



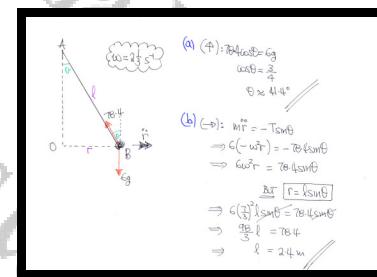
The figure above shows a particle B of mass 6 kg attached to one end of a light inextensible string. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point A .

The particle moves with constant angular speed $2\frac{1}{3}$ rad s $^{-1}$ in a horizontal circle with centre O , where O is vertically below Q . The angle AOB is denoted by θ .

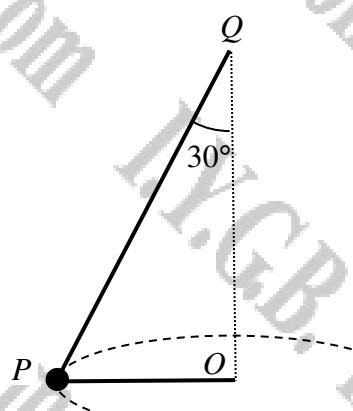
The tension in the string is 78.4 N.

- Show clearly that θ is approximately 41.4°.
- Calculate the length of the string.

$$L = 2.4 \text{ m}$$



Question 4 (***)



A particle, of mass 2 kg, is attached to one end, P , of a light inextensible string.

The other end of the string, Q , is attached to a fixed point.

Another light inextensible string PO , has its end P also attached to the same particle and its other end, O , attached to another fixed point, so that O is vertically below Q such that $\angle OQP = 30^\circ$.

The particle moves with constant speed v in a horizontal circle of radius 0.25 m centred at O , as shown in the figure above,

Given that the tensions in both strings are equal, find the value of v .

$$\boxed{v}, v \approx 2.91 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

RESOLVING FORCES VERTICALLY & HORIZONTALLY

(1) $T_{OQ} \cos 30^\circ = 2g$ (horizontal)
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}T = -T + T_{OP}$ ($F = ma$)

SIMPLIFYING THE EQUATIONS

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T = 2g \\ (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})T = -T + T \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

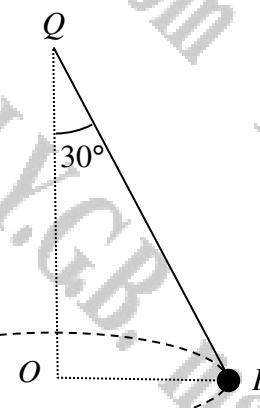
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T = \frac{4g}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{3} = \frac{1}{2}T \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow B^2 = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{4g}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}g$$

$$\Rightarrow v \approx 2.91 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Question 5 (***)+



The figure above shows a particle P of mass m attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $\sqrt{3}mg$.

The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point Q . The particle moves with constant angular speed ω in a horizontal circle with centre O , where O is vertically below Q such that $\angle OQP = 30^\circ$.

- Show that $PQ = \frac{5}{3}a$.
- Find ω^2 in terms of a and g .

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{5a}$$

(a) Vertically (equilibrium)

$$T_{QOP} = mg$$

By Hook's law:

$$\frac{T}{a} = \frac{F}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{3}mg}{\frac{5}{3}a}$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{5} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{5}{3}a$$

So TOTAL LENGTH $PQ = a + \frac{5}{3}a = \frac{8}{3}a$

(b) Radially

$$\Rightarrow m\vec{v}^2 = -T\sin 30^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow m(-\omega^2 r) = -T\sin 30$$

$$\Rightarrow m\omega^2 r = T\sin 30$$

But $T = \frac{mg}{\cos 30}$

$$\frac{r}{a+2r} = \sin 30$$

$$r = (a+2r)\sin 30$$

$$r = \frac{a}{3\sin 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow m\omega^2 r = \frac{mg}{\cos 30} \times \frac{a}{3\sin 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{3}\omega^2 = \frac{g}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{3}{5a} \times \frac{g}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{5a}$$

Question 6 (*)+**

A particle P of mass 2.5 kg attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length 1 m. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point Q which is 0.5 m above a smooth horizontal surface. The particle moves with constant angular speed 1.6 s^{-1} in a horizontal circle whose centre O lies vertically below Q .

- Determine ...
 - ... the tension in the string.
 - ... the normal reaction between P and the table.
- Calculate the greatest angular speed of P , so that P remains in contact with the horizontal surface.

$$T = 6.4 \text{ N}, R = 21.3 \text{ N}, \omega = \frac{7}{5}\sqrt{10} \text{ s}^{-1} \approx 4.43 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(a)

$\theta = 60^\circ$

$R = 0.5 \text{ m}$

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(a)

$T\cos\theta + R = 2.5g$ (equation 1)

$W\sin\theta = -T\sin\theta$ ($F = ma$)

$\Rightarrow 2.5(-\omega^2 r) = -T\sin\theta$

$\Rightarrow 2.5\omega^2(1\cos\theta) = T\sin\theta$

$\Rightarrow 2.5\omega^2 = T$

$\Rightarrow T = 2.5 \times 1.6^2$

Thus

$T\cos\theta + R = 2.5g$

$6.4 \times 0.50 + R = 2.5 \times 9.8$

$R = 21.3 \text{ N}$

(b)

$\theta = 90^\circ$

$R = 0$

(b)

MAX ANGULAR VELOCITY WILL OCCUR WHEN PARTICLE IS ABOUT TO LIFT OFF THE TABLE, i.e. $R=0$

$T\cos\theta = 2.5g$

$\frac{1}{2}T = 2.5g$

$\frac{1}{2}T = 2.5g$

$\Rightarrow W\sin\theta = -T\sin\theta$

$W(-\omega^2 r) = -T\sin\theta$

$W\omega^2(1\cos\theta) = T\sin\theta$

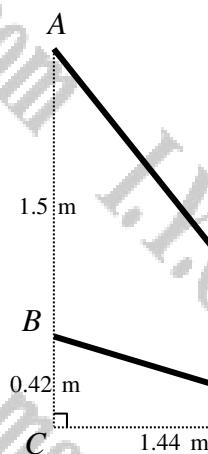
$W\omega^2 = T$

$\omega^2 = \frac{T}{W}$

$\omega^2 = \frac{2.5g}{2.5}$

$\omega = \frac{7}{5}\sqrt{10}$

$\omega \approx 4.43 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

Question 7 (*+)**

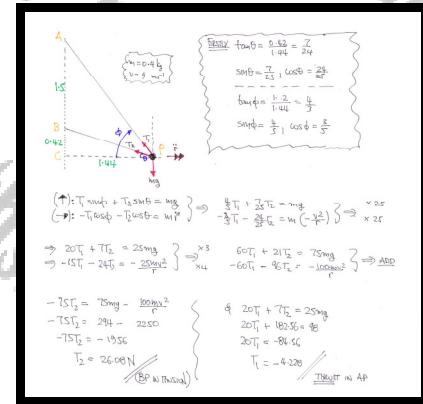
One of the two ends of each of the light rigid rods AP and BP , are attached to a particle P of mass 0.4 kg .

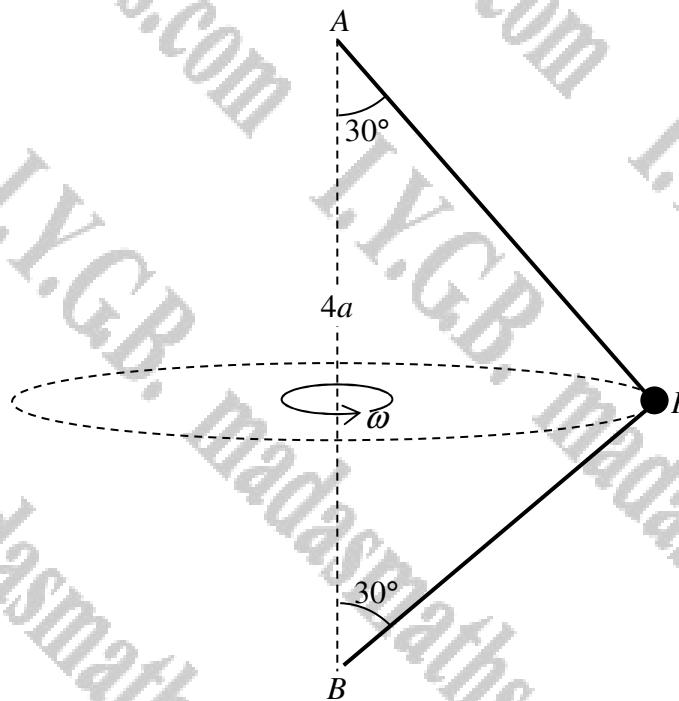
The particle is made to rotate with constant speed of 9 ms^{-1} in a horizontal circle with centre at C , so that A , B , C and P lie in the same vertical plane, with B vertically above C and A vertically above B , as shown in the figure above.

The distance of AB , BC and CP are 1.5 m , 0.42 m and 1.44 m , respectively.

Determine the magnitude and direction of the force acting along each of the two rods, AP and BP .

$$F_{BP} = 26.08 \text{ N, tension}, \quad F_{AP} = 4.228 \text{ N, thrust}$$



Question 8 (*)+**

A particle P of mass m is attached at the end of two light inextensible strings AP and BP , of equal lengths. The points A , P and B lie in the same vertical plane with A located at a distance of $4a$ vertically above B , as shown in the figure above.

The particle rotates in a horizontal circle with constant angular speed ω , with both strings taut and both inclined at 30° to the vertical.

Given that tension in the string AP is twice as large as the tension in the string BP ,

$$\text{show that } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{2a}}.$$

proof

(1) Equilibrium : $2T_{\text{sin}60} = T_{\text{sin}60} + mg$
 $T_{\text{sin}60} = mg$

(2) $m\vec{r}'' = -2T_{\text{cos}60}\hat{i} - T_{\text{cos}60}\hat{j}$
 $m(\vec{r}'^2)'' = -3T_{\text{cos}60}$
 $m\omega^2 r = 3T_{\text{cos}60}$
 $m\omega^2 \frac{2a}{\sqrt{3}} = 3\left(\frac{mg}{\text{sin}60}\right)_{\text{cos}60}$
 $\frac{2m\omega^2 a}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3mg}{\text{sin}60}$

$\frac{2m\omega^2 a}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3mg}{\sqrt{3}}$
 $2m\omega^2 a = 3mg$
 $\omega^2 = \frac{3g}{2a}$
 $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{2a}}$

Question 9 (*)+**

The points A and B are 2 m apart, with A vertically above B . A particle P of mass 0.2 kg is attached by two identical light inextensible strings, each of length 1.25 m to A and B .

The particle moves with constant speed $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$ in a horizontal circle whose centre is at the midpoint of AB .

