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Braking a Car

A Level



When a car of mass 1000 kg is travelling along a level road at a steady speed of 20 m s^{-1} , its engine is working at 18 kW .

Part A Resistive force

Find the magnitude of the resistive force due to friction, which may be taken to be constant.

Part B Braking force on the level

The engine is suddenly disconnected and the brakes applied, and the car comes to rest in 50 m . Find the force, assumed constant, exerted by the brakes.

Part C Braking force on a slope

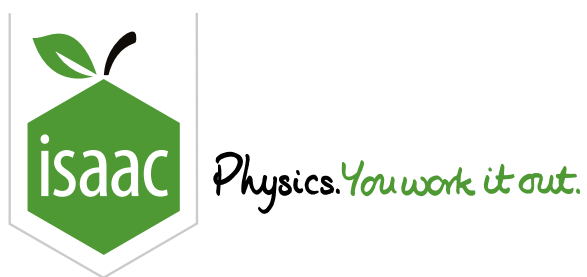
Find also the distance in which the car, travelling at 20 m s^{-1} , would come to rest if the engine were disconnected and the same braking force applied on an upward incline of angle θ , where $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{20}$.

Part D Braking force downhill

By how much does this change if the car is travelling down the same hill at 20 m s^{-1} ?

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A Level



Assume that extension is proportional to the tension.

An unstretched spring of natural length 30 cm with spring constant 8.0 N cm^{-1} is stretched by 20% of its original length. Work out how much elastic potential energy is stored in the spring. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Restitution Between Spheres

Further A



Two small spheres A and B, with masses 0.30 kg and m respectively, lie at rest on a smooth horizontal surface. A is projected directly towards B with speed 6.0 m s^{-1} and hits B. The direction of motion of A is reversed in the collision. The speeds of A and B after the collision are 1.0 m s^{-1} and 3.0 m s^{-1} respectively. The coefficient of restitution between A and B is e .

Part A Mass

Find m .

Part B Coefficient of restitution

Find the value of e .

Part C Second collision?

B continues to move at 3.0 m s^{-1} and strikes a vertical wall at right angles and rebounds off the wall. The coefficient of restitution between B and the wall is f .

Find the range of values of f for which there will be a second collision between A and B. Fill in the gaps below.

f

Items:

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Part D Impulse from the wall

Find, in terms of f , the magnitude of the impulse that the wall exerts on B.

The following symbols may be useful: f

Part E Final speeds

Given that $f = \frac{3}{4}$,

Calculate the final speed of A.

Calculate the final speed of B.

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Restitution: Sphere Collision 2

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Two uniform smooth spheres A and B of equal radius are moving on a horizontal surface when they collide. A has mass 0.10 kg and B has mass 0.40 kg . Immediately before the collision A is moving with speed 2.8 m s^{-1} along the line of centres, and B is moving with speed 1.0 m s^{-1} at an angle θ to the line of centres, where $\cos \theta = 0.80$, as shown in **Figure 1**. Immediately after the collision A is stationary.

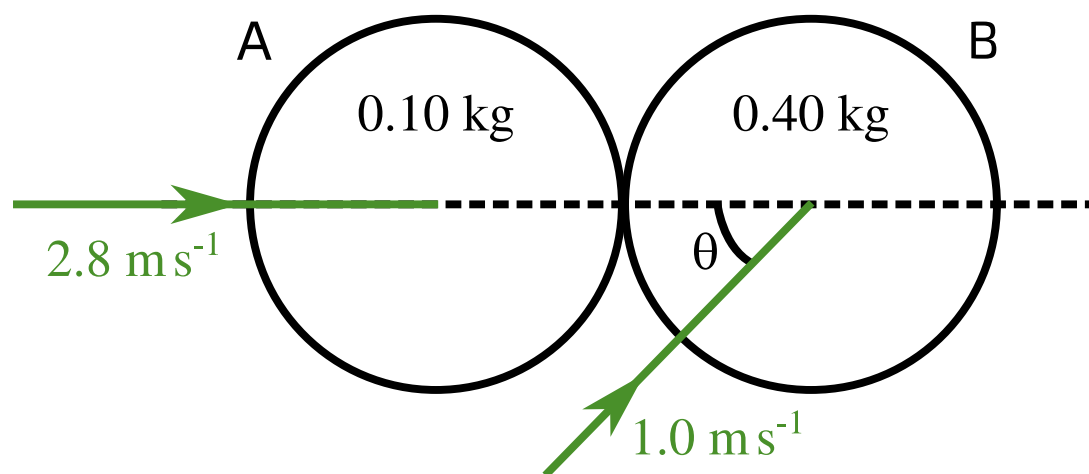


Figure 1: The spheres A and B as they collide.

Part A Coefficient of restitution

Find the value of the coefficient of restitution between A and B.

Part B Change in direction

Find the angle turned through by the direction of motion of B as a result of the collision.

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Two Spinning Balls

A Level



A ball of mass m_1 is suspended from a fixed point O by a light string of length $l = 5.0\text{ m}$ and a second ball of mass m_2 is suspended from the first by a light string of the same length.

When the system is rotating steadily with angular velocity ω about the vertical through O , the balls describe horizontal circles of radii 3.0 m and 7.0 m with their centres 4.0 m and 7.0 m respectively below O .

