

## Part 1

Biomedical Engineering  
BE1-HMECH1  
Mechanics 1, Main Exam

30/05/2017, 14.00-15.30  
Duration: 90 minutes

The paper has THREE COMPULSORY questions  
Answer ALL THREE question(s).

Each question is worth 100 marks

Marks for questions and parts of questions are shown next to the question.  
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### Question 1

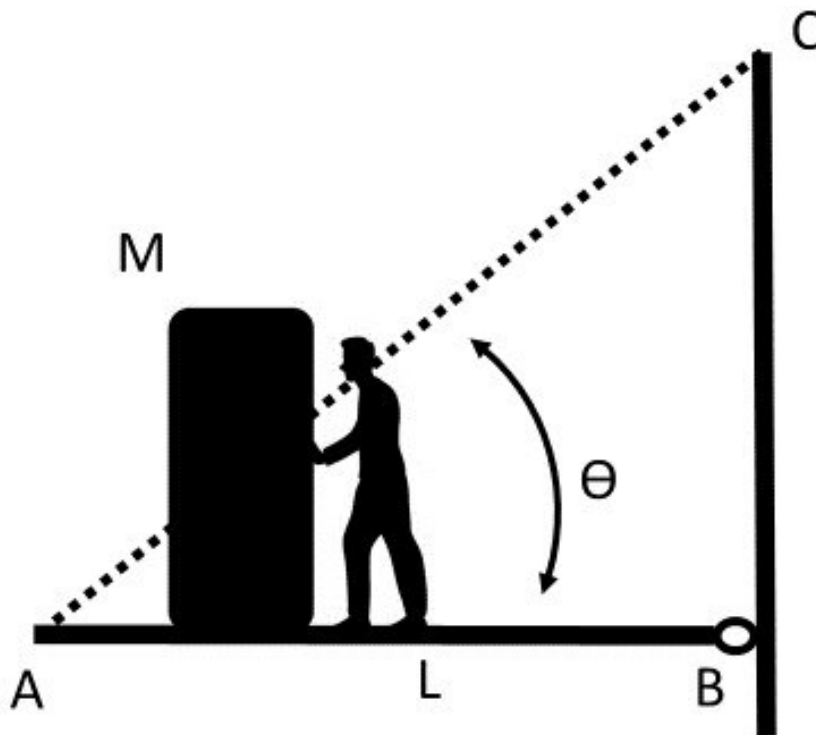


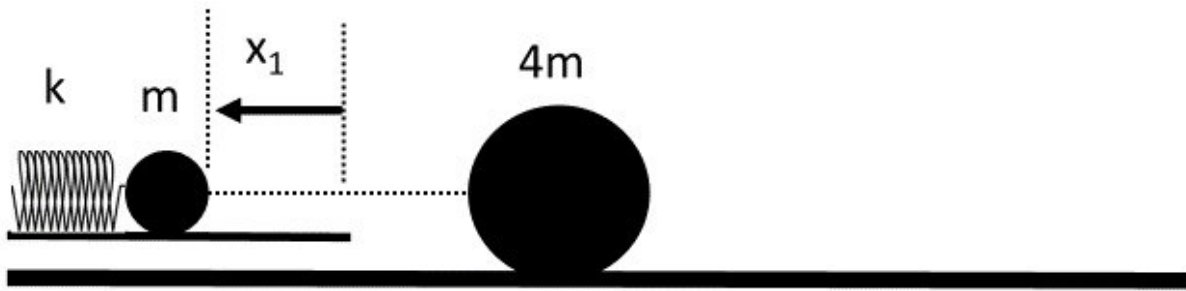
Figure 1

A Swing Bridge consists of a horizontal deck  $AB$  of length  $L$  and mass  $m$ , a tower  $BC$ , and supporting cable  $AC$ . The bridge deck is hinged at  $B$ . A container of mass  $M$  on a sled is being pushed across the bridge by a student of negligible mass, as shown.

- If the distance of the trolley  $M$  from the end of the bridge  $A$  is distance  $x$ , draw a free body diagram for the bridge span  $AB$ . **(20 marks)**
- Derive an expression for the tension in the cable  $AC$  in terms of  $M$ ,  $m$ ,  $x$ ,  $L$  and all other relevant parameters. **(10 marks)**
- If  $M$  is 160 kg,  $L$  is 25 m,  $m$  is 15 kg and  $\theta$  is  $45^\circ$ , what is the maximum tension in the cable  $AC$ ? **(25 marks)**
- If the student weighs 80 kg, and pushes from a position 1m behind the Centre of Mass of the container,
  - Draw a new Free Body Diagram **(20 marks)**
  - calculate the reaction forces at the hinge  $B$ . **(25 marks)**

Question total: 100 marks

### Question 2



**Figure 2**

The apparatus shown in Figure 2 fires a steel ball at a larger steel ball sat stationary on a frictionless surface as shown.

