

- 1 (a) Complete Fig. 1.1 by putting a tick (✓) in the appropriate column to indicate whether the listed quantities are scalars or vectors.

quantity	scalar	vector
acceleration		
force		
kinetic energy		
momentum		
power		
work		

Fig. 1.1

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- (b) A floating sphere is attached by a cable to the bottom of a river, as shown in Fig. 1.2.

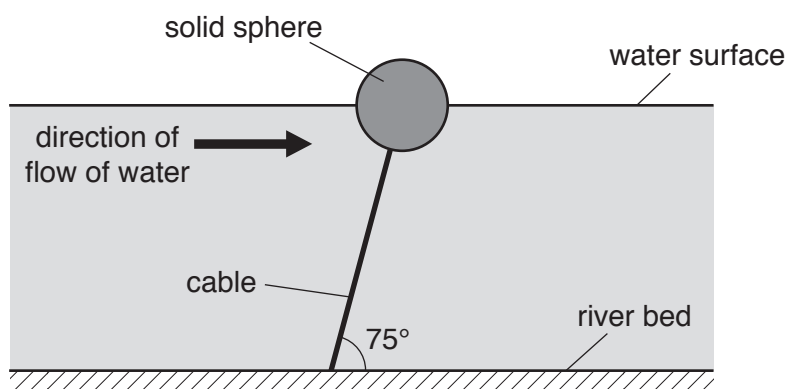


Fig. 1.2

The sphere is in equilibrium, with the cable at an angle of 75° to the horizontal. Assume that the force on the sphere due to the water flow is in the horizontal direction.

The radius of the sphere is 23 cm. The sphere is solid and is made from a material of density 82 kg m^{-3} .

- (i) Show that the weight of the sphere is 41 N.

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(ii) The tension in the cable is 290 N.

Determine the upthrust acting on the sphere.

upthrust = N [2]

(iii) Explain the origin of the upthrust acting on the sphere.

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- 2 (a) State the *principle of conservation of momentum*.

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- (b) Two blocks, A and B, are on a horizontal frictionless surface. The blocks are joined together by a spring, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

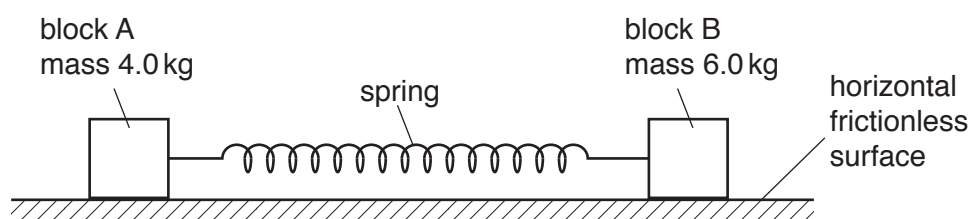


Fig. 2.1

Block A has mass 4.0 kg and block B has mass 6.0 kg.

The variation of the tension F with the extension x of the spring is shown in Fig. 2.2.

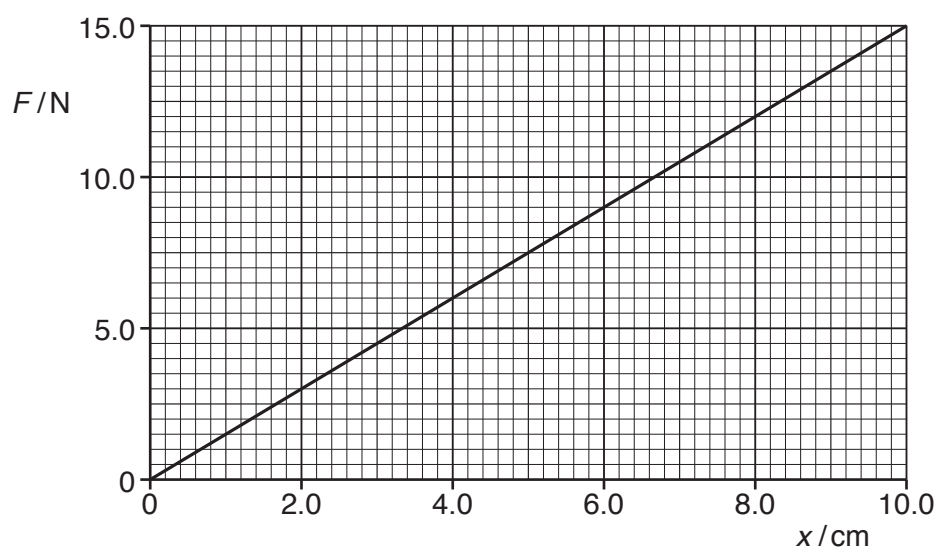


Fig. 2.2

The two blocks are held apart so that the spring has an extension of 8.0 cm.