- Given that $V = 9$, determine the tension in each of the two strings.
- Given instead that V can vary, calculate the least value of V , for which the motion described is possible.

$$T_A = 22.9 \text{ N}, T_B = 13.1 \text{ N}, V_{\min} = \frac{21}{20}\sqrt{5} \text{ ms}^{-1} \approx 2.35 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

a)

FORCE BY PYTHAGOREAN

$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 + 1.25^2 &= 5^2 \\ \frac{3^2}{1.25^2} &= \frac{5^2}{1.25^2} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \cos \theta &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore T_1 \cos \theta = T_1 \cos 0 + 2g$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{5} T_1 &= \frac{3}{5} T_1 + \frac{1}{5} g \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2}{5} T_1 &= \frac{1}{5} g \\ \Rightarrow T_1 &= \frac{1}{2} g \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore T_2 \cos \theta = -T_2 \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{3}{5} T_2 &= -(T_2 + T_1) \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} \frac{T_2}{T_2 + T_1} &= \frac{1}{5} \\ \Rightarrow T_2 + T_1 &= 3T_2 \\ \Rightarrow T_1 + T_2 &= 3T_2 \end{aligned}$$

HENCE

$$\begin{aligned} 4T_1 &= 4(36 - T_1) + g \\ 8T_1 &= 144 - g \\ T_1 &= 18.225 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

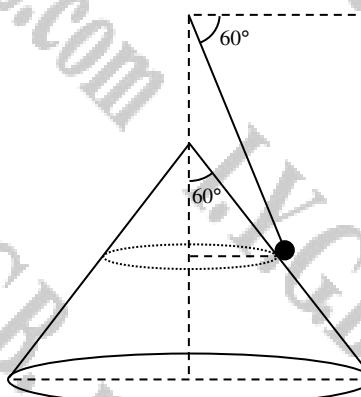
$\therefore T_2 = 36 - T_1$

$T_2 = 17.775$

b) LEAST SPEED WILL OCCUR WHEN BOTTOM STRING GOES SLACK. NOTE THAT THE TOP STRING WILL ALWAYS HAVE TENSION.
HENCE IF $T_2 = 0$, THE EQUATIONS REDUCE TO

$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad T_1 \cos \theta &= 0.2g & (ii) \quad m\vec{v}^2 &= -T_1 \sin \theta \\ \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} T_1 &= \frac{1}{5} g & \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}(-\frac{g^2}{r}) &= -2.45 \times \frac{3}{5} \\ \Rightarrow 4T_1 &= g & \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}(\frac{g^2}{0.625}) &= 1.47 \\ \Rightarrow T_1 &= 2.45 \quad \checkmark & \Rightarrow v^2 &= \frac{147}{5} \\ & & \Rightarrow v &= \frac{\sqrt{147}}{5} \approx 2.35 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$

Question 10 (***)+



The figure above shows a right circular cone of semi-vertical angle 60° is fixed with its axis vertical and vertex upwards.

A particle of mass 5 kg is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length $\frac{8}{15}\sqrt{3}$ m, and the other end of the string is attached to a fixed point vertically above the vertex of the cone.

The particle moves in a horizontal circle on the smooth outer surface of the cone with constant angular speed $\omega \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, with the string making a constant angle of 60° with the horizontal.

- a) Show that the tension in the string is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}(49 + 4\omega^2)$.
- b) Given that the particle remains on the surface of the cone, show further that the time for the particle to make one complete revolution is at least $\frac{4\pi}{7}$.

proof

(a): $T\sin 60^\circ + R\cos 60^\circ = 5g$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T + \frac{1}{2}R = 5g$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(T+R) = 5g$$

$$T+R = \frac{10g}{\sqrt{3}}$$

(b): $T+R = \frac{10g}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$R-T = -\frac{10g}{\sqrt{3}} < 0$$

$$2R = \frac{10g}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{10g}{\sqrt{3}}\omega^2$$

$$R = \frac{5g}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}\omega^2$$

BUT IF IT STAYS ON THE CONE $R > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5g}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}\omega^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5g}{\sqrt{3}} > \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}\omega^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{\sqrt{3}} > \omega^2$$

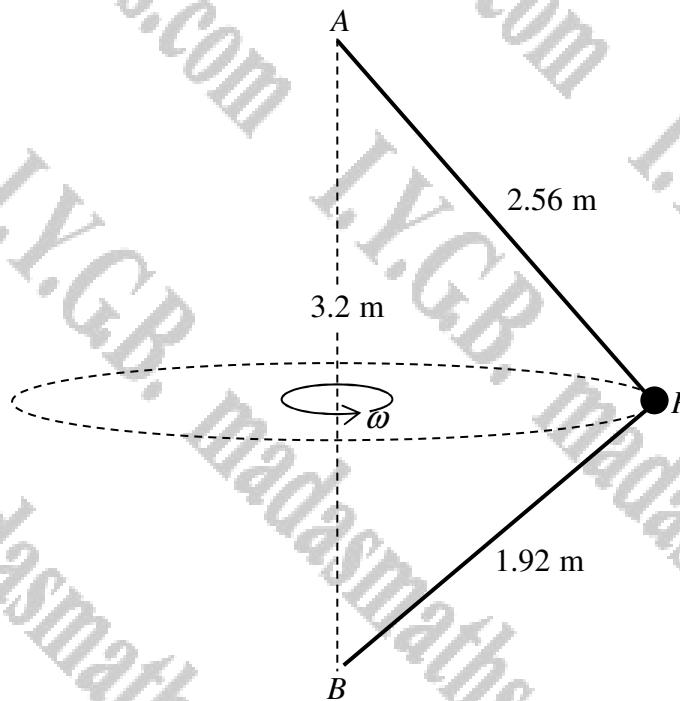
$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 < \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega < \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{\omega} > \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{5}/\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{PERIOD} > \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Question 11 (****+)



A particle P of mass m is attached at the end of two light inextensible strings AP and BP , of respective lengths 2.56 m and 1.92 m. The points A , P and B lie in the same vertical plane with A located at a distance of 3.2 m vertically above B , as shown in the figure above.

The particle rotates in a horizontal circle with constant angular speed ω , with both strings taut.

Show that the time for the particle to make a complete revolution is at most $\frac{32}{35}\pi$.

, proof

SOLN WITH A DETAILED DIAGRAM

BY APPROX. THE TOWER IS 3.1415
CAL USE THE DOUBLE RULE TO FIND cosθ

$$\begin{aligned} 1.92 &= 2.56 : 3.2 \\ 1.92 &= 256 : 320 \Rightarrow 10 \\ 3 &: 4 : 5 \Rightarrow 4 : 5 : 6 \end{aligned}$$

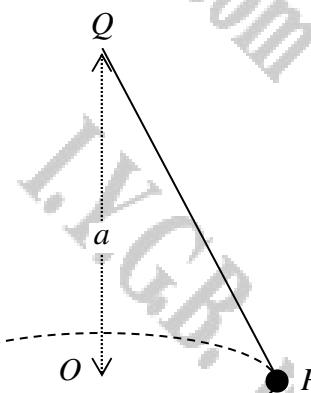
$$\begin{aligned} \sin\theta &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \cos\theta &= \frac{4}{5} \\ \tan\theta &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

NOV SCORING AT THE DIFFICULTY
 $T = 2\pi R \sqrt{\frac{1}{g}}$
 $R = 2.56 \times \frac{3}{5}$
 $R = 1.536$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 4\pi^2 T &\geq 3\pi \\ \Rightarrow 4\pi^2 \times 1.536 &\geq 3 \times 1.8 \\ \Rightarrow \omega^2 &\geq \frac{122.56}{2304} \\ \Rightarrow \omega &\geq \frac{2.5}{16} \\ \Rightarrow \omega &\geq \frac{5}{32} \\ \Rightarrow \omega T &\leq \frac{32\pi}{35} \end{aligned}$$

PROOF

Question 12 (****+)



The figure above shows a particle P of mass m attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length a and modulus of elasticity $4mg$.

The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point Q . The particle moves with constant speed v in a horizontal circle with centre O , where O is vertically below Q such that $|OQ|=a$.

- Show that the extension in the string is $\frac{1}{3}a$.
- Find v^2 in terms of a and g .

$$v^2 = \frac{7}{9}ag$$

(a)

$T \cos \theta = mg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$

$T \sin \theta = -mv^2/a$
 $\Rightarrow T = -\frac{mv^2}{a \tan \theta}$

By Hooke's Law: $T = \frac{4mg}{a}x \Rightarrow -\frac{mv^2}{a \tan \theta} = \frac{4mg}{a}x$

Geometry: $\frac{T}{a+x} = \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{4mg}{a}x}{a+x} = \sin \theta$

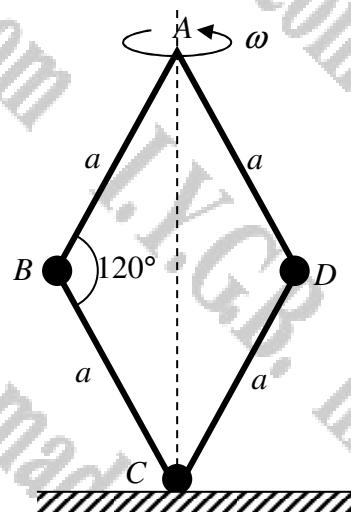
Combining (i), (ii) & (iii):
 $\frac{4mg}{a \cos \theta} = \frac{4mg}{a}x \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{a}{a+x}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{a}{a+x} = \frac{a}{a+2x}$
 $\Rightarrow 2x = a+x$
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{3}$

(b)

NOW
 $\bullet m(-\frac{v^2}{r}) = -T \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{T \sin \theta}{m}$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{4mg \sqrt{\frac{a}{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{m}$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{4mg}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

$\bullet \text{C.E.B. } x = \frac{a}{3}$
 $\bullet \text{BY PYTHAGORES } r = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}a}$
 $\bullet \text{C.E.B. } \cos \theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}a}}$
 $\bullet \text{C.E.B. } \cos \theta = \frac{a}{\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}a}}$

Question 13 (***)+



Three small spheres B , C and D , of respective masses m , $2m$ and m , are smoothly hinged to four identical light rigid rods, each of length a . The rods form a rhombus $ABCD$. The sphere C is in contact with a smooth horizontal surface.

The system S , of the three spheres and the four rods, always lie in the same vertical plane with A vertically above C , as shown in the figure above.

S is rotating with constant angular velocity ω , about a vertical axis AC .

- a) Given $\angle ABC = 120^\circ$, find the tension in BC , in terms of m , g , a and ω .

When the angular velocity is increased to Ω , sphere C is at the point of losing contact with the surface.

- b) Show clearly that $\Omega^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{a}$.

$$T = \frac{1}{6}m[3a\omega^2 - 2\sqrt{3}g]$$

a) When the sphere C is in contact

(1) $N\cos\theta = T\sin\theta$
 $\frac{1}{2}N = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T + mg$
 $\sqrt{3}N = 6T + 2mg$

(2) $N\dot{\theta} = -N\omega\dot{\theta}$ (torque)
 $N(-\omega^2) = -\frac{1}{2}(3\omega^2)$
 $N\omega^2(2) = 3\omega^2$

$T = \frac{N}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}mg}{3}$

ELIMINATING N BETWEEN THE EQUATIONS

$N = T\cot\theta$
 $2N = 2T\cot\theta$
 $2\sqrt{3}[T + mg] = \sqrt{3}T + 2mg$
 $2\sqrt{3}mg = 2mg$
 $3mg = 6T$
 $m(\omega^2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{a}) = 6$
 $T = \frac{1}{6}m(\omega^2 - 2\sqrt{3}g)$

b) When the sphere C is lifting off (no reaction on the sphere, $N=0$, $\theta=0$)

WORKING AT SPHERE C' (VIBRATORY)

(1) $N\cos\theta = T\sin\theta$
 $\frac{1}{2}N = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T$
 $N = 2T$

(2) $N\dot{\theta} = -N\omega\dot{\theta}$ (torque)
 $N(-\omega^2) = -N(3\omega^2)$
 $N\omega^2(2) = 6\omega^2$

NOW WORKING AT THE ROTATION AS IT LIES OFF, i.e. GEOMETRICAL CONFIGURATION EXTENDED INDEFINITELY

(3) $N\sin\theta = mg + T\cos\theta$
 $\frac{1}{2}N = mg + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}T$
 $\frac{1}{2}N = mg$
 $N = 2mg$
 $3N = 6mg$
 $N = \frac{6}{2}\sqrt{3}mg$

REACTING BACK TO SPHERE C

(4) $WT = -N\cos\theta - T\sin\theta$
 $WT = -\frac{1}{2}(N+T)$
 $mg = \frac{1}{2}(N+T)$
 $mg^2(2) = \frac{1}{2}(N+T)$
 $mg^2 = N+T$
 $N = 4\sqrt{3}mg - \frac{1}{2}mg^2$
 $N = 2\sqrt{3}g$
 $\omega^2 = 2\sqrt{3}$
 $\omega^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}g}{a}$

THIS IS THE LIMITING VALUE

BANKED CIRCULAR MOTION

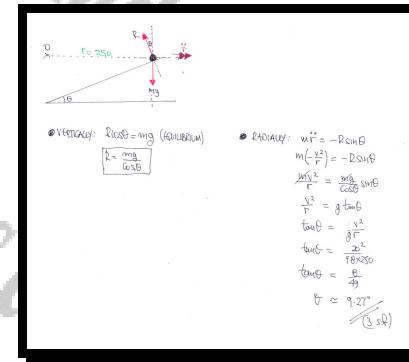
Question 1 ()**

A car is travelling round a bend which is banked at an angle θ to the horizontal. The car is modelled as a particle moving around a horizontal circle of radius 250 m.