- a) Ball 1 (of mass  $m$ ) is compressed against the spring of constant  $k$  a distance of  $x_1$ , and then released such that it strikes Ball 2 (of mass  $4m$ ) in line with its Centre of Mass. If the balls strike with perfect elastic collisions,
  - i. Derive an expression for the velocity of Ball 1 after the spring has fired it .  
**(15 marks)**
  - ii. derive expressions for the final velocity of Ball 1 and Ball 2 in terms of  $m$ ,  $k$ ,  $x_1$  and any other parameters you may need.  
**(35 marks)**
- b) If the surface is not frictionless, but the coefficient of friction between the ball and the surface is 0.1;
  - i. Describe in words what will happen  
**(15 marks)**
  - ii. derive mathematical expressions for the final motion of Ball 1 and ball 2  
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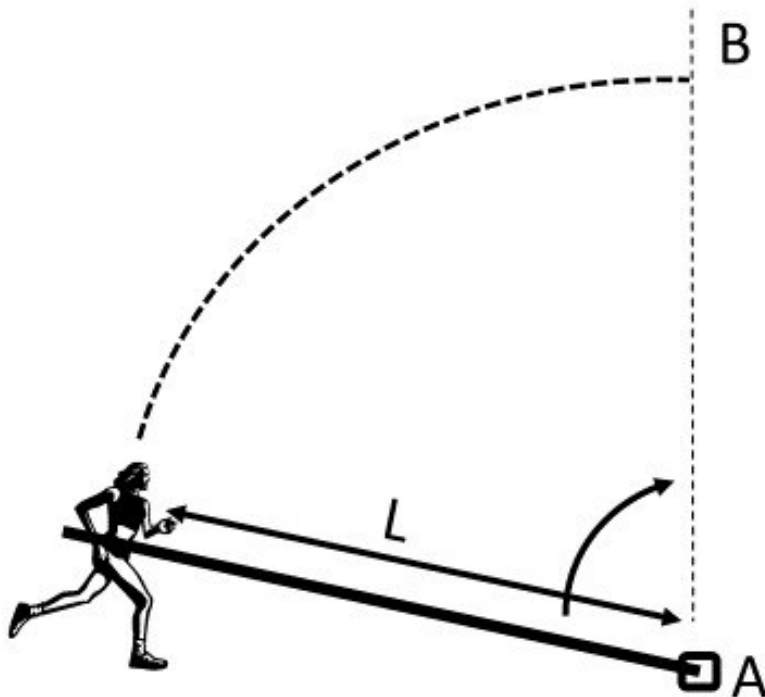


Figure 3

**Question 3.**

Student A is a keen canal -vaulter, whose legs are able to generate a maximum continuous force of  $Q$  Newtons in the horizontal direction.