- (i) Show that the elastic potential energy of the spring at an extension of 8.0 cm is 0.48 J.

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- (ii) The blocks are released from rest at the same instant. When the extension of the spring becomes zero, block A has speed v_A and block B has speed v_B .

the instant when the extension of the spring becomes zero,

1. use conservation of momentum to show that

$$\frac{\text{kinetic energy of block A}}{\text{kinetic energy of block B}} = 1.5$$

[3]

2. use the information in (b)(i) and (b)(ii)1 to determine the kinetic energy of block A. It may be assumed that the spring has negligible kinetic energy and that air resistance is negligible.

kinetic energy of block A = J [2]

(iii) The blocks are released at time $t = 0$.

On Fig. 2.3, sketch a graph to show how the momentum of block A varies with time t until the extension of the spring becomes zero.

Numerical values of momentum and time are not required.

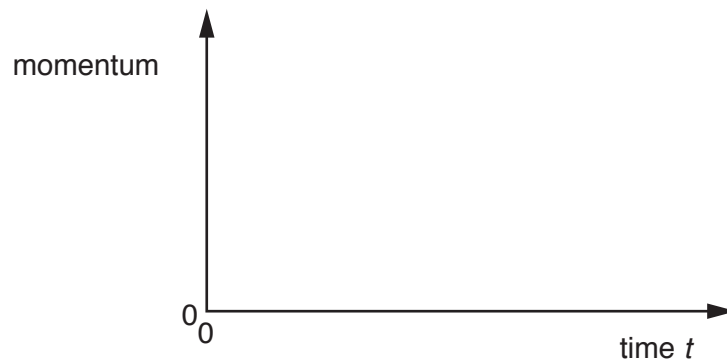


Fig. 2.3

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3 (a) Define *velocity*.

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(b) A car travels in a straight line up a slope, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

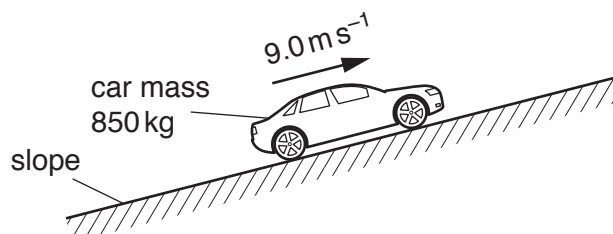


Fig. 3.1

The car has mass 850 kg and travels with a constant speed of 9.0 m s^{-1} . The car's engine exerts a force on the car of 2.0 kN up the slope.

A resistive force F_D , due to friction and air resistance, opposes the motion of the car.

The variation of F_D with the speed v of the car is shown in Fig. 3.2.

