

4-1. What is the minimum spring compression δ necessary to cause m_2 to leave the floor after m_1 is suddenly released with zero velocity? Measure δ from the unstressed position of the spring and assume that all motion is in the vertical direction.

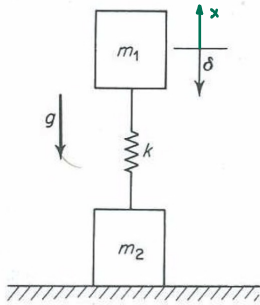


Figure P4-1

Consider in cause m_2 to leave the floor

hx_{max} Mass (M_2) $\uparrow +$

$$\sum F_y = 0$$

$$hx_{max} = M_2 g ; \quad M_2 \text{ leaves the floor if } hx_{max} > M_2 g$$

$$x_{max} = \frac{M_2 g}{k} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$M_2 g$

And then consider M_1

$$\sum F_y = 0 \quad \uparrow +$$

$$M_1 g + kx = 0$$

$$M_1 g, kx_{st} \quad x_{st} = -\frac{M_1 g}{k} ; \text{ st } \Rightarrow \text{ Static } \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Thus we get.

$$x_{st} = \frac{1}{2} (x_{max} + x_{min})$$

$$\text{From: } \delta = x_{min} \quad -\frac{1}{k} m_1 g = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_2 g}{k} - \delta \right)$$

And Then.

$$-\delta = -\frac{2m_1 g}{k} - \frac{m_2 g}{k}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\delta = \frac{2m_1 g + m_2 g}{k} = \frac{(2m_1 + m_2)g}{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- 4-2. A chain of length L and mass m rests on a horizontal table. If there is a coefficient of friction μ between the chain and the table top, find the velocity of the chain as it leaves the table. Assume that it is released from the position $x = a$, where $a > \mu L / (1 + \mu)$, and the chain is guided without friction around the corner.

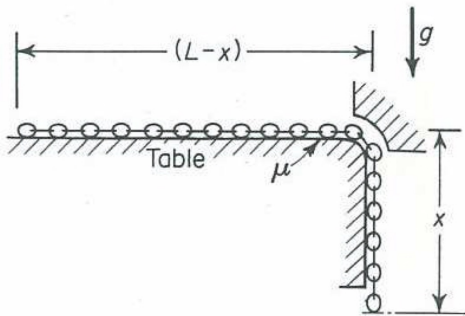


Figure P4-2

From the work and energy Principle

$$T_i + V_i = T_f + V_f + W_f \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The initial kinetic energy (T_i)

$$u_0 = 0 \text{ thus : } T_i = 0$$

Initial of potential energy (V_i)

$$\text{From linear density } \rho = \frac{m}{L}$$

$$\text{Thus } V_i = \int_a^L \rho g a^2 = -\frac{1}{2L} m g a^2 \text{ at } x(0) = a$$

And then the final of kinetic energy (T_f)

$$T_f = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

The final potential energy (V_f)

$$V_f = -\frac{1}{2} m g L$$

We have energy lost in friction

$$= \int_a^L \frac{\mu m g}{L} (L - x) dx = \frac{\mu m g}{2L} x^2 \Big|_a^L = \frac{\mu m g}{2L} (L - a)^2$$

From equation (1)

$$0 - \frac{m g a^2}{2L} = \frac{m v^2}{2} - \frac{m g L}{2} + \frac{\mu m g}{2L} (L - a)^2$$

$$-\frac{m g a^2}{2L} = \frac{m}{2} \left[v^2 - g L + \frac{\mu g}{L} (L - a)^2 \right]$$

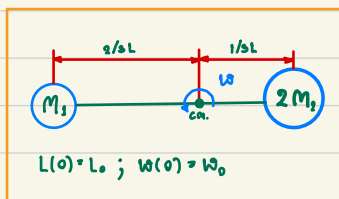
$$-g a^2 = L v^2 - g L^2 + \mu g (L - a)^2$$

$$L v^2 = g L^2 - g a^2 - \mu g (L - a)^2$$

$$v^2 = \frac{g}{L} \left[L^2 - a^2 - \mu (L - a)^2 \right]$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L} \left[L^2 - a^2 - \mu (L - a)^2 \right]} \quad \text{Ans}$$

4-4. Particles $m_1 = m$ and $m_2 = 2m$ are connected by a massless string and undergo free planar motion. Initially they rotate about each other with a constant separation l_0 and an angular velocity ω_0 . Then a device in m_1 reels in the connecting string until its length is $\frac{1}{2}l_0$ and is again constant. At this later time, find: (a) the angular velocity ω ; (b) the tension in the string.



Using conservation of angular momentum about the center of mass

$$\text{Thus we get } \left[m \left(\frac{2}{3} l \right)^2 + 2m \left(\frac{1}{3} l \right)^2 \right] \omega = \frac{2}{3} m l_0^2 \omega_0 \quad ; l = \frac{l_0}{2}$$

$$\left[m \left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 l_0^2 + 2m \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 l_0^2 \right] \omega = \frac{2}{3} m l_0^2 \omega_0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{9} \right) m l_0^2 \omega = \frac{2}{3} m l_0^2 \omega_0$$

$$\left(\frac{1+2}{9} \right) m l_0^2 \omega = \frac{2}{3} m l_0^2 \omega_0$$

$$\omega = \frac{1+2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \omega_0 = 4\omega_0 \quad \text{Ans}$$

b. The string tension is $F = m_1 \frac{l_0}{3} \omega^2$

When $\omega = 4\omega_0$

Then we get $F = m_1 \frac{l_0}{3} (4\omega_0)^2$

$$F = \frac{16}{3} m_1 l_0 \omega_0^2 \quad \text{Ans}$$