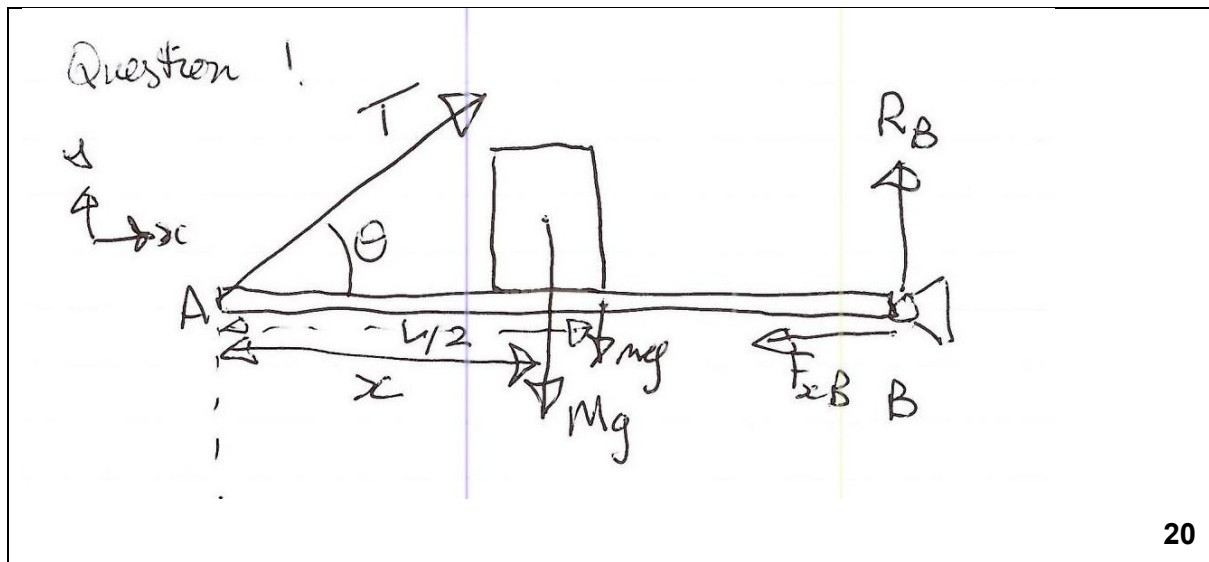
- a) If the maximum speed at which the student can run is  $S \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , working from first principles, and showing each stage of your derivation, derive an expression for the distance required to reach that speed. **(25 marks)**
- b) If they are running at their max speed of  $S \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and then plant their pole in a ground socket and convert their linear motion into circular motion about the point of the pole which is  $L \text{ m}$  from their Centre of Mass (assume they act as a simple pendulum with radius  $L$  and mass  $m$ ), derive an expression for their tangential velocity at the top of the arc? **(25 marks)**
- c) If that maximum speed  $S$  is  $9.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , their body mass  $65 \text{ kg}$ , and the point of the pole is  $2.4 \text{ m}$  from their Centre of Mass (assume they act as a simple pendulum with radius  $2.4 \text{ m}$  and mass  $65 \text{ kg}$ ), what will be their tangential velocity at the top of the arc? (assume their Centre of Mass starts  $1 \text{ m}$  above ground level). **(15 marks)**
- d) If they let go of the pole at this point (the highest point on their swing), how far will they travel before hitting the ground (assume their Centre of Mass is just  $10 \text{ cm}$  above their point of impact when they hit). **(35 marks)**

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a) If the distance of the trolley  $M$  from the end of the bridge A is distance  $x$ , draw a free body diagram for the bridge span AB. .

**20 marks**



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b) Derive an expression for the tension in the cable AC in terms of  $M$ ,  $m$ ,  $x$ ,  $L$  and all other relevant parameters..

**10 marks**

Take moments about B

$$\sum M_B - T \cdot L \cdot \sin \theta + Mg(L-x) + \frac{mgL}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore TL \sin \theta = Mg(L-x) + \frac{mgL}{2}$$

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c) If M is 160 kg, L is 25 m, m is 15 kg and  $\theta$  is  $45^\circ$ , what is the maximum tension in the cable AC?

30 marks

Maximum tension occurs when  $x = 0$ , when the mass is at A.

$$\Rightarrow T L \sin \theta = MgL + \frac{mgL}{2}$$

$$T = \frac{gL \left( M + \frac{m}{2} \right)}{L \sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{9.81 (160 + 7.5)}{\sin 45}$$