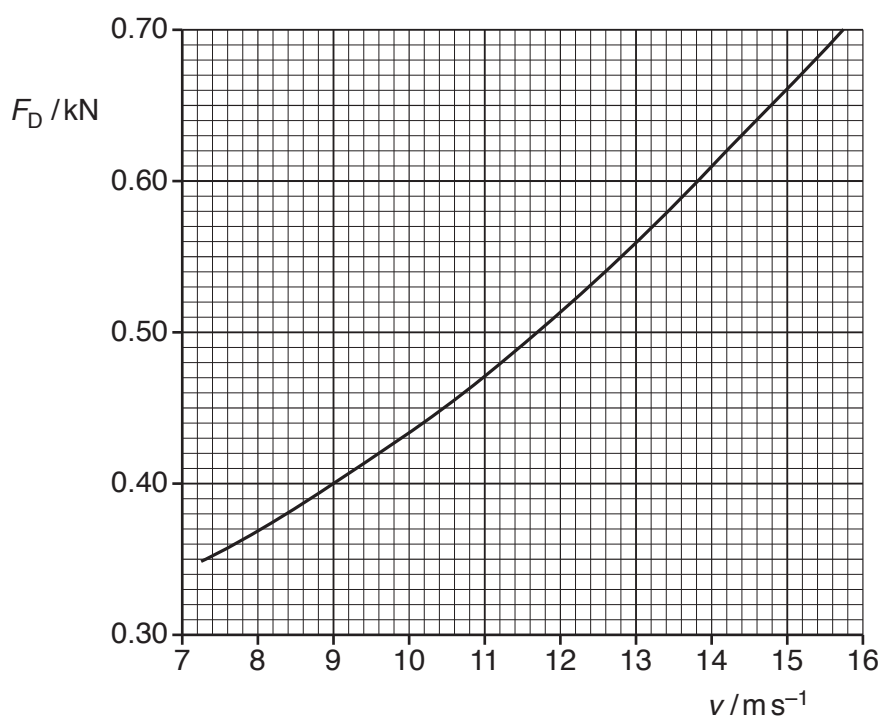


Fig. 3.2

- (i) State and explain whether the car is in equilibrium as it moves up the slope.

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- (ii) Consider the forces that act along the slope. Use data from Fig. 3.2 to determine the component of the weight of the car that acts down the slope.

component of weight = N [2]

- (iii) Show that the power output of the car is $1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ W}$.

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- (iv) The car now travels along horizontal ground. The output power of the car is maintained at $1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ W}$. The variation of the resistive force F_D acting on the car is given in Fig. 3.2.

Calculate the acceleration of the car when its speed is 15 m s^{-1} .

acceleration = m s^{-2} [3]

[Total: 10]

- 4 (a) State what is meant by the *Doppler effect*.

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- (b) A child sits on a rotating horizontal platform in a playground. The child moves with a constant speed along a circular path, as illustrated in Fig. 4.1.

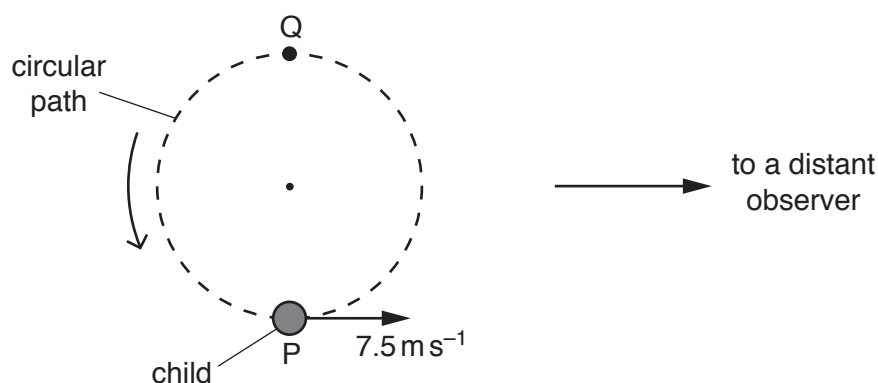


Fig. 4.1

An observer is standing a long distance away from the child. During one particular revolution, the child, moving at a speed of 7.5 m s^{-1} , starts blowing a whistle at point P and stops blowing it at point Q on the circular path.

The whistle emits sound of frequency 950 Hz . The speed of sound in air is 330 m s^{-1} .

- (i) Determine the maximum frequency of the sound heard by the distant observer.

maximum frequency = Hz [2]

- (ii) Describe the variation in the frequency of the sound heard by the distant observer.

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[Total: 6]

- 5 An electron is travelling in a straight line through a vacuum with a constant speed of $1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. The electron enters a uniform electric field at point A, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

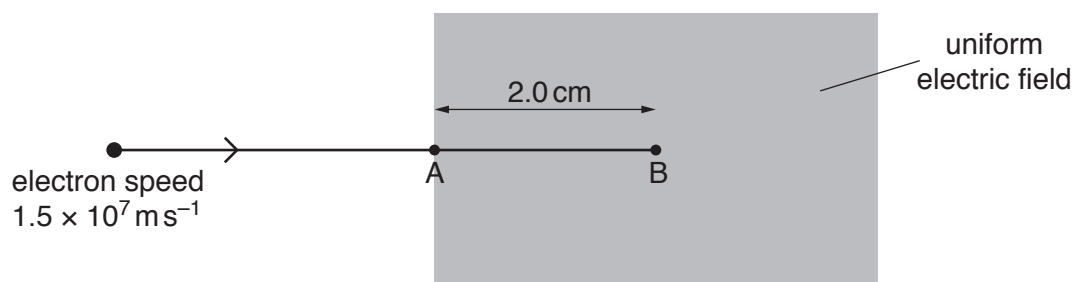


Fig. 5.1

The electron continues to move in the same direction until it is brought to rest by the electric field at point B. Distance AB is 2.0 cm.