When the car reaches a speed of 20 ms^{-1} the car experiences no sideways frictional force.

Determine the value of θ .

$$\theta \approx 9.27^\circ$$



Question 2 (+)**

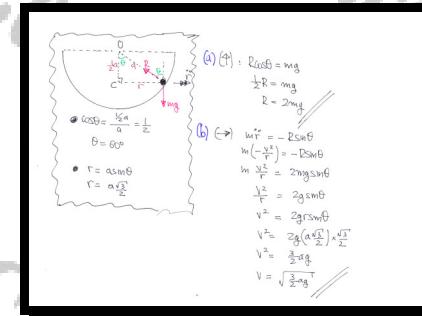
A thin hollow hemispherical bowl, of radius a , is fixed on a table with its curved surface in contact with the table and the open plane face parallel to the table.

A small marble of mass m is moving in a horizontal circle round the inside smooth surface of the bowl. The centre of the circle is at a distance of $\frac{1}{2}a$ above the level of the table.

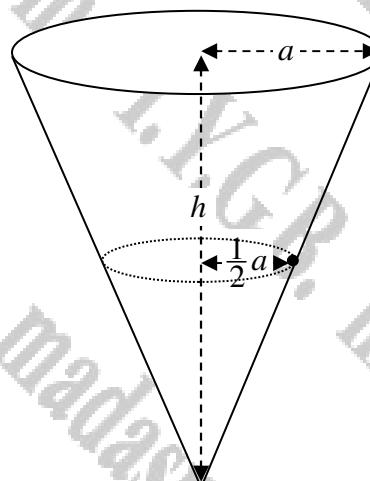
Determine ...

- ... the contact force between the marble and the bowl, in terms of m and g .
- ... the constant speed of the marble, in terms of a and g .

$$R = 2mg, v = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}ag}$$



Question 3 (**+)



The figure above shows a particle moving on the smooth inner surface of a hollow inverted right circular cone.

The cone has radius a and height h and the particle is moving in a horizontal circle of radius $\frac{1}{2}a$ with constant speed v .

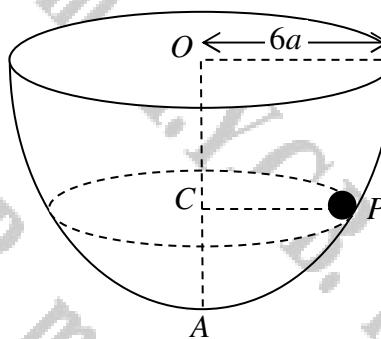
Show clearly that $v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}gh}$.

proof

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\text{1}): R\cos\theta = mg \quad (\text{Normal force}) \\ (\text{2}): R\sin\theta = -mv^2 \quad (\text{F=ma}) \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m\left(\frac{v^2}{R}\right) &= -R\sin\theta \\ \Rightarrow 2m v^2 &= Ra\sin\theta \\ \Rightarrow 2m v^2 &= \left(\frac{mg}{\tan\theta}\right)a\sin\theta \\ \Rightarrow 2m v^2 &= \frac{mg a \sin\theta}{\tan\theta} \\ \Rightarrow 2v^2 &= \frac{ga}{\tan\theta} \\ \Rightarrow 2v^2 &= gh \\ \Rightarrow v^2 &= \frac{1}{2}gh \\ \Rightarrow v &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}gh} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

Question 4 (***)



The figure above shows a thin hemispherical bowl of radius $6a$, which is fixed with its circular rim in a horizontal plane.

The centre of the circular rim is at the point O and the point A is on the inner surface of the bowl, vertically below O .

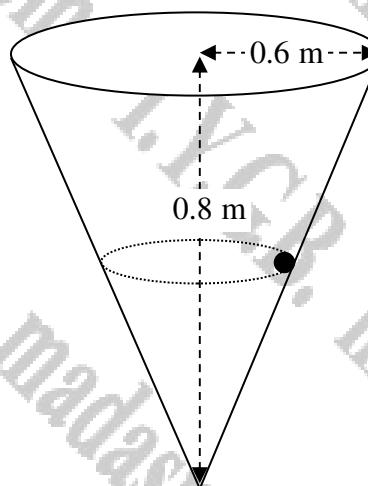
A particle P moves in a horizontal circle with centre C , where C lies on OA , on the smooth inner surface of the bowl.

Given that P moves with constant angular speed $\sqrt{\frac{g}{4a}}$, determine the distance OC , in terms of a .

$$|OC| = 4a$$

(A): $R\omega\sin\theta = mg$
 $\Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -R\sin\theta$
 $m(-\omega^2 r) = -R\sin\theta$
 $m\omega^2 r = R\sin\theta$
 $m\omega^2 (R\cos\theta) = R\sin\theta$
 $Gm\omega^2 = R$
 $Gm(\frac{\omega^2}{a}) = \frac{mg}{a}$
 $\frac{Gm\omega^2}{a} = \frac{mg}{a}$
 $\omega^2 = \frac{g}{a}$
 $\therefore |OC| = |OP|\cos\theta$
 $|OC| = a \times \frac{g}{a}$
 $|OC| = 4a //$

Question 5 (***)



The figure above shows a particle of mass 3 kg, moving on the smooth inner surface of a hollow inverted right circular cone.

The cone has radius 2.1 m and height 2.8 m and the particle is moving in a horizontal circle with constant speed $\frac{14}{15}\sqrt{30} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- Find the magnitude of the constant reaction between the particle and the cone.
- Calculate the height of the horizontal circle, in which the particle is moving, above the vertex of the cone.

$$R = 49 \text{ N}, \quad h = \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.67 \text{ m}$$

(a)

$\tan \theta = \frac{2.1}{2.8} = \frac{3}{4}$

$\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$

$\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$

(i) $R \cos \theta = 3g$

$$R \times \frac{4}{5} = 3g$$

$$R = \frac{15}{4}g$$

$$R = 49 \text{ N}$$

(ii) $m\frac{v^2}{r} = -R \cos \theta$

$$\propto \left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right) = -R \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2v^2}{r} = R \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2v^2}{R \cos \theta} = r$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2(v^2)}{R \cos \theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2(14/15)^2}{49 \times 4/5}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

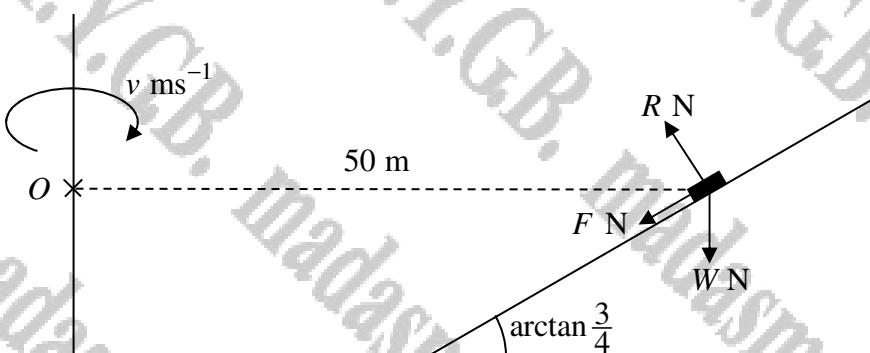
Final answer by conservation of angular momentum:

$$\frac{v}{r} = \tan \theta \Rightarrow \frac{v}{2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{3}{2} \approx 2.67$$

Question 6 (*)+**

A sports car of mass 1000 kg is moving with constant speed $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, in horizontal circle with centre O and radius 50 m on a road which is banked at $\arctan \frac{3}{4}$ to the horizontal.



The figure above shows the weight of the car W_N , the normal reaction R_N and the frictional force between the road and the car F_N .

- a) Given that $F = 0$ determine the value of v .

Given instead that $v = 30 \text{ ms}^{-1}$...

- b) ... find value of F and the value of R .

- c) ... calculate the least value of the coefficient of friction between the road and the car.

$$v \approx 19.17 \text{ ms}^{-1}, R = 18640, F = 8520, \mu \approx 0.457$$

(a)

$\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$
 $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$
 $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$

$m = 1000 \text{ kg}$
 $r = 50 \text{ m}$

• If $F = 0$

• (1): $R \cos \theta = mg$
 $\frac{4}{5}R = 9800$
 $R = 12250$

• (2): $mv^2/r = R \sin \theta$
 $1000\left(\frac{v^2}{50}\right) = 12250 \times \frac{3}{5}$
 $20v^2 = 7350$
 $v^2 = 367.5$
 $v \approx 19.17 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

(b) Now $F \neq 0$

(1): $R \cos \theta = F \sin \theta + mg$
 $\frac{4}{5}R = \frac{3}{5}F + 9800$
 $\Rightarrow 4R = 3F + 49000$

(2): $mv^2/r = F \sin \theta - R \cos \theta$
 $1000\left(\frac{v^2}{50}\right) = \frac{3}{5}F - \frac{4}{5}R$
 $\Rightarrow 4F + 3R = 90000$

$\begin{cases} 4R - 3F = 49000 \\ 4F + 3R = 90000 \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} 16R - 12F = 196000 \\ 16F + 12R = 360000 \end{cases}$

$\begin{cases} 28F = 164000 \\ 28R = 264000 \end{cases}$

$R = 18640$

Final Ans

$4R - 3F = 49000$
 $4(18640) - 3F = 49000$
 $3F = 3F$
 $F = 8520$

(c)

$F \leq \mu R$
 $8520 \leq \mu \times 18640$
 $\mu \geq 0.45708...$

∴ Least value is
 0.457 (3 s.f.)

Question 7 (***)

A car is driven at constant speed v ms $^{-1}$ round a bend of a race track. The track, round the bend is banked at $\arctan \frac{3}{4}$ to the horizontal and the coefficient of friction between the car tyres and the track is 0.625.

The car is modelled as a particle whose path round the bend is a horizontal circle of radius 25 m.

If the car tyres do not slip sideways as the car goes round the bend, determine the greatest value of v , correct to 2 decimal places.

$$v = ? , |v| \approx 28.18 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Starting with a cross-sectional diagram, in the limiting position, is the car going so fast so it is at the point of slipping off the bend.