$$= 2323.523 \text{ N}$$

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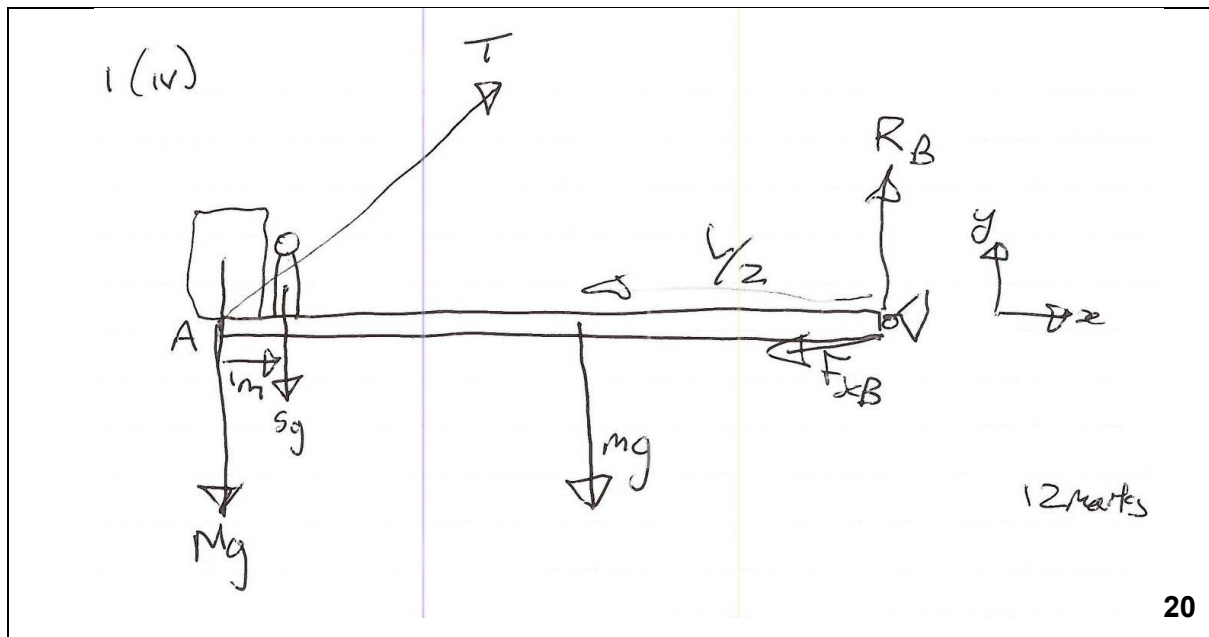
(correct)

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d) If the student weighs 80 kg, and pushes from a position 1m behind the Centre of Mass of the container,

i) Draw a new Free Body Diagram

20 marks



ii) re-calculate the maximum tension in the cable.

20 marks

(b) Again, moments about B

$$\sum M_B + MgL - Tl \sin \theta + Sg(L-l) + mg \frac{L}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore Tl \sin \theta = MgL + Sg(L-l) + mg \frac{L}{2}$$

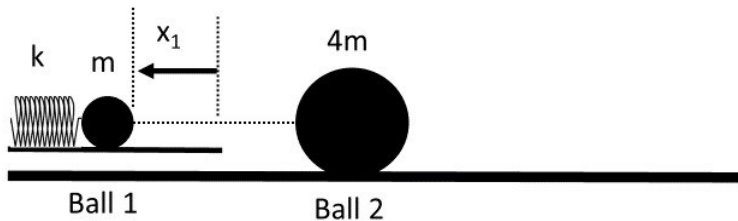
$$\therefore T = \frac{160 \times 9 \times 25 + 80 \times 9 \times 24 + 15 \times 75}{25 \times 0.7071}$$

$$= \frac{39240 + 18835.2 + 1103.625}{25 \times 0.7071}$$

$$= \frac{59178.825}{25 \times 0.7071}$$

$$= 3347.66 \text{ N}$$

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**i)** Derive an expression for the velocity of Ball after the spring has fired it in terms of  $m$ ,  $k$ ,  $x_1$  and any other parameters you may need

**15 marks**

Ball one spring energy  $F = -kx_1$   
 $E = \frac{1}{2}kx_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}mV^2$   
 $\therefore kx_1^2 = mV^2$   
 $\therefore V^2 = \frac{kx_1^2}{m} \quad (1)$

**15**



ii) derive expressions for the final velocity of Ball 1 and Ball 2 in terms of  $m$ ,  $k$ ,  $x_1$  and any other parameters you may need..

35 marks

At collision, momentum is conserved.  $\therefore L_1 = L_2$   
 $\therefore mV_{1i} + 4m(0) = mV_{1f} + 4mV_{2f}$

$$\therefore mV_{1f} = mV_{1i} - 4mV_{2f}$$

$$\therefore V_{1f} = V_{1i} - 4V_{2f} \quad \dots (2)$$

Energy is also conserved  $E_1 = E_2$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2}mV_{1i}^2 + \frac{4m}{2}(0)^2 = \frac{1}{2}mV_{1f}^2 + \frac{4m}{2}V_{2f}^2$$