- (a) State the direction of the electric field.

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- (b) Calculate the magnitude of the deceleration of the electron in the field.

deceleration = m s^{-2} [2]

- (c) Calculate the electric field strength.

electric field strength = V m^{-1} [3]

(d) The electron is at point A at time $t = 0$.

On Fig. 5.2, sketch the variation with time t of the velocity v of the electron until it reaches point B. Numerical values of v and t do not need to be shown.

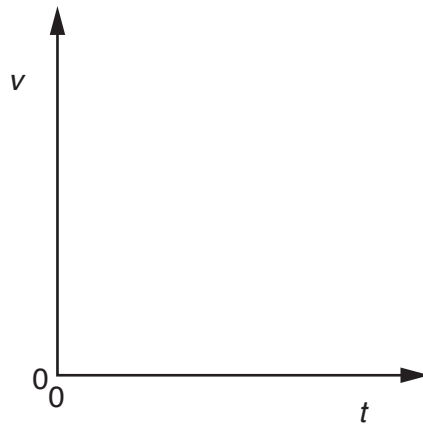


Fig. 5.2

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- 6 (a) Three resistors of resistances R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are connected as shown in Fig. 6.1.

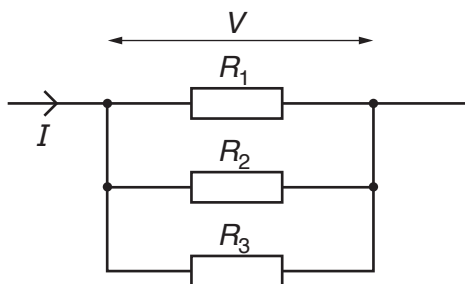


Fig. 6.1

The total current in the combination of resistors is I and the potential difference across the combination is V .

Show that the total resistance R of the combination is given by the equation

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}.$$

[2]

- (b) A battery of electromotive force (e.m.f.) 6.0V and internal resistance r is connected to a resistor of resistance 12Ω and a variable resistor X , as shown in Fig. 6.2.

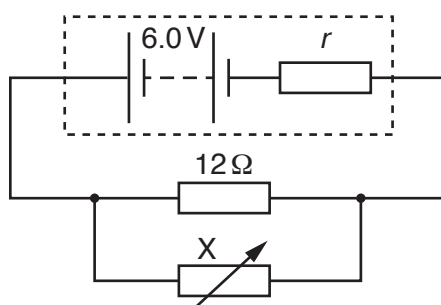


Fig. 6.2

- (i) By considering energy, explain why the potential difference across the battery's terminals is less than the e.m.f. of the battery.

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- (ii) A charge of 2.5 kC passes through the battery.

Calculate

1. the total energy transformed by the battery,

energy = J [2]

2. the number of electrons that pass through the battery.

number = [1]

- (iii) The combined resistance of the two resistors connected in parallel is $4.8\ \Omega$.

Calculate the resistance of X.

resistance of X = Ω [1]

- (iv) your answer in (b)(iii) to determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{power dissipated in X}}{\text{power dissipated in } 12\ \Omega \text{ resistor}}.$$

ratio = [2]

- (v) The resistance of X is now decreased. Explain why the power produced by the battery is increased.

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7 A nucleus of bismuth-212 ($^{212}_{83}\text{Bi}$) decays by the emission of an α -particle and γ -radiation.

(a) State the number of protons and the number of neutrons in the nucleus of bismuth-212.

number of protons =

number of neutrons =

[1]

(b) The γ -radiation emitted from the nucleus has a wavelength of 3.8 pm.

Calculate the frequency of this radiation.

frequency = Hz [3]

(c) Explain how a single beam of α -particles and γ -radiation may be separated into a beam of α -particles and a beam of γ -radiation.

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(d) The α -particle emitted from the bismuth nucleus has an initial kinetic energy of $9.3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$. As the α -particle moves through air it causes the removal of electrons from atoms. The α -particle loses energy and is stopped after removing 1.8×10^5 electrons as it moved through the air.

Determine the energy, in eV, needed to remove one electron.