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1. Two particles  $A$  and  $B$ , of mass  $5m$  kg and  $2m$  kg respectively, are moving in opposite directions along the same straight horizontal line. The particles collide directly. Immediately before the collision, the speeds of  $A$  and  $B$  are  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  respectively. The direction of motion of  $A$  is unchanged by the collision. Immediately after the collision, the speed of  $A$  is  $0.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

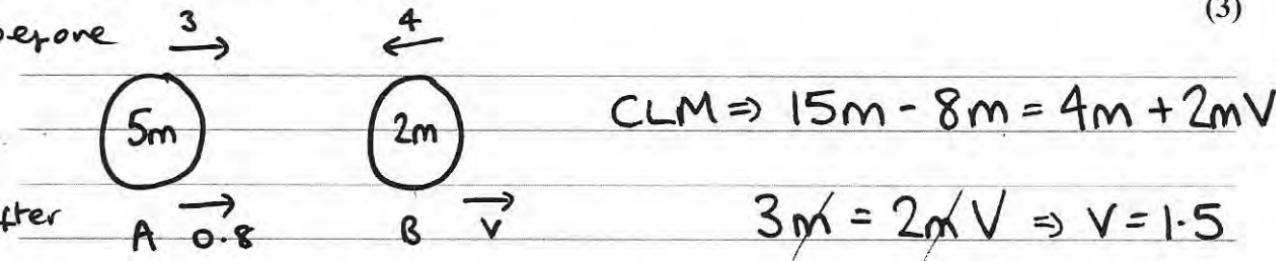
- (a) Find the speed of  $B$  immediately after the collision.

(3)

In the collision, the magnitude of the impulse exerted on  $A$  by  $B$  is  $3.3 \text{ N s}$ .

- (b) Find the value of  $m$ .

(3)



$$\text{b) Momentum of } A \text{ before} = 15m \quad \therefore \text{Impulse} = 11m$$

$$\text{Momentum of } A \text{ after} = 4m$$

$$11m = 3.3 \Rightarrow m = 0.3$$

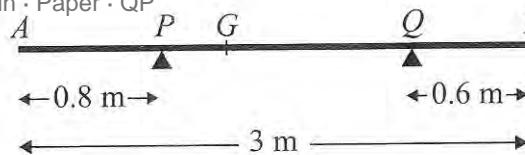


Figure 1

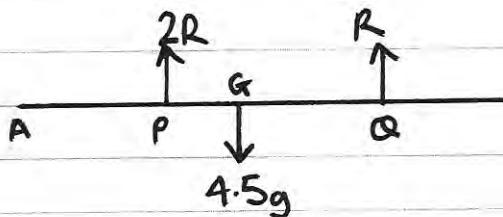
A non-uniform rod  $AB$  has length 3 m and mass 4.5 kg. The rod rests in equilibrium, in a horizontal position, on two smooth supports at  $P$  and at  $Q$ , where  $AP = 0.8 \text{ m}$  and  $QB = 0.6 \text{ m}$ , as shown in Figure 1. The centre of mass of the rod is at  $G$ . Given that the magnitude of the reaction of the support at  $P$  on the rod is twice the magnitude of the reaction of the support at  $Q$  on the rod, find

- (a) the magnitude of the reaction of the support at  $Q$  on the rod,

(3)

- (b) the distance  $AG$ .

(4)



$$\begin{aligned} RF \uparrow &= \downarrow \\ 3R &= 4.5g \\ \therefore R &= 1.5g \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$b) A^2 \quad 4.5g \times AG = 3g \times 0.8 + 1.5g \times 2.4$$

$$4.5g \times AG = 6g \quad \Rightarrow \quad AG = \frac{4}{3}$$

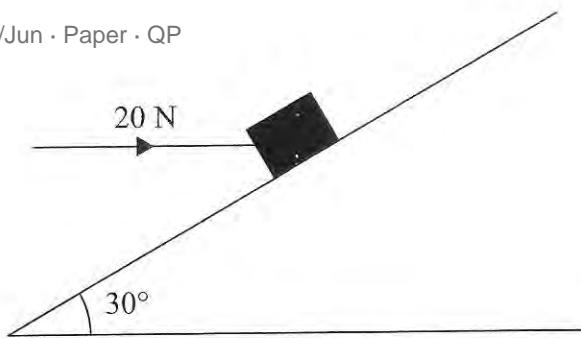


Figure 2

A box of mass 5 kg lies on a rough plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The box is held in equilibrium by a horizontal force of magnitude 20 N, as shown in Figure 2. The force acts in a vertical plane containing a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane. The box is in equilibrium and on the point of moving down the plane. The box is modelled as a particle.