$$\therefore V_{1f}^2 = V_{1i}^2 - 4V_{2f}^2 \quad \dots (3)$$

Substitute from (2) above

$$\Rightarrow (V_{1i} - 4V_{2f})^2 = V_{1i}^2 - 4V_{2f}^2$$

$$\therefore (V_{1i}^2 - 8V_{1i}V_{2f} + 16V_{2f}^2) = V_{1i}^2 - 4V_{2f}^2$$

$$\therefore 16V_{2f}^2 + 4V_{2f}^2 = 8V_{1i}V_{2f}$$

$$\therefore 20V_{2f}^2 = 8V_{1i}V_{2f}$$

$$\therefore 20V_{2f} = 8V_{1i}$$

$$V_{2f} = \frac{8V_{1i}}{20} = \frac{V_{1i}}{2.5} \quad \dots (4)$$

from (2) above

$$V_{1f} = V_{1i} - 4V_{2f}$$

$$= V_{1i} - 4\left(\frac{V_{1i}}{2.5}\right) = V_{1i} - \left(\frac{10V_{1i}}{2.5}\right)$$

$$= \frac{7.5V_{1i}}{2.5}$$

$$= 3V_{1i} \quad (4)$$

**b)** If the surface is not frictionless, but the coefficient of friction between the ball and the surface is 0.1.

**i)** Describe in words what will happen

**15 marks**

Ball 1 will strike ball 2, which will start to move sideways in the positive x direction, but will also start to rotate/roll. The linear velocity will be defined by the collision equations as derived above.

The angular velocity (rolling speed) will be determined by the frictional force and the Moment of Inertia of ball 2.

**15**

iii. **iii)** derive mathematical expressions for the final motion of Ball 1 and ball 2

**35 marks**

2(d)

$$\text{from (i)} \quad V_{1i}^2 = \frac{k x_i^2}{m}$$

$$x_i = 0.2$$

$$m = 0.25$$

$$k = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{1i} = \frac{16 \times 0.04}{0.25} = 2.56 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{2f} = \frac{2.56}{2.5} = 1.025 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

fire another ball at it

 $V_{1i}$  again 2.56 $V_{2i}$  now 1.025

Momentum is conserved so

$$m 2.56 + 4m 1.025 = m V_{1f} + 4m V_{2f} \quad \dots (6)$$

energy is also conserved

$$\frac{1}{2} m (2.56)^2 + 2m (1.025)^2 = \frac{1}{2} m V_{1f}^2 + 2m V_{2f}^2 \quad \dots (9)$$

$$\therefore (2.56)^2 + 4 (1.025)^2 = V_{1f}^2 + 4 V_{2f}^2$$

$$\text{from (6) above} \quad 2.56m + 4.1m = m V_{1f} + 4m V_{2f}$$

$$\therefore V_{1f} = 6.66 - 4 V_{2f}$$

from (7)

$$6.5536 + 4.2025 = V_{1f}^2 + 4 V_{2f}^2$$

$$\therefore 10.8561 = (6.66 - 4 V_{2f})^2 + 4 V_{2f}^2$$

$$\therefore 4 V_{2f}^2 + 16 V_{2f}^2 - 26.64 V_{2f} - 10.8561 = 0$$

$$\therefore 12 V_{2f}^2 - 26.64 V_{2f} - 10.8561 = 0$$

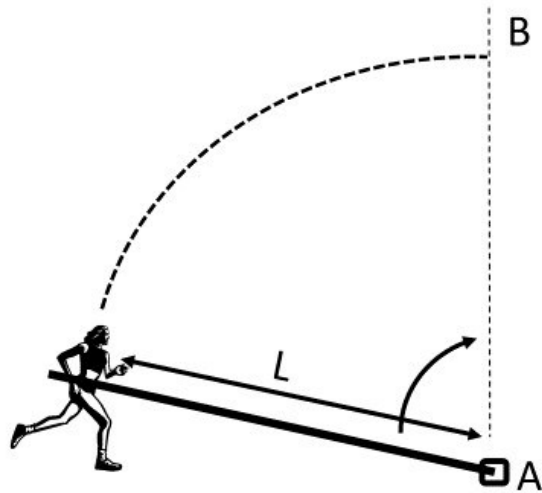
$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \therefore V_{2f} = \frac{26.64 \pm \sqrt{(26.64)^2 - 4(12)(10.8561)}}{24}$$

$$= \frac{26.64 \pm \sqrt{709.6896 - 521.088}}{24}$$

$$= \frac{26.64 \pm 13.733}{24}$$

$$= 1.683 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

Marks:



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**25 marks**

3.

$$a = K \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$0 \rightarrow K$$

$$\sum F_x$$

$$K = ma$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{K}{m}$$

$$\text{integrate} \therefore v_x = \frac{Kt}{m} + v_0 (=0)$$

integrate

$$x = \frac{Kt^2}{2m} + c (=0)$$

$$\text{at time } t_2 \quad v_2 = s = \frac{Kt_2}{m}$$

$$\therefore t_2 = \frac{sm}{K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at time } t_2 \quad x &= \frac{Kt_2^2}{2m} = \frac{K}{2m} \left( \frac{sm}{K} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{sm}{2K} \end{aligned}$$