Part A Angular speed

Find the value of ω

Part B Ratio of masses

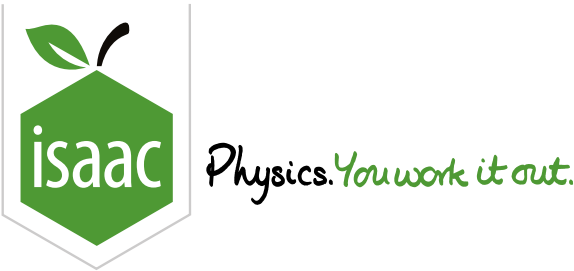
What is the ratio of the masses of the balls? Express your answer as a decimal greater than one.

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Centre of Mass: Lamina 2

Further A

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Figure 1 shows a uniform lamina BCD in the shape of a quarter circle of radius 6.0 cm.

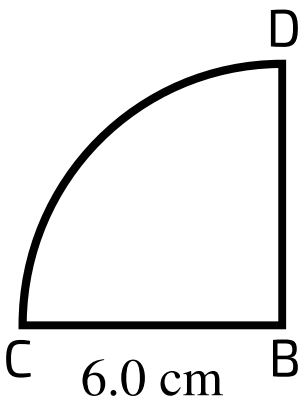


Figure 1: Lamina BCD.

Part A Centre of mass of BCD

Find the distance of the centre of mass of the lamina from B.

Part B Distance from BD

A uniform rectangular lamina ABDE is such that AB is 12 cm and AE is 6.0 cm. A single plane object ABCDE is formed by attaching the rectangular lamina ABDE to the lamina BCD along BD, as shown in **Figure 2**. The mass of ABDE is 3.0 kg and the mass of BCD is 2.0 kg.

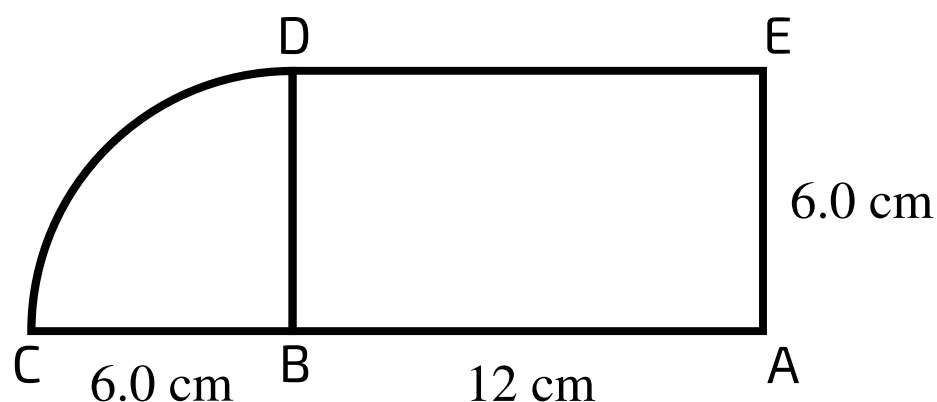


Figure 2: Object ABCDE, formed by joining laminas BCD and ABDE.

Find the distance of the centre of mass of the object ABCDE from BD.

Part C Distance from AC

Find the distance of the centre of mass of the object ABCDE from AC.

Part D Angle to vertical

The object ABCDE is freely suspended at C and rests in equilibrium.

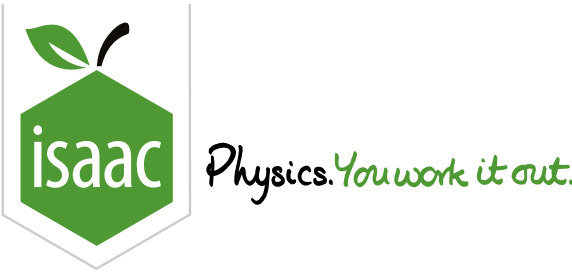
Calculate the angle that AC makes with the vertical.

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Centre of Mass by Integration 2

Further A



The region bounded by the y -axis and the curves $y = \sin (2x)$ and $y = \sqrt{2} \cos x$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ is occupied by a uniform lamina.

Find the exact value of the x -coordinate of the centre of mass of the lamina.

The following symbols may be useful: π , x

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Differential Equations: Resistive Forces 2i

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A particle of mass 0.2 kg travels in a straight line on a smooth horizontal surface.

At time t seconds it is $x \text{ m}$ from a fixed point O and is moving away from O with velocity $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

A force of magnitude $\frac{1}{2} \left(12 - \frac{1}{4}v\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ N}$ acts on the particle in the direction of motion.

At time $t = 0$ the particle is at O and has velocity 12 m s^{-1} .

Part A Maximum velocity

State the maximum possible velocity of the particle.

Part B Expression for v

Find an expression for v in terms of t , valid while the particle is accelerating.

The following symbols may be useful: t

Part C Distance travelled

Hence find the distance travelled by the particle as its velocity increases from 12 m s^{-1} to 32 m s^{-1} .

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



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Differential Equations: General Applications 2ii

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A particle P of mass 0.2 kg is suspended from a fixed point O by a light elastic string of natural length 0.7 m and modulus of elasticity 3.5 N . P is at the equilibrium position when it is projected vertically downwards with speed 1.6 m s^{-1} . At time $t \text{ s}$ after being set in motion P is $x \text{ m}$ below the equilibrium position and has velocity $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

The tension, T , in the string is expressed as

$$T = \frac{3.5(0.392 + x)}{0.7} \text{ N}$$

The equilibrium position of P is 1.092 m below O , and the strength of gravity is 9.8 N kg^{-1} .

Part A SHM

Prove that P moves with simple harmonic motion, and calculate the amplitude.

Part B Find x

Calculate x when $t = 0.4$. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Part C Find v

Calculate the velocity of P when $t = 0.4$. Give your answer to 3 significant figures.
