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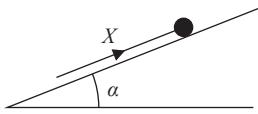


Figure 3

A particle of mass m rests in equilibrium on a fixed rough plane under the action of a force of magnitude X . The force acts up a line of greatest slope of the plane, as shown in Figure 3.

The plane is inclined at an angle α to the horizontal, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$

The coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane is μ .

- When $X = 2P$, the particle is on the point of sliding up the plane.
- When $X = P$, the particle is on the point of sliding down the plane.

Find the value of μ .

(8)

Try this Q whilst
we wait for
everyone to arrive!
We'll go over it at
the start of the session!

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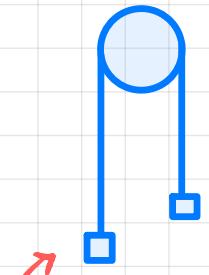
Exam Patterns / Predictions

- Moments - ladder, beam, resting on a drum etc.
- Forces : either - connected particles
 - one on a slope
- Projectiles
- Variable acceleration } potentially combined
- Vectors

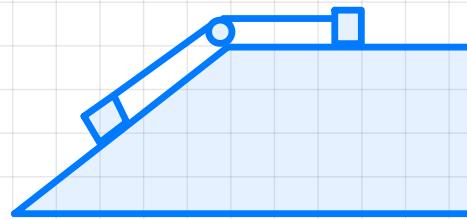
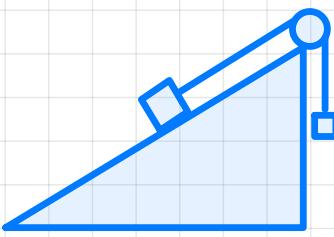
Possible but niche :

- no connected particles, but lift Q
- subsequent motion with connected particles
- SUVAT - sim. eq. or vertical motion.

Connected Particles



I think less likely in A2, more AS style



unlikely/unusual but possible.

"Equation of motion for 1" →

smooth pulley → (no friction) → tension same either side of the pulley

inextensible string → (doesn't stretch) → acceleration/speed of both particles is equal

light string → (has no mass) → tension in each section of string equal throughout

Improvements

↳ read through their model, tell them not to make one of these assumptions!

Things other than air resistance...

→ more accurate value for g

→ include dimensions of particles

→ resistance should vary with speed / not be constant.

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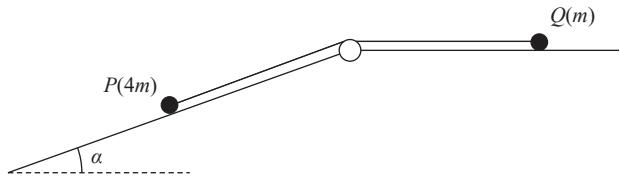


Figure 4

A particle P of mass $4m$ lies on the surface of a fixed rough inclined plane.

The plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α where $\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$

The particle P is attached to one end of a light inextensible string.

The string passes over a small smooth pulley that is fixed at the top of the plane. The other end of the string is attached to a particle Q of mass m which lies on a smooth horizontal plane.

The string lies along the horizontal plane and in the vertical plane that contains the pulley and a line of greatest slope of the inclined plane.

The system is released from rest with the string taut, as shown in Figure 4, and P moves down the plane.

The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is $\frac{1}{4}$

For the motion before Q reaches the pulley

(a) write down an equation of motion for Q ,

(1)

(b) find, in terms of m and g , the tension in the string.

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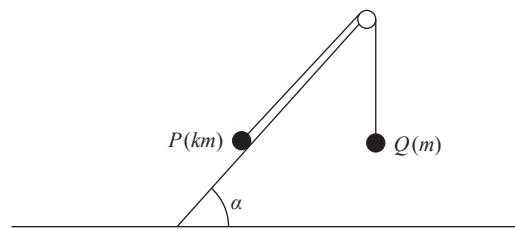


Figure 1

One end of a light inextensible string is attached to a particle P of mass km , where $k > 1.25$

The other end of the string is attached to a particle Q of mass m .

The string passes over a small smooth light pulley that is fixed at the top of a plane.