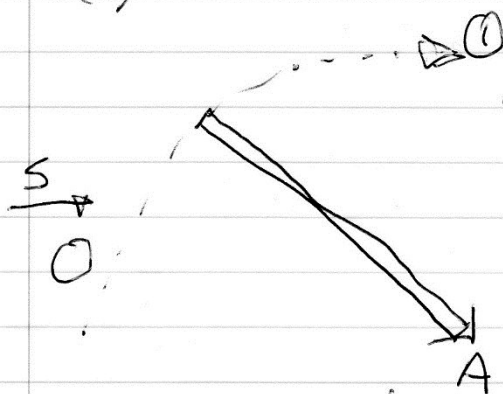
**b)** If they are running at their max speed of  $S \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and then plant their pole in a ground socket (A) and convert their linear motion into pendulum motion about the point of the pole which is  $L \text{ m}$  from their Centre of Mass (assume they act as a simple pendulum with radius  $L$  and mass  $m$ ), derive an expression for their tangential velocity at the top of the arc (B)?.

**20 marks**

The answer to the subpart.

**Marks:**

3(b)



① At start of pendulum motion  
all their energy is kinetic,

$$E_1 = K_1 = \frac{1}{2} m V^2 = \frac{1}{2} m S^2$$

energy is conserved.

so, at the top of the pendulum swing  
if their CoM is  $h_1$  above the ground at the start  
 ~~$E_2 = U_2 + K_2 = mgh$~~   
then their vertical height gained  $\Delta h = L - h$

$$E_2 = U_2 + K_2 = mg\Delta h + \frac{1}{2} m V_2^2$$

$$= mg(L - h) + \frac{1}{2} m V_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m S^2$$

$$\therefore V_2^2 = S^2 - 2g(L - h)$$

$$\therefore V_2 = \sqrt{S^2 - 2g(L - h)}$$

c) If that maximum speed is  $9.2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , their body mass 65 kg, and the point of the pole is 2.4 m from their Centre of Mass (assume they act as a simple pendulum with radius 2.4 m and mass 65 kg), what will be their tangential velocity at the top of the arc? (assume their Centre of Mass starts 1m above ground level)..

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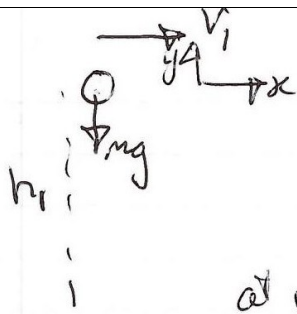
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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{(b) at pole plant } v = 9.2 \text{ m/s} \\
 &\text{so } E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{65}{2}(9.2)^2 \\
 &\text{at top of pendulum swing } E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh \\
 &\therefore \frac{65}{2}(9.2)^2 = 65 \times g \times 1.4 + \frac{65}{2}v_2^2 \\
 &\therefore \frac{v_2^2}{2} = \frac{(9.2)^2}{2} - 1.4g \\
 &\therefore v_2^2 = (9.2)^2 - 2.8g = \\
 &\quad = 84.64 - 27.468 \\
 &\quad = 57.172 \\
 &\therefore v_2 = 7.56 \text{ ms}^{-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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d) If they let go of the pole at this point (the highest point on their swing), how far will they travel before hitting the ground (assume their Centre of Mass is just 10 cm above their point of impact when they hit).

35 marks



when they release,  $V_i = 7.56 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
 and  
 altitude =  $2.4 \text{ m}$ .

at impact, " =  $0.1 \text{ m}$ .

$$\Sigma F_y \quad -mg = ma \quad \therefore a = -g$$

integrate

$$\therefore V_y = -gt + V_0$$

(set  $y=0$  at release) so  $y_0=0$   $V_0=0$

$$V_y = -gt \quad (=0)$$

integrate

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{gt^2}{2} + y_0$$

$$\therefore 2.3 = \frac{gt^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore t^2 = \frac{4.6}{g} = 0.475 \text{ s}$$

$$\Sigma F_x \quad 0 = ma$$

$$\therefore a = 0$$

integrate  $\therefore V_x = V_0 = 7.56 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

integrate

$$x = V_0 t = 7.56 \times 0.715$$

$$= 5.405 \text{ m}$$