Resolving the forces:

- (1) $R\cos\theta = \mu R\sin\theta + mg$ (equilibrium)
- (2) $\tau_f = -R\sin\theta - \mu R\cos\theta$ ($F = ma$)

Dividing the equations after rearranging, to eliminate R :

$$\frac{\tau_f}{mg} = \frac{-R\sin\theta - \mu R\cos\theta}{R\cos\theta - \mu R\sin\theta}$$

$$\frac{\tau_f}{g} = \frac{-\sin\theta - \mu\cos\theta}{\cos\theta - \mu\sin\theta}$$

$$\frac{\tau_f^2}{g^2} = \frac{\sin^2\theta + \mu^2\cos^2\theta}{(\cos\theta - \mu\sin\theta)^2}$$

$$\frac{\tau_f^2}{25 \times 9.8} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} + 0.625 \times \frac{16}{25}}{\frac{16}{25} - 0.625 \times \frac{12}{25}}$$

$$\frac{\tau_f^2}{245} = \frac{175}{17}$$

$$\tau_f^2 = \frac{175}{17} \times 245$$

$$\tau_f \approx 25.18 \text{ N}$$

$\mu = 0.625$

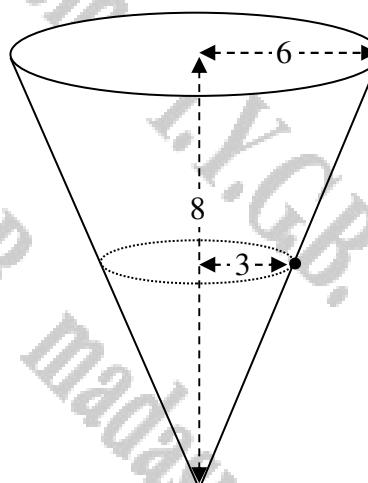
$R = 25 \text{ m}$

$\tan\theta = \frac{3}{4}$

$\sin\theta = \frac{3}{5}$

$\cos\theta = \frac{4}{5}$

Question 8 (***)+



The figure above shows a particle on the rough inner surface of a hollow inverted right circular cone of radius 6 m and height 8 m, whose axis of symmetry is vertical.

When the cone rotates about its axis of symmetry with constant angular velocity the particle moves with constant speed 4.2 ms^{-1} in a horizontal circle of radius 3 m.

The cone rotates sufficiently fast for the particle to stay in contact with the cone.

Determine the smallest possible value of the coefficient of friction between the cone and the particle.

$$\boxed{}, \quad \mu = \frac{11}{27}$$

STARTING WITH A DETAILED DIAGRAM

$\cos\theta = \frac{3}{5}, \quad \sin\theta = \frac{4}{5}, \quad \tan\theta = \frac{4}{3}$

$\Gamma = 3 \text{ by inspection}$

(4) $N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta = mg \text{ (equilibrium)}$
 $\Leftrightarrow N\Gamma = -N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta \quad (\text{F=ma}_x)$

MANIPULATE THE EQUATION OF MOTION

$$m(-\frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma}) = -N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta$$

$$-m\Gamma^2 = -N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta$$

DIVIDE THE QUADRATIC SIDE BY SIDE

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m\Gamma}{m\Gamma^2} = \frac{N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta}{-N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\Gamma^2} = \frac{N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta}{-N\cos\theta + f\sin\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4\Gamma^2} = \frac{0.6 + 0.8\mu}{-3 \times 0.8 + \mu \times 3.06}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{4\Gamma^2} = \frac{0.6 + 0.8\mu}{1.8\mu - 2.4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\Gamma} = \frac{3 + 4\mu}{18\mu - 24}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Gamma} = \frac{11}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma = \frac{27}{11}$$

Question 9 (*)+**

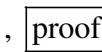
A car is moving, with constant speed v , in a circular bend banked at an angle θ to the horizontal, so that the car is at the point of slipping down the banked road.

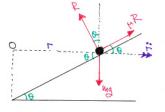
The motion of the car takes place in horizontal circle with centre O and radius r .

The coefficient of friction between the road and the car is μ .

Show with detail method that

$$v^2 = \frac{rg(\tan \theta - \mu)}{1 + \mu \tan \theta}.$$

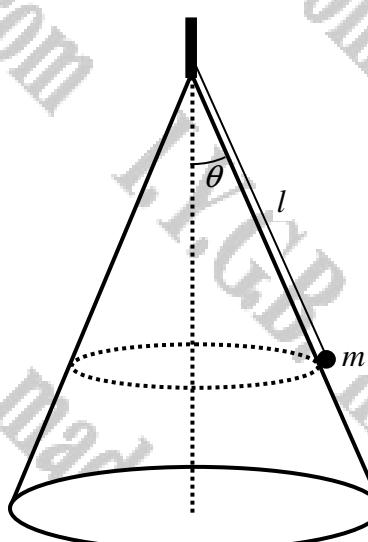
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- VERTICALLY WE HAVE EQUILIBRIUM
 $R \cos \theta + \mu R \sin \theta = mg$
- IN THE RADIAL DIRECTION, AWAY FROM O
 $R \sin \theta = \mu R \cos \theta - R \sin \theta$
- DIVIDING THE TWO EQUATIONS, WE OBTAIN

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{R \sin \theta}{mg}}{\frac{R \cos \theta - R \sin \theta}{R \cos \theta + \mu R \sin \theta}} &= \frac{\mu R \cos \theta - R \sin \theta}{R \cos \theta + \mu R \sin \theta} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{R \sin \theta}{mg}}{\frac{R \sin \theta}{R \cos \theta + \mu R \sin \theta}} &= \frac{\mu R \cos \theta - R \sin \theta}{R \cos \theta + \mu R \sin \theta} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-\frac{R^2}{g}}{1 + \mu \tan \theta} &= \frac{\mu \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{\cos \theta + \mu \sin \theta} \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{R^2}{g} &= \frac{\mu - \tan \theta}{1 + \mu \tan \theta} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{R^2}{g} &= \frac{\tan \theta - \mu}{1 + \mu \tan \theta} \\ \Rightarrow R^2 &= \frac{rg(\tan \theta - \mu)}{1 + \mu \tan \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Question 10 (****)



One of the two ends of a light inextensible string of length l is attached to the vertex of a right circular cone. A particle of mass m is attached to the other end of the string. The particle is made to rotate on the curved surface of the cone with constant angular velocity ω with the string taut.

A line of greatest slope on the surface of the cone forms an angle θ with the axis of symmetry of the cone, such that $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$, as shown in the above figure.

Show that the tension in the string is

$$T = \frac{1}{25}m(20g + 9l\omega^2).$$

proof

(1): $T\cos\theta + R\sin\theta = mg$
 Given: $m\ddot{r} = R\ddot{\theta} = T\sin\theta - T\cos\theta$ \Rightarrow $R\sin\theta = T\sin\theta - m(\omega^2 r)$ \Rightarrow divisor

$$\Rightarrow T\cos\theta = \frac{mg - T\cos\theta}{R\sin\theta - m(\omega^2 r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow T\cos\theta = \frac{mg - T\cos\theta}{T\sin\theta - m(\omega^2 r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} = \frac{mg - \frac{3}{4}T}{\frac{3}{4}T - m(\omega^2 r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} = \frac{5mg - 3T}{3T - 3m(\omega^2 r)}$$

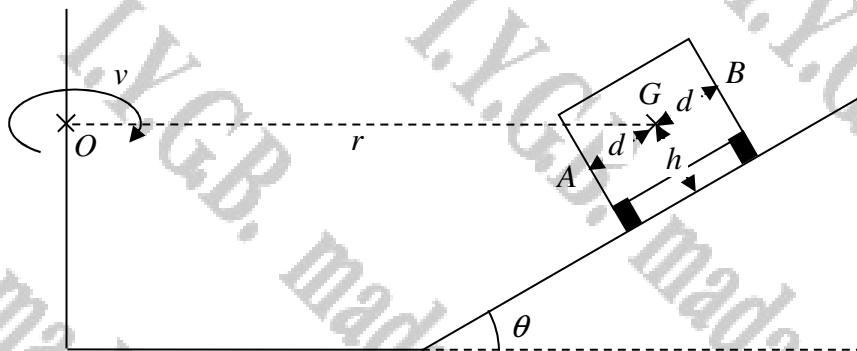
$$\Rightarrow 3T - 9m(\omega^2 r) = 20mg - 16T$$

$$\Rightarrow 25T = 20mg + 9m(\omega^2 r)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{25}(20g + 9\omega^2 r)$$

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Question 11 (*****)



The figure above shows a car moving with constant speed v , in a horizontal circle, with centre O and radius r , on a road which is banked at an angle θ to the horizontal.

The car has **width** $|AB|=2d$, as shown in the figure and its centre of mass G is located at the midpoint of AB and at a height h above the ground.

Assuming that the car is at the point of toppling about G , in an "up the bend" direction, show that

$$v^2 = \frac{rg(d + h \tan \theta)}{h - d \tan \theta}.$$

, proof

(RIGID BODY DIAGRAM)

(PARTICLE DIAGRAM)

ELIMINATE F (or R) i.e. $F = \frac{Rd}{h}$

$$\begin{cases} m(-\frac{v^2}{r}) = -\frac{Rd}{h} \cos \theta - R \sin \theta \\ R \cos \theta = mg + \frac{Rd}{h} \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} mv^2 = \frac{Rd}{h} \cos \theta + R \sin \theta \\ R \cos \theta = mg + \frac{Rd}{h} \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} mv^2 = Rd \cos \theta + Rh \sin \theta \\ Rh \sin \theta = mhg + Rd \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} mv^2 = R(r \cos \theta + h \sin \theta) \\ mhg = R(h \cos \theta - r \sin \theta) \end{cases}$$

DIVIDING THESE

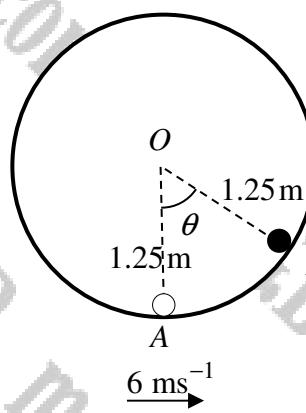
$$\Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{g} = r \left(\frac{h \cos \theta + h \sin \theta}{h \cos \theta - r \sin \theta} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = rg \left(\frac{h + h \tan \theta}{h - r \tan \theta} \right)$$

cancel 'top & bottom' of the fraction by h

MOTION IN A VERTICAL CIRCLE

Question 1 (**)



A hollow right circular cylinder is fixed with its axis horizontal. The inner surface of the cylinder is smooth and has radius 1.25 m. A particle P of mass 0.5 kg is projected horizontally with speed 6 ms^{-1} from a point A , which is the lowest point of a vertical cross section of the cylinder, which is perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder. While P is in contact with the cylinder, its speed is $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and the contact force exerted by the cylinder onto P is $R \text{ N}$. The angle AOP is θ , where O is the vertical cross section, as shown in the figure.

- a) Show clearly that ...

i. ... $v^2 = 11.5 + 24.5 \cos \theta$.

ii. ... $R = 4.6 + 14.7 \cos \theta$

- b) Determine the speed of P at the instant when it leaves the surface.

$$\approx 1.96 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

(c) By energy taking the lowest level of the cylinder as the zero-potential level

$$KE_{\text{kinetic}} + PE_{\text{pot}} = KE_{\text{rot}} + PE_{\text{g}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + mg(h - R\cos\theta)$$

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh \quad (u = \omega R)$$

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$v^2 = 36 - 24.5 + 24.5\cos\theta$$

$$v^2 = 11.5 + 24.5\cos\theta$$

124.5 m/s

(d) Now, finally

$$mR = mg\cos\theta - R$$

$$m\left(\frac{v^2}{R}\right) = mg\cos\theta - R$$

$$R = mg\cos\theta + \frac{mv^2}{g}$$

$$R = 4.4\cos 65^\circ + \frac{3}{8}(11.5 + 24.5\cos 65^\circ)$$

$$R = 4.4\cos 65^\circ + 4.46 + 3.81\cos 65^\circ$$

$$R = 4.46 + 14.7\cos 65^\circ$$

as required

(b) When it leaves the surface $R = 0$

$$0 = 4.4 + 14.7\cos\theta$$

$$14.7\cos\theta = -4.4$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{4.4}{14.7}$$

$$V^2 = 11.5 + 24.5\cos\theta$$

$$V^2 = 11.5 + 24.5 \left(-\frac{4.4}{14.7}\right)$$

$$V^2 = \frac{23}{6}$$

$$V = 1.96 \text{ m/s}^{-1}$$

Question 2 ()**

A light inextensible string of length 4 m has one end attached to a fixed point O and the other end attached to a particle P of mass 0.5 kg.