The plane is inclined to the horizontal at an angle α , where $\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3}$

Particle P is held at rest on the plane and particle Q hangs at rest with the string taut, as shown in Figure 1.

The part of the string from P to the pulley lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane.

The two particles and the pulley all lie in the same vertical plane.

The particle P is released from rest.

In an initial model,

- the plane is modelled as being smooth
- P slides down the plane with acceleration $\frac{1}{5}g$

Using this model,

(a) write down an equation of motion for P

(2)

(b) find the value of k .

(4)

In a second model,

- the plane is modelled as being rough
- the coefficient of friction between P and the plane is μ
- P remains at rest but is on the point of slipping down the plane

Using this model,

(c) find, in terms of k , m and g , the magnitude of the normal reaction exerted by the plane on P .

(2)

(d) find, in terms of k , the value of μ .

(6)

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Moments/Rigid Bodies : ladders and drums

Moment is force \times perp. dist \rightarrow I always use this one!

OR

perp force \times dist \rightarrow but this is OK if you use this!

3 things:

I

Moments (usually about A)



II

Resolve \uparrow

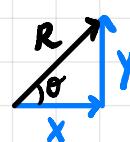
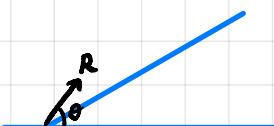
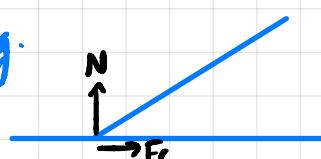
III

Resolve \leftrightarrow

... then combine!

If there are 2 forces acting on the end of the rod, they may describe this as a single reaction force

e.g.



$$R =$$

$$\tan \theta =$$

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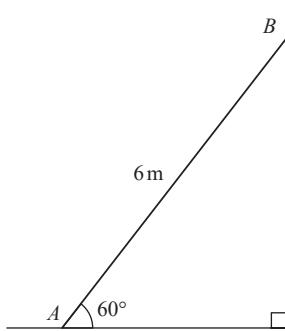


Figure 3

A ladder AB has length 6m and mass 30kg. The ladder rests in equilibrium at 60° to the horizontal with the end A on rough horizontal ground and the end B against a smooth vertical wall, as shown in Figure 3.

A man of mass 70kg stands on the ladder at the point C , where $AC = 2\text{ m}$, and the ladder remains in equilibrium. The ladder is modelled as a uniform rod in a vertical plane perpendicular to the wall. The man is modelled as a particle.

- (a) Find the magnitude of the force exerted on the ladder by the ground. (6)

The man climbs further up the ladder. When he is at the point D on the ladder, the ladder is about to slip.

Given that the coefficient of friction between the ladder and the ground is 0.4

- (b) find the distance AD . (4)

(c) State how you have used the modelling assumption that the ladder is a rod. (1)

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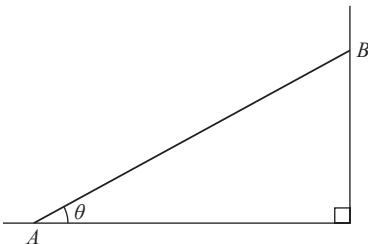


Figure 1

A uniform rod AB , of mass 25 kg and length 3 m, has end A resting on rough horizontal ground. The end B rests against a rough vertical wall.

The rod is in a vertical plane perpendicular to the wall.

The coefficient of friction between the rod and the ground is $\frac{4}{5}$

The coefficient of friction between the rod and the wall is $\frac{3}{5}$

The rod rests in limiting equilibrium.

The rod is at an angle of θ to the ground, as shown in Figure 1.

Find the exact value of $\tan \theta$.

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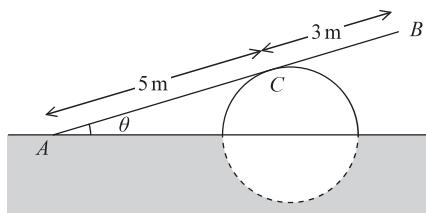


Figure 2

A ramp, AB , of length 8 m and mass 20 kg, rests in equilibrium with the end A on rough horizontal ground.

The ramp rests on a smooth solid cylindrical drum which is partly under the ground. The drum is fixed with its axis at the same horizontal level as A .