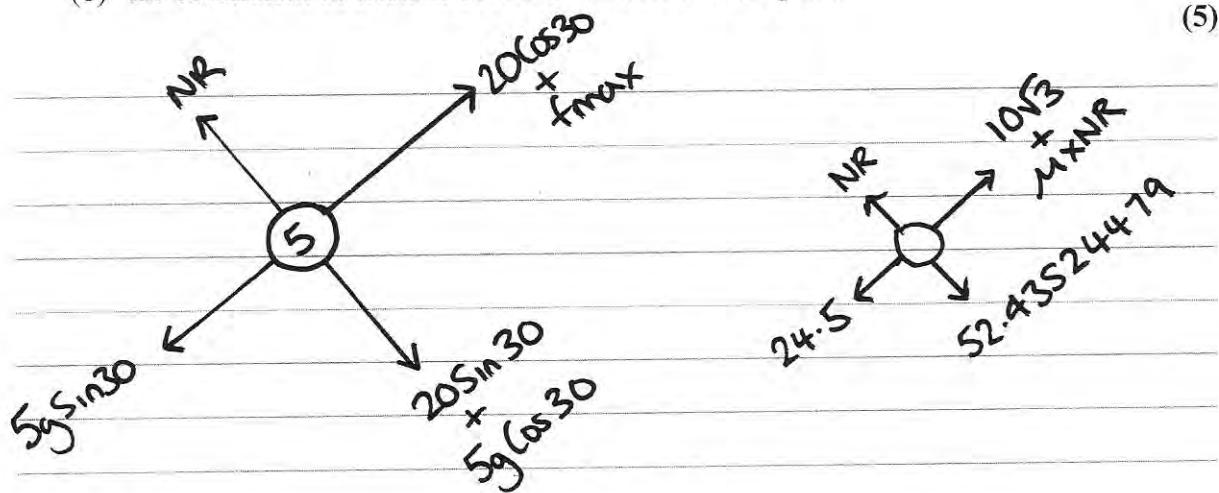
Find

- (a) the magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on the box,

(4)

- (b) the coefficient of friction between the box and the plane.

(5)



$$RF \uparrow = 0 \Rightarrow NR = 52.4 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$RF \nearrow = 0 \quad 10\sqrt{3} + \mu(52.43\dots) = 24.5$$

$$\mu = 0.137 \text{ (3sf)}$$

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 A car is moving on a straight horizontal road. At time  $t = 0$ , the car is moving with speed  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and is at the point  $A$ . The car maintains the speed of  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for  $25 \text{ s}$ . The car then moves with constant deceleration  $0.4 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ , reducing its speed from  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  to  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The car then moves with constant speed  $8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  for  $60 \text{ s}$ . The car then moves with constant acceleration until it is moving with speed  $20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  at the point  $B$ .

(a) Sketch a speed-time graph to represent the motion of the car from  $A$  to  $B$ .

(3)

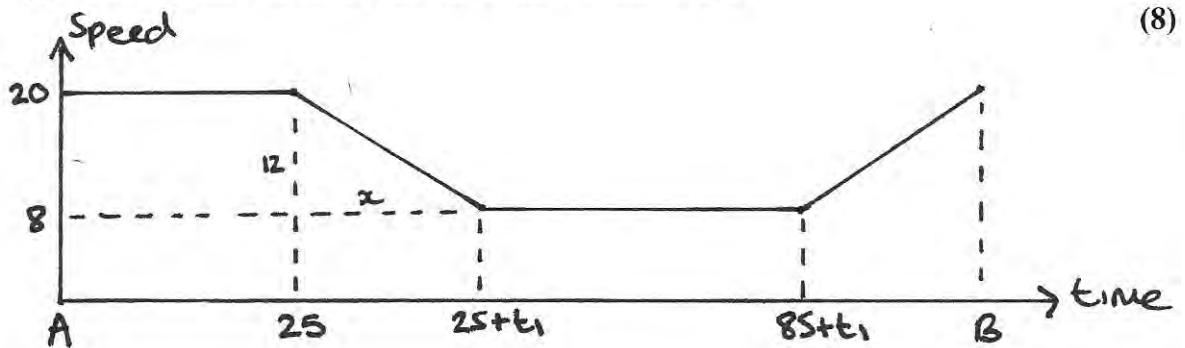
(b) Find the time for which the car is decelerating.

(2)

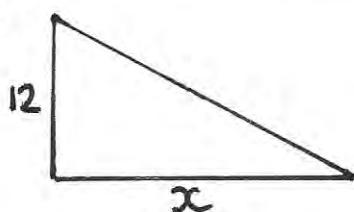
Given that the distance from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $1960 \text{ m}$ ,

(c) find the time taken for the car to move from  $A$  to  $B$ .