P is moving in a vertical circle with centre O and radius 4 m. When P is at the highest point of the circle it has speed 8 ms⁻¹.

Determine the tension in the string when the speed of P is 12 ms⁻¹.

$$T = 18.1 \text{ N}$$

BY ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF O_2 AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL

$$\begin{aligned} KE_A + PE_A &= KE_B + PE_B \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh' \\ v^2 + 2ag &= v^2 + 2agh \\ 64 + 76.8 &= 144 + 76.8 \\ -16 &= 76.8 \\ \boxed{U_{\text{str}} = -\frac{1}{48}} \end{aligned}$$

RADIALLY

$$\begin{aligned} mv^2 &= -T - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= -mv^2 - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= -m\left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right) - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= \frac{-mv^2}{r} - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= \frac{-0.5 \times 144}{4} - 0.5 \times 9.8 \times (-\frac{1}{4}) \\ T &= 18.1 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 (+)**

A particle is attached to one end of a light rigid rod of length a and the other end of the rod is freely hinged to a fixed point O .

The particle is originally at rest, vertically below O , when it is projected horizontally with speed u .

The particle moves in a complete vertical circle.

- a) Show clearly that $u \geq \sqrt{4ag}$

The particle is then attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a and the other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O .

The particle is hanging freely at rest, with the string vertical, when it is projected horizontally with speed u .

The particle moves in a complete vertical circle.

- b) Show further that $u \geq \sqrt{5ag}$

proof

(a) By conservation of energy, we can write:

$$KE_1 + PE_1 = KE_2 + PE_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 + mgh_1 = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 + mgh_2$$

$$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2g(a - aw\cos\theta)$$

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2ga(1 - w\cos\theta)$$

Now for rods, since they cannot go slack, it suffices to say $v \geq 0$. Writing $w = \omega\sin\theta$ in the above equation,

$$u^2 - 2ga(1 - w\cos\theta) \geq 0$$

$$u^2 - 4ga \geq 0$$

$$u^2 \geq 4ga$$

$$u \geq \sqrt{4ga}$$

As required.

(b) The tension equation obtained in part (a) still holds so long as the string is taut, i.e. there is tension in the string.

Equation of motion:

$$mv^2/a = mg\cos\theta - T$$

$$m(v^2/a) = mg\cos\theta - T$$

$$T = mg\cos\theta - mv^2/a$$

$$T = mg\cos\theta - \frac{mv^2}{a}$$

$$T = mg\cos\theta - mg(a - w\cos\theta)$$

$$T = \frac{ma^2}{a} + mg(a\cos\theta - 2)$$

$$T = mg + mg(\cos\theta - 2)$$

For circular motion: $T \geq 0$ when $\theta = 180^\circ$

$$\therefore \frac{mv^2}{a} + mg(\cos\theta - 2) \geq 0$$

$$\frac{mv^2}{a} - Sang \geq 0$$

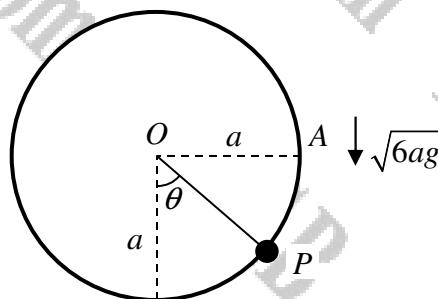
$$\frac{mv^2}{a} > Sang$$

$$v^2 > Sang$$

$$u \geq \sqrt{Sang}$$

As required.

Question 4 (***)



A particle P of mass M attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The particle is held at a point A with the string taut and OA is horizontal. The particle is projected downwards with speed $\sqrt{6ag}$ from A .

When the string makes an angle θ with the downward vertical through O the string is still taut, the tension denoted by T , as shown in the figure above.

- a) Assuming that air resistance can be ignored, show that

$$T = 3Mg(2 + \cos\theta).$$

- b) State, with justification, whether P performs a full circle in the subsequent motion.

When $T = 5Mg$ the speed of P is 5.6 ms^{-1} .

- c) Determine the value of a .

$$a = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

(a)

By finding the level of O as the string rotates until $KE_{\text{initial}} + PE_{\text{initial}} = KE_{\text{final}} + PE_{\text{final}}$

$$\frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + Pe_{\text{initial}} = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + Mg(a\cos\theta)$$

$$v^2 = v^2 - 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$v^2 = v^2 + 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$v^2 = 6ag + 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$v^2 = 2ag(3 + \cos\theta)$$

Now, initially $v = \sqrt{6ag}$

$$Mv^2 = Mg(6ag) - T$$

$$T = Mg\cos\theta - Mg$$

$$T = Mg\cos\theta - M(-\frac{v^2}{a})$$

$$T = Mg\cos\theta + M(\frac{6ag + 2ag\cos\theta}{a})$$

$$T = Mg\cos\theta + (6a + 2ag\cos\theta)$$

$$T = 3Mg\cos\theta + 6Mg$$

$$T = 3Mg(2 + \cos\theta)$$

As required

(b)

It performs full circles since $T = 0 \Rightarrow \cos\theta = -2$. Which has no solutions. \therefore There is always tension

Now when $T = 5Mg$, $v = 5.6$

- $5Mg - 3Mg(2 + \cos\theta) = 2 + \cos\theta$
- $\frac{5}{3} = 2 + \cos\theta$
- $\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{3}$
- $v^2 = 2ag(3 + \cos\theta)$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{a} = \frac{16}{3}$
- $\Rightarrow \frac{768}{a} = \frac{16}{3}$
- $\Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{48}$
- $\therefore a = 0.6 \text{ m}$

Question 5 (*)+**

A particle P is projected horizontally with speed u from the highest point of a fixed smooth sphere of radius a and centre O . In the subsequent motion P slides down the sphere and loses contact with the sphere when OP makes an angle θ with the upward vertical.

- a) Show clearly that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{u^2 + 2ag}{3ag}.$$

- b) Determine the minimum value of u in terms of a and g , for which P leaves the surface of the sphere the instant it is projected.

$$u_{\min} = \sqrt{ag}$$

(a)

By Energy taking the level of O as the zero potential level

$$KE_A + PE_A = KE_B + PE_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mga = \frac{1}{2}mv'^2 + mg(a\cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow u^2 + 2ag = v'^2 + 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow v'^2 = u^2 + 2ag - 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v'^2 = u^2 + 2ag(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

♦ RADIAL

$$m\ddot{r} = R - mg\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow m(-\ddot{r}) = R - mg\cos\theta$$

Potential levels $\rightarrow R = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{mv^2}{R} = mg\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{v^2}{ag}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{u^2 + 2ag(1 - \cos\theta)}{ag}$$

$$\Rightarrow ag\cos\theta = u^2 + 2ag - 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 3ag\cos\theta = u^2 + 2ag$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{u^2 + 2ag}{3ag} \quad // At Equilibrium$$

(b) For instant loss of contact $\cos\theta = 1 \quad (\theta = 0)$

Thus $1 = \frac{u^2 + 2ag}{3ag}$

$$3ag = u^2 + 2ag$$

$$u^2 = ag$$

$$u = \sqrt{ag}$$

\therefore Min Speed is \sqrt{ag}

Question 6 (*)+**

A light rigid rod OP of length a has a particle of mass m attached at P . The rod is rotating in a vertical plane about a fixed smooth horizontal axis through O .

Given that the greatest force acting along the rod is $5mg$, find, in terms of mg , the magnitude of the force acting along the rod when the speed of the particle is \sqrt{ag} .

$$F = \frac{1}{2}mg$$

T_{MAX} COULD BE AT THE POSITION

BY CHOICE TAKING THE LOWER POINT OF THE PATH AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL

• $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + U = -\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mg(a - a\cos\theta)$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = r^2 + 2ag(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\sqrt{ag})^2 = (a\sqrt{g})^2 + 2ag(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2g = a^2g + 2ag(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = 1 + 2 - 2\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\cos\theta = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

• $mv^2 = mg\cos\theta = T$

$$\Rightarrow m\left(\frac{v^2}{a}\right) = mg\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = T$$

$$\Rightarrow mv^2/a = -\frac{1}{2}mg = T$$

$$\Rightarrow mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}mg = T$$

$$\Rightarrow mg = \frac{1}{2}mg + T$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2}mg$$

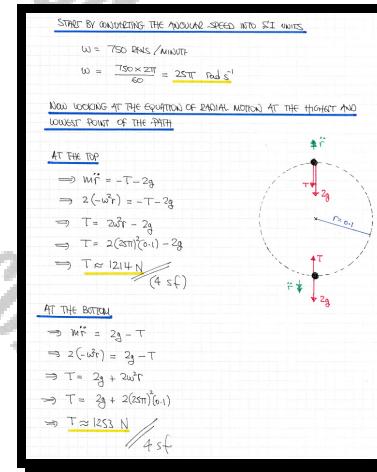
Question 7 (***)+

A machine component consists of a particle P , of mass 2 kg, attached to one end of a light rigid rod OP , of length 0.1 m.

The particle is made to rotate at 750 revolutions per minute in a vertical circle with centre at O .

Determine the least and the greatest magnitude of tension experienced by the rod.

$$\boxed{\quad}, \boxed{|T_{\min}| \approx 1214 \text{ N}}, \boxed{|T_{\max}| \approx 1253 \text{ N}}$$



Question 8 (*)+**

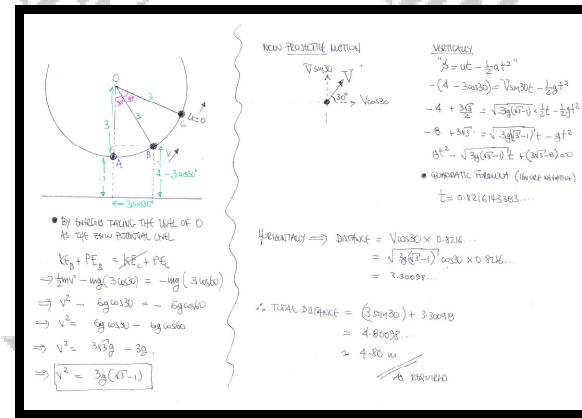
A heavy body is swinging on the end of a light inextensible string of length 3 m, whose other end is attached to a fixed point O , 4 m above level horizontal ground.

The body moves in a vertical plane through O , so that in the extreme positions of its motion the string makes an angle of 60° through the **downward** vertical through O .

At an instant when the string makes an angle of 30° with the **downward** vertical through O , and the body is moving upwards the body breaks free from the string.

Calculate the horizontal displacement of the body from O , at the point where it hits the ground.

$$d = 4.80 \text{ m}$$



Question 9 (***)+

A particle P is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length $5a$.

The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O and P is hanging in equilibrium vertically below O .

P is then projected horizontally with speed u .

When OP is horizontal, the string meets a small smooth peg at Q , where $|OQ| = 4a$.