The point of contact between the ramp and the drum is C , where $AC = 5 \text{ m}$, as shown in Figure 2.

The ramp is resting in a vertical plane which is perpendicular to the axis of the drum, at an angle θ to the horizontal, where $\tan \theta = \frac{7}{24}$

The ramp is modelled as a uniform rod.

- (a) Explain why the reaction from the drum on the ramp at point C acts in a direction which is perpendicular to the ramp. (1)
- (b) Find the magnitude of the resultant force acting on the ramp at A . (9)

The ramp is still in equilibrium in the position shown in Figure 2 but the ramp is not now modelled as being uniform.

Given that the centre of mass of the ramp is assumed to be closer to A than to B ,

- (c) state how this would affect the magnitude of the normal reaction between the ramp and the drum at C . (1)

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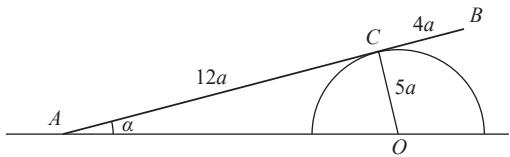


Figure 1

A smooth solid hemisphere is fixed with its flat surface in contact with rough horizontal ground. The hemisphere has centre O and radius $5a$.

A uniform rod AB , of length $16a$ and weight W , rests in equilibrium on the hemisphere with end A on the ground. The rod rests on the hemisphere at the point C , where $AC = 12a$ and angle $CAO = \alpha$, as shown in Figure 1.

Points A , C , B and O all lie in the same vertical plane.

- (a) Explain why $AO = 13a$ (1)

The normal reaction on the rod at C has magnitude kW

- (b) Show that $k = \frac{8}{13}$ (3)

The resultant force acting on the rod at A has magnitude R and acts upwards at θ° to the horizontal.

- (c) Find (8)
- an expression for R in terms of W
 - the value of θ

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Projectiles

- 2 things
- (I) Horizontal Motion → horizontal speed never changes
 - use $\text{dist} = \text{speed} \times \text{time}$ (or SUVAT with $a=0$)
 - (II) Vertical Speed → vertical speed varies with $-g$ acceleration
 - use SUVAT with $a=-g$
- time (t) is the "bridging variable" that lets you jump between I and II

Some sneaky questions and how to deal with them...

- Find when the particle has min. speed / find the min speed

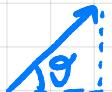


- Find the speed of the particle after eg. 2 seconds
direction of motion



- ★ Find when the particle is travelling perp. to its angle of projection

v. unlikely
but here
to stretch!



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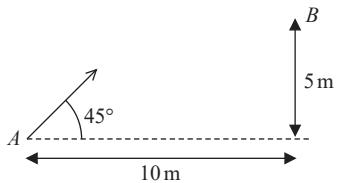


Figure 3

In a game, a small ball is thrown from a point A to a point B .
 The ball is thrown at 45° to the horizontal.
 The point B is 10 m horizontally from A and 5 m vertically from A , as shown in Figure 3.

In an initial model,

- the ball is modelled as a particle moving freely under gravity
- the initial speed of the ball is $U\text{ ms}^{-1}$
- $g = 9.8\text{ ms}^{-2}$

Using this model,

- (a) find the value of U . (6)
- (b) find the speed of the ball at B . (3)

One limitation of this model is that the air resistance on the ball is ignored.

- (c) State one other limitation of this model. (1)

In a refinement of the model,

- the ball is modelled as a particle
- air resistance on the ball is included
- the initial speed of the ball is $V\text{ ms}^{-1}$
- $g = 9.8\text{ ms}^{-2}$

- (d) State how the value of V compares with the value of U , giving a reason for your answer. (1)

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- [In this question the unit vectors \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are directed horizontally and vertically upwards respectively.]

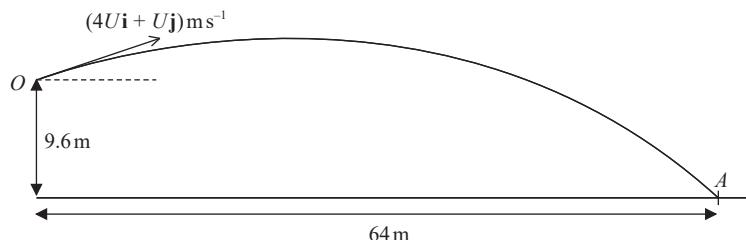


Figure 2

The point O is 9.6 m above horizontal ground.