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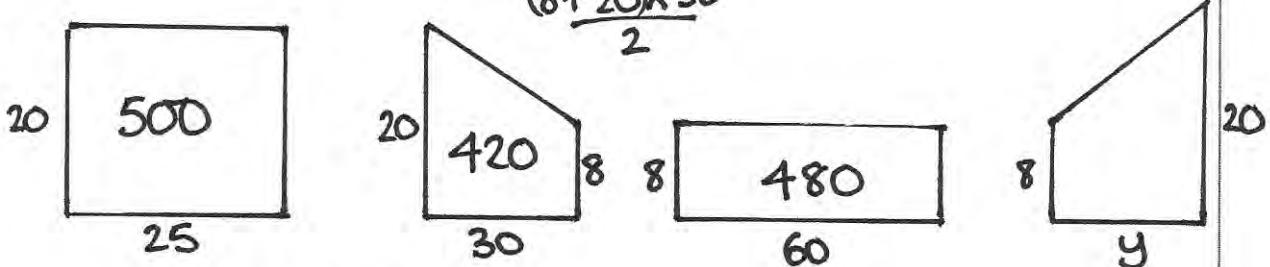


b)



$$\text{gradient} = -0.4 = -\frac{12}{x} \Rightarrow x = \frac{12}{0.4} \\ \therefore x = 30 \text{ sec}$$

c)



$$500 + 420 + 480 = 1400$$

$$1960 - 1400 = 560$$

$$\therefore \frac{(8+20) \times y}{2} = 560$$

$$28y = 1120 \\ y = 40$$

$$\therefore \text{total time} = 25 + 30 + 60 + 40 \\ = 155 \text{ sec}$$

5. A particle  $P$  is projected vertically upwards from a point  $A$  with speed  $u \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The point  $A$  is 17.5 m above horizontal ground. The particle  $P$  moves freely under gravity until it reaches the ground with speed 28 m s $^{-1}$ .

(a) Show that  $u = 21$

(3)

At time  $t$  seconds after projection,  $P$  is 19 m above  $A$ .

(b) Find the possible values of  $t$ .

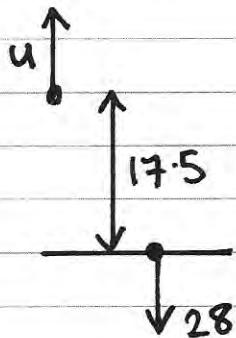
(5)

The ground is soft and, after  $P$  reaches the ground,  $P$  sinks vertically downwards into the ground before coming to rest. The mass of  $P$  is 4 kg and the ground is assumed to exert a constant resistive force of magnitude 5000 N on  $P$ .

(c) Find the vertical distance that  $P$  sinks into the ground before coming to rest.

(4)

a)



$$s = -17.5$$

$$u$$

$$v = -28$$

$$a = -9.8$$

$$t$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$784 = u^2 + 343$$

$$u^2 = 441 \Rightarrow u = 21$$

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b)

$$s = 19 \quad s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \quad t = \frac{21 \pm \sqrt{21^2 - 4(4.9)(19)}}{9.8}$$

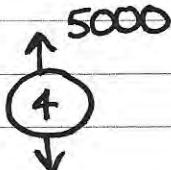
$$u = 21 \quad 19 = 21t - 4.9t^2$$

$$v \quad 4.9t^2 - 21t + 19 = 0$$

$$a = -9.8 \quad t_1 = 2.99 \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$t \quad t_2 = 1.30 \text{ (3sf)}$$

c)



$$R_f \downarrow = ma \Rightarrow 39.2 - 5000 = 4a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1240.2$$

$$u = 28, v = 0$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as \Rightarrow 0 = 784 - 2480 \cdot 4s$$

$$\Rightarrow s = 0.316 \text{ m}$$

(3sf)

6. [In this question  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are horizontal unit vectors due east and due north respectively and position vectors are given with respect to a fixed origin.]

A ship  $S$  is moving with constant velocity  $(-12\mathbf{i} + 7.5\mathbf{j}) \text{ km h}^{-1}$ .

- (a) Find the direction in which  $S$  is moving, giving your answer as a bearing.

(3)

At time  $t$  hours after noon, the position vector of  $S$  is  $\mathbf{s}$  km. When  $t = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = 40\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j}$ .

- (b) Write down  $\mathbf{s}$  in terms of  $t$ .

(2)

A fixed beacon  $B$  is at the point with position vector  $(7\mathbf{i} + 12.5\mathbf{j}) \text{ km}$ .

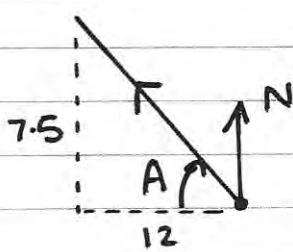
- (c) Find the distance of  $S$  from  $B$  when  $t = 3$

(4)

- (d) Find the distance of  $S$  from  $B$  when  $S$  is due north of  $B$ .