Given that P describes a complete circle around Q , show that

$$u > \sqrt{13ag}.$$

proof

ENERGY DIAGRAM

ASSUMING THE PARTICLE PERFORMS A CIRCLE AROUND OQ BY CONSERVING ENERGY & TAKING THE LOWEST POSITION OF THE PARTICLE AS ZERO POTENTIAL, WE OBTAIN

$$\begin{aligned} KE_{\text{initial}} + PE_{\text{initial}} &= KE_{\text{final}} + PE_{\text{final}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mu_0^2 + 0 &= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh \\ \Rightarrow u_0^2 &= v^2 + 2gh \\ \Rightarrow u_0^2 &= v^2 + 2g(4a) \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{u_0^2} &= \sqrt{v^2 + 16ga} \end{aligned}$$

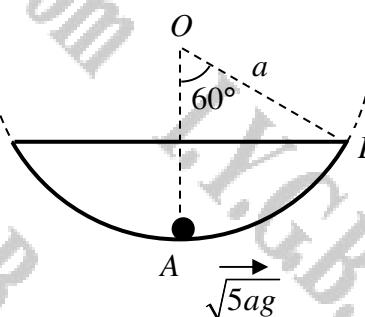
NEXT THE EQUATION OF MOTION

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{r} &= -T - mg \\ \Rightarrow T &= -m\ddot{r} - mg \end{aligned}$$

FOR COMPLETE CIRCLE, $T > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -m\ddot{r} - mg &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow -\ddot{r} - g &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow -\left(\frac{v^2}{r}\right) - g &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{r} - g &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{u^2}{4a} - g &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 - 16ga &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 - 16ga - ag &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 > 13ga \\ \Rightarrow u > \sqrt{13ag} \end{aligned}$$

Question 10 (**)**



A bowl is formed by removing part of a hollow hemisphere with centre at O and radius a so that so that B is a point on the rim of the bowl and A is the lowest point on the bowl as shown in the figure above. The angle AOB is 60° .

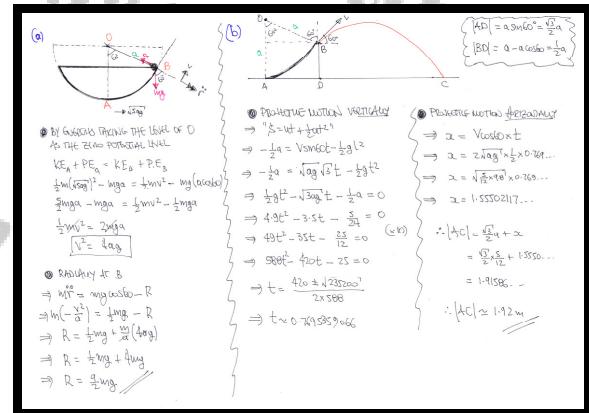
The bowl is then secured on a horizontal table, with point A in contact with the table. A particle P of mass m is placed at A and projected horizontally with speed $\sqrt{5}ag$. The surface of the bowl is assumed to be smooth and air resistance is negligible.

- a) Find, in terms of m and g , the force exerted by the bowl on the particle, as it reaches B .

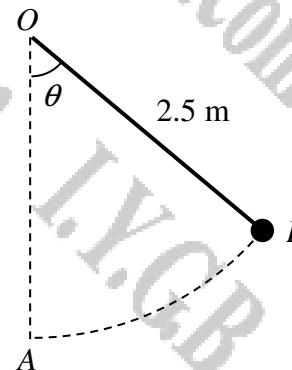
After leaving the bowl at B the particle travels freely under gravity first striking the horizontal table at C .

- b) Given that $a = \frac{5}{12}$, determine the distance AC .

$$R = \frac{9}{2}mg, |AC| \approx 1.92 \text{ m}$$



Question 11 (**)**



A particle of mass 5 kg is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length 2.5 m and the other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The particle is at rest at a point A which lies vertically below O . The particle is then projected horizontally with speed $u \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

In the subsequent motion when the particle is at a general point P , its speed is $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, the tension in the string is $T \text{ N}$ and the angle AOP is θ . The particle comes to instantaneous rest when $\theta = \arccos \frac{3}{4}$.

- Find the value of u .
- Show that $T = 73.5(2\cos\theta - 1)$.
- Find the minimum and the maximum value of T , during the described motion.

$$u = 3.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}, \quad T_{\min} = 36.75 \text{ N}, \quad T_{\max} = 73.5 \text{ N}$$

(a) Energy conservation calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial energy: } & \frac{1}{2}mu_0^2 = mgh_0 \\ & u_0^2 = 2gh_0 \\ & u_0^2 = 2g(l - l \cos \frac{\pi}{4}) \\ & u_0^2 = 2gl \times \frac{1}{2} \\ & u_0^2 = 2gl \\ & u_0 = 2.25 \\ & u = 3.5 \text{ ms}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Energy conservation calculation:

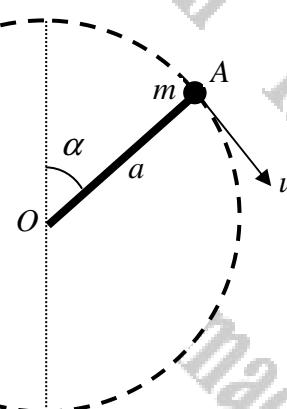
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial energy: } & KE_0 + PE_0 = KE_0 + PE_0 \\ & \frac{1}{2}mu^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh \\ & v^2 = u^2 + 2gh \\ & 12.25 = v^2 + 2g(l - l \cos \theta) \\ & 12.25 = v^2 + 2g(l - l \cos \theta) \\ & 12.25 = v^2 + 49 - 49 \cos \theta \\ & v^2 = 49 \cos \theta - 36.75 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Minimum and maximum tension calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } \theta = 0^\circ: & T = mg \cos \theta - \frac{mv^2}{l} \\ & T = mg \cos 0^\circ - \frac{v^2}{l} \\ & T = mg \cos 0^\circ - \frac{49 \cos 0^\circ - 36.75}{2.5} \\ & T = mg \cos 0^\circ + \frac{1}{2}(49 \cos 0^\circ - 36.75) \\ & T = 5v^2/2 + 98 \cos 0^\circ - 73.5 \\ & T = 49 \cos 0^\circ + 98 \cos 0^\circ - 73.5 \\ & T = 147 \cos 0^\circ - 73.5 \\ & T = 73.5(2 \cos 0^\circ - 1) = 73.5 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } \theta = \arccos \frac{3}{4}: & T_{\max} = 73.5(2 \cos \frac{3}{4}) = 73.5 \text{ N} \\ & T_{\min} = 73.5(2 \cos 0^\circ - 1) = 36.75 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Question 12 (*****)



One end of a **light** rigid rod, of length a , is freely jointed to a fixed point O and the other end is attached to a particle of mass m .

The particle is projected with speed u from a point A , where OA makes an angle α with the upward vertical, as shown in the figure above. The particle moves in a complete full vertical circle with centre O , so that the greatest tension in the rod is 10 times as large as the minimum tension.

Given that $\alpha = \arccos \frac{1}{3}$, show that $u^2 = 3ag$.

 , proof

BY ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF O AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL

$$\begin{aligned} KE_E + PE_E &= KE_B + PE_B \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mg\cos\alpha &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 + mg\cos\theta \\ \rightarrow u^2 + 2ag\cos\alpha &= v^2 + 2ag\cos\theta \\ \rightarrow u^2 + \frac{2}{3}ag &= v^2 + 2ag\cos\theta \\ \rightarrow v^2 &= u^2 + \frac{2}{3}ag - 2ag\cos\theta \\ \rightarrow v^2 &= (u^2 + \frac{2}{3}ag)(1 - 3\cos\theta) \end{aligned}$$

USING THIS EXPRESSION WE FIND THE SPEED AT THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST POINTS OF THE PATH

- $v_{top}^2 = u^2 - \frac{2}{3}ag \quad (\theta = 0^\circ)$
- $v_{bottom}^2 = u^2 + \frac{2}{3}ag \quad (\theta = 180^\circ)$

NOW THE EQUATION OF MOTION (RADIAL) IN THE GENERAL POSITION OF THE PATH

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{r} &= -T - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= -\ddot{r}t - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= -m(-\frac{v^2}{r}) - mg\cos\theta \\ T &= \frac{mv^2}{r} - mg\cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

WE CAN NOW SET THE TENSION EQUALS FOUND EARLIER

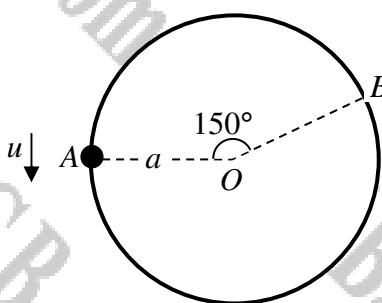
- $T_{top} = \frac{mv^2}{r} \left[u^2 - \frac{2}{3}ag \right] - mg \times 1 \quad \theta = 0^\circ$
- $T_{bottom} = \frac{mv^2}{r} \left[u^2 + \frac{2}{3}ag \right] - mg \times (-1) \quad \theta = 180^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} T_{top} = \frac{mu^2}{a} - \frac{4}{3}mg - mg = \frac{mu^2}{a} - \frac{7}{3}mg \\ T_{bottom} = \frac{mu^2}{a} + \frac{8}{3}mg + mg = \frac{mu^2}{a} + \frac{11}{3}mg \end{cases}$$

Finally we are given $T_{max} = 10T_{min}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{mu^2}{a} + \frac{11}{3}mg &= 10 \left[\frac{mu^2}{a} - \frac{7}{3}mg \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{mu^2}{a} + \frac{11}{3}mg &= \frac{10mu^2}{a} - \frac{70}{3}mg \\ \Rightarrow 27\frac{m}{a} &= 9u^2 \\ \Rightarrow 27ag &= 9u^2 \\ \Rightarrow u^2 &= 3ag \end{aligned}$$

Question 13 (*****)



The figure above shows a particle of mass m attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a .

The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The particle is held at a point A with the string taut and OA is horizontal. The particle is projected downwards with speed u from A . The string becomes slack for the first time at a point B such that $\angle AOB = 150^\circ$.

- a) Assuming that air resistance can be ignored, show that $u^2 = \frac{3}{2}ag$.

After the string becomes slack the particle in its consequent motion crosses the diameter through A at the point C . The direction of the motion of the particle as it passes through C , makes an angle θ with the horizontal.

- b) Show further that $\tan \theta = \sqrt{11}$.

proof

(a)

By neglecting friction, the level of AO is the zero potential level.
 $\Rightarrow KE_0 + PE_0 = KE_B + PE_B$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + mgh(\text{solid})$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{u^2 = v^2 + ag}$

On leaving O , the string becomes slack, so the tension is zero.
 $\Rightarrow \text{NET } F = -R - mg\sin 30^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow m(v^2/a) = -R - \frac{1}{2}mg$
 $\Rightarrow mgv^2/a = R + \frac{1}{2}mg$
 $\Rightarrow g v^2/a = 2 + \frac{1}{2}m/a$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{g v^2}{a} = 2$
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{v^2 = \frac{2}{g}a}$

$\therefore u^2 = \frac{1}{2}ag + ag$
 $\therefore u^2 = \frac{3}{2}ag$ As required

(b)

Horizontal velocity constant = $\frac{1}{2}v = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{2}{g}a} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}ag}$

Vertically $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
 $v^2 = (\sqrt{\frac{2}{g}a})^2 + 2(g)\cos 30^\circ$
 $v^2 = \frac{2}{g}a \times \frac{3}{2} + 2g \times \frac{1}{2}a$
 $v^2 = \frac{3}{2}ag + ag$
 $v^2 = \frac{5}{2}ag$
 $V = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}ag}$

$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}ag}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}ag}} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}ag} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}ag} = \sqrt{11}$

Question 14 (***)**

One end of a **light** rigid rod is freely jointed to a fixed point O and the other end is attached to a point mass. The loaded rod is describing full vertical circles so that the greatest speed of the point mass is three times its least speed.