A small ball is projected with velocity $(4U\mathbf{i} + U\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$, where U is a positive constant, from the point O

The ball first hits the ground T seconds later, at the point A

The point A is at a horizontal distance of 64 m from O , as shown in Figure 2.

In an initial model

- the ball is modelled as a particle moving under gravity
- air resistance is ignored
- the ball has an initial speed of $V \text{ m s}^{-1}$

Using this model,

(a) show that $UT = 16$ (2)

(b) find the value of V (6)

(c) State two improvements to the model, other than including air resistance, that would make the model more realistic. (2)

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... Vectors?

TOP TIP: identify the type of question FIRST

(I) constant acceleration

(II) variable acceleration

(III) constant velocity / no acceleration

less likely in my view.

... and don't forget $F=ma$ if they mention mass!

(I) use $\underline{v} = \underline{u} + \underline{at}$

$\underline{s} = \underline{ut} + \frac{1}{2}\underline{at}^2$ or $\underline{s} = \underline{s}_0 + \underline{ut} + \frac{1}{2}\underline{at}^2$ if it doesn't start at origin
etc.

(II) Calculus!

$$\begin{cases} s/x/r \\ v \\ a \end{cases}$$

Key points to remember:

→ moving/travelling in direction of $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hookrightarrow \underline{v} =$$

(could be \underline{a} or \underline{F} if particle started from rest and if \underline{F} and \underline{a} are constant)

→ "speed", "magnitude" →

6. [In this question \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are horizontal unit vectors.]

A particle P of mass 2kg moves under the action of two forces, $(p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j})\text{N}$ and $(2q\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j})\text{N}$, where p and q are constants.

Given that the acceleration of P is $(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})\text{m s}^{-2}$

- (a) find the value of p and the value of q . (5)

- (b) Find the size of the angle between the direction of the acceleration and the vector \mathbf{j} . (2)

At time $t = 0$, the velocity of P is $(3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j})\text{m s}^{-1}$

At $t = T$ seconds, P is moving in the direction of the vector $(11\mathbf{i} - 13\mathbf{j})$.

- (c) Find the value of T . (5)

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3. [In this question, \mathbf{i} and \mathbf{j} are horizontal unit vectors.]

A particle P of mass 4 kg is at rest at the point A on a smooth horizontal plane.

At time $t = 0$, two forces, $\mathbf{F}_1 = (4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})\text{N}$ and $\mathbf{F}_2 = (\lambda\mathbf{i} + \mu\mathbf{j})\text{N}$, where λ and μ are constants, are applied to P .

Given that P moves in the direction of the vector $(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

- (a) show that

$$\lambda - 3\mu + 7 = 0 \quad (4)$$

At time $t = 4$ seconds, P passes through the point B .

Given that $\lambda = 2$

- (b) find the length of AB . (5)

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2. A particle P of mass 1.5 kg moves under the action of a single force \mathbf{F} newtons.

At time t seconds, $t \geq 0$, P has velocity $\mathbf{v} \text{ m s}^{-1}$, where

$$\mathbf{v} = (5t^2 - t^3)\mathbf{i} + (2t^3 - 8t)\mathbf{j}$$

- (a) Find \mathbf{F} when $t = 2$ (4)

At time $t = 0$, P is at the origin O .

- (b) Find the position vector of P relative to O at the instant when P is moving in the direction of the vector \mathbf{j} (4)

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5. At time t seconds, $t \geq 0$, a particle P has velocity v m s^{-1} , where

$$\mathbf{v} = (5t^2 - 12t + 15)\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 8t - 10)\mathbf{j}$$

When $t = 0$, P is at the origin O .

At time T seconds, P is moving in the direction of $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$.

- (a) Find the value of T . (3)

When $t = 3$, P is at the point A .

- (b) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of P as it passes through A . (4)

- (c) Find the position vector of A . (4)

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