(4)

a)



$$\begin{aligned}\text{bearing} &= 270 + A \\ &= 270 + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{7.5}{12}\right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{302^\circ}}\end{aligned}$$

b) pos after  $t$  = orig pos +  $t$  (vel)

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -12 \\ 7.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c) t = 3 \quad \mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 40 - 36 \\ -6 + 22.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 16.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{BS} = \mathbf{s} - \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 16.5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 12.5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{dist} = |\vec{BS}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \text{ km.}$$

d) due North  $\Rightarrow$  i component of  $\vec{BS} = 0$  ( $i$  part of  $s$   $\neq 0$ !)

$$(40 - 12t) = 7 \quad 12t = 33 \quad t = \frac{11}{4}$$

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$$t = \frac{11}{4} \quad S = \left( \begin{array}{l} 40 - 12 \left( \frac{11}{4} \right) \\ -6 + 7 \cdot S \left( \frac{11}{4} \right) \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{l} 7 \\ \frac{117}{8} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\vec{SB} = \frac{117}{8} - 12 \cdot S = \frac{17}{8} \text{ km}$$

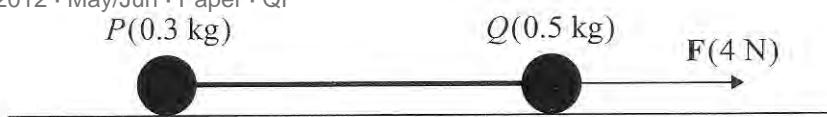


Figure 3

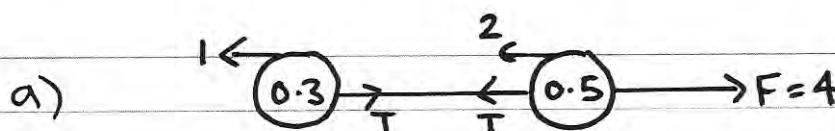
Two particles  $P$  and  $Q$ , of mass 0.3 kg and 0.5 kg respectively, are joined by a light horizontal rod. The system of the particles and the rod is at rest on a horizontal plane. At time  $t = 0$ , a constant force  $\mathbf{F}$  of magnitude 4 N is applied to  $Q$  in the direction  $PQ$ , as shown in Figure 3. The system moves under the action of this force until  $t = 6$  s. During the motion, the resistance to the motion of  $P$  has constant magnitude 1 N and the resistance to the motion of  $Q$  has constant magnitude 2 N.

Find

- (a) the acceleration of the particles as the system moves under the action of  $\mathbf{F}$ , (3)
- (b) the speed of the particles at  $t = 6$  s, (2)
- (c) the tension in the rod as the system moves under the action of  $\mathbf{F}$ . (3)

At  $t = 6$  s,  $\mathbf{F}$  is removed and the system decelerates to rest. The resistances to motion are unchanged. Find

- (d) the distance moved by  $P$  as the system decelerates, (4)
- (e) the thrust in the rod as the system decelerates. (3)



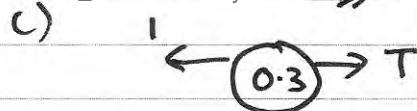
$$\text{whole system} \quad \sum \vec{F} = ma \quad 4 - 2 - 1 = 0.8a$$

$$\therefore a = 1.25 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

$$b) \quad u = 0 \quad t = 6 \quad a = 1.25 \quad v = u + at$$

$$v = 0 + 1.25 \times 6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = 7.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

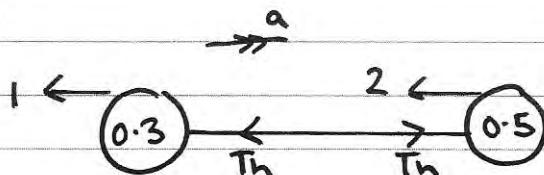
1.25



$$\vec{R}_f = ma$$

$$T - 1 = 0.3 \times 1.25 \Rightarrow T = \frac{11}{8} N$$

d)



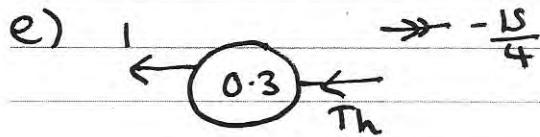
whole system  $\vec{R}_f = ma$   $-1 - 2 = 0.8a$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{15}{4}$$

$$u = 7.5 \quad v = 0 \quad a = -\frac{15}{4}$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as \Rightarrow 0 = 86.25 - \frac{15}{2}s$$

$$\therefore s = 7.5m$$



$$\vec{R}_f = ma$$

$$-1 - Th = 0.3 \left( -\frac{15}{4} \right)$$

$$-1 - Th = -\frac{9}{8}$$

$$-Th = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\therefore \text{Thrust} = \underline{\frac{1}{8} N}$$