Determine the cosine of the angle which the rod makes to the downward vertical through O , when the tension in the rod is zero.

$$\boxed{\theta = \arccos\left(-\frac{5}{6}\right) = \pi - \arccos\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}$$

Let the mass of the particle be m and the length of the rod be a .

By energy, taking the level of A as the zero potential level we have:

$$KE_A + PE_A = KE_B + PE_B$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m(3a)^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}m(a^2 + 2ag)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{2}a^2 = \frac{1}{2}a^2 + 2ag$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 = 2ag$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{1}{2}ga$$

Finally looking at the equation of motion (radius).

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{r} = mg\cos\theta - T$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg\cos\theta - m\ddot{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg\cos\theta - m(-\frac{v^2}{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg\cos\theta + \frac{mv^2}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg\cos\theta + \frac{m}{a}[\frac{5}{2}ag + 2ag\cos\theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg\cos\theta + \frac{5}{2}mg + 2mg\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 3mg\cos\theta + \frac{5}{2}mg$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2}mg[6\cos\theta + 5]$$

When the tension is zero

$$\Rightarrow 6\cos\theta + 5 = 0$$

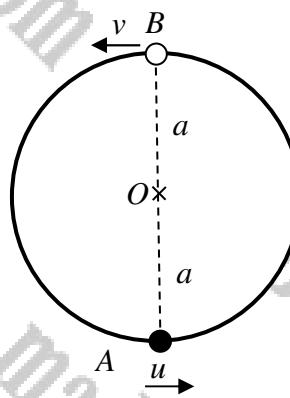
$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = -\frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \arccos\left(-\frac{5}{6}\right)$$

\approx

$$\left[\theta = \pi - \arccos\frac{5}{6}\right]$$

Question 15 (**)**



A particle of mass m attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The point A is at a distance a vertically below O , and the point B is at a distance a vertically above O .

The particle is held at a point A with the string taut. The particle then is projected horizontally with speed u and passes through B with speed v .

Air resistance is ignored, throughout the motion.

The tension in the string at A and B is denoted by T_A and T_B , respectively.

Given that the ratio $u:v = 2:1$, show that

$$T_A:T_B = 19:1.$$

proof

(TOP) $\frac{mv^2}{r} = -T_B - mg \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(TOP)} \\ \text{(Bottom)} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{T_B}{T_A} = \frac{-mv^2 - mg}{-mu^2 - mg} \Rightarrow$$

(TOP) $T_B = -m(-\frac{v^2}{r}) - mg \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(Top)} \\ \text{(Bottom)} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{T_B}{T_A} = \frac{mv^2 + mg}{mu^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$$

(TOP) $T_B = \frac{mv^2 + mg}{mu^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{T_B}{T_A} = \frac{mv^2 + mg}{mu^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$$

Divide equations:

$$\frac{T_A}{T_B} = \frac{mu^2 + \frac{mv^2}{r}u^2}{\frac{mv^2}{r}u^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_A}{T_B} = \frac{mu^2 + \frac{m(2v)^2}{r}u^2}{\frac{m(2v)^2}{r}u^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_A}{T_B} = \frac{mu^2 + \frac{4mv^2}{r}u^2}{\frac{4mv^2}{r}u^2 + mg} \Rightarrow$$

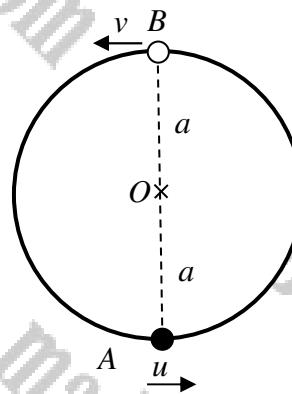
$$\frac{T_A}{T_B} = \frac{15/3}{4/3} = \frac{15}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{T_A}{T_B} = \frac{15/3}{4/3} = \frac{15}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$4T_A = 15T_B \Rightarrow$$

$$T_A:T_B = 15:4 \Rightarrow$$

Question 16 (*****)



A particle of mass m attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O . The point A is at a distance of a vertically below O , and the point B is at a distance of a vertically above O . The particle is held at a point A with the string taut. The particle then is projected horizontally with speed u and passes through B . Air resistance is ignored, throughout the motion.

The tension in the string at A and B is denoted by T_A and T_B , respectively.

Given that the ratio $T_A : T_B = 4 : 1$, show clearly that

$$u^2 = 7ag$$

proof

The handwritten solution is organized into three main sections:

- At the top:** Shows free-body diagrams and equations for tension T_A and weight mg . It uses the condition $T_A = 4T_B$ and the formula $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{T}{m} - mg$ to find $T_A = \frac{mg + 4mg}{a}$.
- At the bottom:** Shows free-body diagrams and equations for tension T_B and weight mg . It uses the formula $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{T}{m} + mg$ to find $T_B = \frac{mg - 4mg}{a}$.
- By Energy:** Shows the total mechanical energy at the top and bottom levels. It uses the equation $KE_A + PE_A = KE_B + PE_B$ and the fact that $PE_A = PE_B$ to get $\frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 + mgh_A = \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 + mgh_B$. Substituting $h_A = a$ and $h_B = -a$, and using $v_B^2 = u^2$ and $v_A^2 = u^2 - 2ag$, it leads to $u^2 = 7ag$.

Question 17 (**)**

One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a fixed point O , and the other end is attached to a particle. Initially the particle is hanging in equilibrium vertically below O , with the string taut.

An impulse sets the particle in motion with a horizontal speed of 8.4 ms^{-1} , which consequently traces part of a vertical circle with centre at O .

The string becomes slack when the speed of the particle is 3.5 ms^{-1} .

- Determine the length of the string.
- Calculate the vertical displacement of the particle from its initial position when the string becomes slack.

$$\boxed{l = 1.725 \text{ m}}, \boxed{h = 2.975 \text{ m}}$$

a) CONSIDERING ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF O AS THE ZERO GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL LEVEL

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow lE_A + lE_g &= lE_B + lE_g \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - mg(l) &= \frac{1}{2}mv'^2 - mg(l\cos\theta) \\ \Rightarrow v^2 - 2gl &= v'^2 - 2gl\cos\theta \\ \Rightarrow v^2 - v'^2 &= 2gl(1 - \cos\theta) \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{v^2 - v'^2} &= 2g\sqrt{l(1 - \cos\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

EQUATION OF MOTION RADIALLY YIELDS

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow mv^2/l &= mg\cos\theta - T \\ \Rightarrow m(v^2/l) &= mg\cos\theta - T \\ \text{WHEN } V=3.5, T=0 & \\ \Rightarrow m(v^2/l) &= mg\cos\theta \\ \Rightarrow m(v^2/l) &= mg\cos\theta \\ \Rightarrow -gl\cos\theta &= 12.25 \\ \Rightarrow \cos\theta &= \frac{12.25}{gl} \end{aligned}$$

FINALLY FROM THE ENERGY EQUATION: $U=mg(l-v)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0.5v^2 &= (gl)^2 + 2gl(l\cos\theta - l) \\ \Rightarrow 2gl(l\cos\theta - l) &= -30.8 \\ l(\cos\theta - 1) &= -2.475 \\ l\cos\theta - l &= -2.475 \\ -l + l &= -2.475 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore l = \frac{2.475}{2} = 1.2375$

b) LOOKING AT THE DIAGRAM

$$\begin{aligned} l\cos\theta &= -\frac{h}{2} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial l} l\cos\theta &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial l} \frac{h}{2} \\ \cos\theta &= -\frac{h}{2l} \end{aligned}$$

VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT IS h

$$\begin{aligned} h &= l + l\cos\theta \\ h &= l(1 + \cos\theta) \\ h &= l(1 + \frac{h}{2l}) \\ h &= 2.975 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h &= l + l\cos(2\pi - \theta) \\ h &= l + l[\cos(\omega t + \pi)] \\ h &= l(1 - l\cos\theta) \\ h &= 2.975 \end{aligned}$$

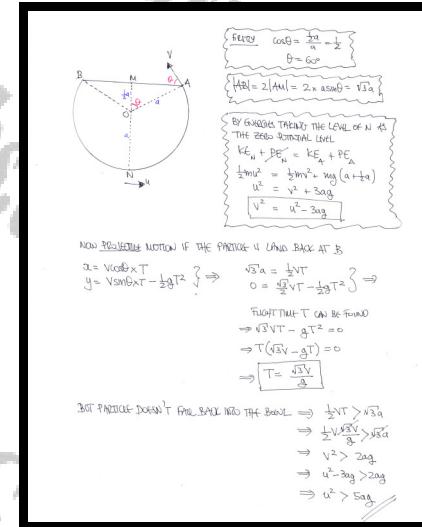
Question 18 (**)**

A bowl is made from a hollow smooth sphere of radius a by cutting away the part of the sphere which is more than $\frac{1}{2}a$ above a horizontal plane through the centre of the sphere.

A particle is projected with speed u from the lowest point inside the bowl.

Show that in the subsequent motion, the particle will leave the bowl and not fall back in, if $u^2 > 5ag$.

proof



Question 19 (***)+

A small bead, of mass m , is threaded on a smooth circular wire, with centre O and radius a , which is fixed in a vertical plane. You may further assume that the bead can freely access all parts of the vertically fixed wire.

A light inextensible string has one of its ends attached to the bead, passes through a smooth ring at O , and has its other end attached to a particle of mass M , which is hanging freely vertically below O .

The bead is projected from the lowest part of the wire with speed u and makes complete revolutions passing through the highest part of the wire with speed $\sqrt{12ag}$.

Determine an expression for u^2 , in terms of a and g , and show that

$$11m \leq M \leq 17m.$$

$$\boxed{\quad}, \boxed{u^2 = 4\sqrt{ag}}$$

STARTING WITH A DETAILED DIAGRAM

BY ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF "O" AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL

$$\rightarrow KE_A + PE_A = KE_B + PE_B$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mu^2 - mga = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - mg(a\cos\theta)$$

$$\rightarrow u^2 - 2ag = v^2 - 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$\rightarrow v^2 = u^2 - 2ag + 2ag\cos\theta$$

AT THE TOP, $V = 12ag$ WHERE $\theta = \pi$

$$\rightarrow 12ag = u^2 - 2ag + 2ag\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 14ag = u^2$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 4\sqrt{3ag}$$

NEXT WE OBTAIN THE DYNAMIC EQUATION OF MOTION

$$\rightarrow m\ddot{r} = -mg\sin\theta - T$$

$$\Rightarrow m\left(-\frac{v^2}{a}\right) = mg\sin\theta - Mg - R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{a}(u^2 - 2ag + 2ag\cos\theta) - Mg$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{m}{a}[u^2 - 2ag + 2ag\cos\theta] + mg\cos\theta - Mg$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{m}{a}(4ag - 2ag + 2ag\cos\theta) + mg\cos\theta - Mg$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 4mg + 3mg\cos\theta - Mg$$

NOW WE HAVE $R = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 4mg + 3mg\cos\theta - Mg$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 4Mg + 3Mg\cos\theta - M$$

$$\Rightarrow M - 4m = 3m\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{M - 4m}{3m}$$

BUT $-1 \leq \cos\theta \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \frac{M - 4m}{3m} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -3m \leq M - 4m \leq 3m$$

$$\Rightarrow 11m \leq M \leq 17m$$

Question 20 (***)+

A particle P of mass $3m$ is attached to one end of a light inextensible string of length a and the other end of the string is attached to a fixed point O .

P is initially at the point A , where $OA = a$ and OA makes an angle of 60° with the downward vertical.

P is projected downwards from A with speed u , in a direction perpendicular to the string.

The point B is vertically below O and $OB = a$. As P passes through B , it strikes and adheres to another particle Q , of mass $2m$ which is at rest at B .

In the subsequent motion the combined particle moves in a complete circle.

Show clearly that

$$9u^2 \geq 116ag.$$

[proof]

● BY ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF B AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL
 $\Rightarrow KE_B + PE_A = KE_B + PE_B$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(3m)u^2 + 3mg(a) = \frac{1}{2}(3m)V^2$
 $\Rightarrow 3u^2 + 3ga^2 = \frac{1}{2}3mV^2$
 $\Rightarrow u^2 + ga^2 = \frac{1}{6}V^2$
 $\Rightarrow V^2 = u^2 + 2ga^2$
 $\Rightarrow V^2 = u^2 + 2g(a - a\cos 60^\circ)$
 $\Rightarrow V^2 = u^2 + ga^2$

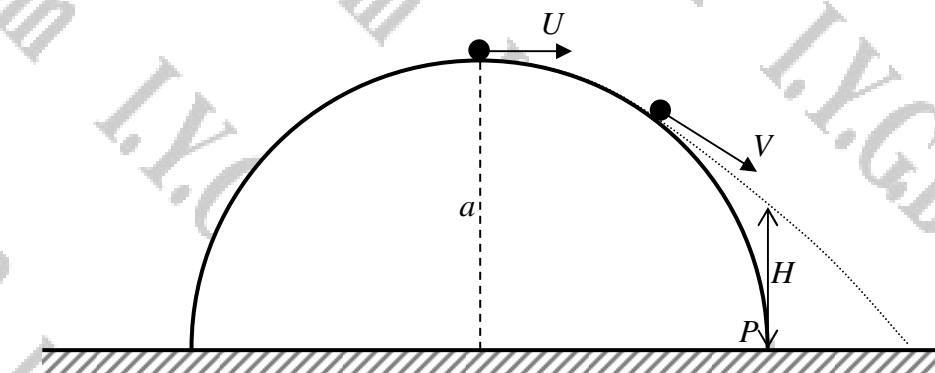
● BY CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM

 $3mU + 0 = 5mV$
 $V = \frac{3}{5}U$

● BY ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF B AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL
 $\Rightarrow KE_B + PE_C = KE_C + PE_C$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(5m)V^2 = \frac{1}{2}(5m)v^2 + 5mg(a)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}V^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 + 5ga$
 $\Rightarrow V^2 = v^2 + 10ga$
 $\Rightarrow V^2 = V^2 - 4ga$
 $\Rightarrow 9u^2 = V^2 - 4ga$

● DYNAMIC AT THE TOP POINT C
 $\Rightarrow Sm\ddot{r} = -T - Smg$
 $\Rightarrow Sm(-\frac{v^2}{a}) = -T - Smg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{Smv^2}{a} - Smg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{Sg}{a}(V^2 - 10ga) - Smg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{Sg}{a}(V^2 - 10ga) - 25mg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{Sg}{a}(u^2 + 10ga) - 25mg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{3gu^2}{5} + \frac{3}{5}ga^2 - 25mg$
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{3gu^2}{5} - \frac{16}{5}ga^2$
Now consider centripetal force $\Rightarrow T = \frac{Smv^2}{a}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{3gu^2}{5} - \frac{16}{5}ga^2 = \frac{5mv^2}{a}$
 $\Rightarrow 9u^2 \geq 116ag$

Question 21 (**+)**



The figure above shows a hemisphere of radius a , with its plane face fixed on a horizontal surface.

A particle is projected from the highest point of the hemisphere with horizontal velocity U and begins to move on the outer smooth surface of the hemisphere. The particle leaves the surface of the hemisphere with speed V .

a) Given that $U = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{10ag}$, show that $\frac{V}{U} = \sqrt{2}$.

The point P lies on the rim of the plane face of the hemisphere. The path of the particle is at a vertical height H above P , before the particle lands on the horizontal surface.

b) Show further that $H = \frac{11}{32}a$.

proof

a)

BY ENERGY FROM THE HIGHEST POINT AS THE ZERO POTENTIAL

$$\Rightarrow KE + PE = KE + PE_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}mV^2 = \frac{1}{2}mV_0^2 + mgh$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = V_0^2 + 2gh$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = g(a) + 2g(a - a\cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = g[a(1 + 2(1 - \cos\theta))]$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = g[2a(1 - \cos\theta)]$$

BY PROJECTION

- $\bullet \cos\theta = \frac{1}{5}$
- $\bullet \sin\theta = \frac{2}{5}$

THUS THE PARTICLE LEADS AS A PROJECTILE

INITIALLY

$$\Rightarrow \text{DISTANCE} = V_0 \cos\theta \times T$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = V_0 \cos\theta \times T$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{V_0 \cos\theta}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_0}{a} = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{10a}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 5T\sqrt{10a}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{a}{50}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_L = T^2$$

$$\Rightarrow S_L = \frac{a}{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{a}{50}}$$

$$\therefore H = a\cos\theta - \frac{1}{2}aT^2$$

$$H = a\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) - \frac{1}{2}a\left(\frac{a}{50}\right)$$

$$\therefore H = \frac{11}{32}a$$

Question 22 (****+)

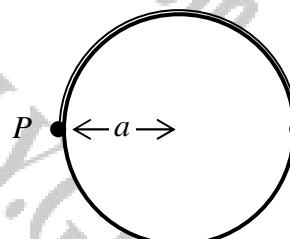


Figure 1

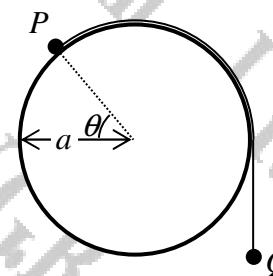


Figure 2

A rough cylinder of radius a is fixed with its axis horizontal. Two particles P and Q , of respective masses $2m$ and $3m$, are attached to the two ends of a light inextensible string. The length of the string is such so that when the string is taut it allows P and Q to be held at rest diametrically opposite each other and the same horizontal level and in the same vertical plane, as shown in Figure 1

The particles are then released from rest. The coefficient of friction between P and the cylinder is sufficiently small for the particles to move. When P has rotated on the surface of the cylinder by an angle θ , P is still in contact with the cylinder, as shown in Figure 2.

Show that the contact force between P and the cylinder is

$$\frac{2}{5}mg(9\sin\theta - 6\theta + 4\mu\theta\sin\theta),$$

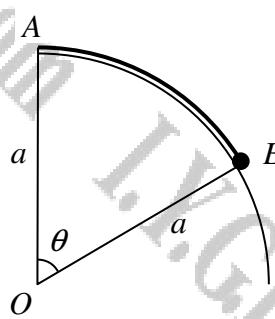
where μ is the coefficient of friction between P and the cylinder.

proof

By choosing taking the level of O_1 as the zero potential level.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow KE_P + PE_{P_1} + KE_Q + PE_{Q_1} + V_{ext} &= KE_0 + PE_F + KE_{Q_0} + PE_{Q_0} \\ \Rightarrow -\mu R \times a\theta &= \frac{1}{2}(2m)^2 + 2mg(\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{2}(3m)^2 - 3mg(\cos\theta) \\ \Rightarrow -\mu(2mg)a\theta &= 4m^2 + 4mg\cos\theta + \frac{3}{2}m^2 - 3mg\cos\theta \\ \Rightarrow -4\mu mg a\theta &= \frac{2}{5}m^2 + 4mg\cos\theta - 3mg\cos\theta \\ \Rightarrow 3\mu\theta - 2g\cos\theta - 2\mu g\cos\theta &= \frac{2}{5}m^2 \\ \Rightarrow V^2 &= \frac{2}{5}mg(3\theta - 2\cos\theta - 2\mu\cos\theta) \\ \textcircled{1} \quad \text{Now} \\ 2mV^2 &= R - 2mg\sin\theta \\ 2m\left(\frac{V^2}{4}\right) &= R - 2mg\sin\theta \\ R &= 2mg\sin\theta + \frac{2}{5}m^2 \\ R &= 2mg\sin\theta - \frac{2}{5}m^2(3\theta - 2\cos\theta - 2\mu\cos\theta) \\ R &= 2mg\sin\theta - \frac{6}{5}mg(3\theta - 2\cos\theta - 2\mu\cos\theta) \\ R &= \frac{18}{5}mg\sin\theta - \frac{12}{5}mg\theta + \frac{6}{5}mg\cos\theta + \frac{6}{5}mg\mu\cos\theta \\ R &= \frac{3}{5}mg[6\sin\theta - 6\theta + 4\mu\cos\theta] \end{aligned}$$

Question 23 (**+)**



The figure above shows part of a fixed smooth sphere with centre O and radius a . One end of light elastic string is attached at the highest point of the sphere A and a particle P of mass m is attached to the other end. The particle is resting in equilibrium at the point E so that $\angle AOE = \theta$.

The natural length of the string is $\frac{1}{2}a$ and its modulus of elasticity is $\frac{1}{2}mg$.

- a) Show clearly that

$$2(\theta - \sin \theta) = 1.$$

- b) Verify that $\theta \approx 1.4973$.

The particle with the string still attached to A is placed at A and is slightly disturbed.

- c) Determine whether P is still in contact with the sphere when $\angle AOP = \theta$.

proof

(a)

Diagram showing a sphere with center O , radius a , and a vertical chord AE of length l . The angle $\angle AOE = \theta$. The string AE is horizontal at point E . The particle P is at point E in equilibrium. The string AE makes an angle α with the vertical chord AE . The string has natural length $\frac{1}{2}a$ and modulus of elasticity $\frac{1}{2}mg$. The particle P is in equilibrium under the action of weight mg and tension T . The angle $\angle AOP = \theta$.

LET $\frac{1}{2}a = l(1-\cos\theta) - 1$
 $\frac{1}{2}a = -0.000013$
 $l(1-\cos\theta) = 0.000012$

CHANGE IN LENGTH AND
 CONSTANCY THRU'S 0.514973

(b)

FOR ENERGY TAKING THE LEVEL OF O
 OR THE ZERO POTENTIAL LEVEL

$K_E + P_E + T_E = K_E + P_E + E_E$

 $\Rightarrow mgx = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mg(\cos\theta) + \frac{1}{2}v^2$
 $\Rightarrow 2mg = v^2 + 2g\cos\theta + \frac{1}{2}v^2$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = 2g(1 - \cos\theta) - \frac{1}{2}v^2$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = 2g(1 - \cos\theta) - g(v/2)^2$
 $\Rightarrow v^2 = 0.93853236...$

SUPPOSE PARTICLE IS IN CONTACT WITH THE SPHERE AT E

THIS $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\theta = 0.514973$
 $\theta = \sin\theta$
 $2(\theta - \sin\theta) = 1$ As Required

$W^{**} = R - mg\cos\theta$
 $\Rightarrow m(-\frac{v^2}{2}) = R - mg\cos\theta$
 $\Rightarrow R = mg\cos\theta - \frac{mv^2}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow R = mg\cos\theta - \frac{1}{2}mg \times 0.93853236...$
 SO $R, \theta = 1.4973$
 $\Rightarrow R = -mg \times 0.785 < 0$
 IT HAS ALREADY LEFT THE SURFACE