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Paper Reference **9MA0/32**

Mathematics Advanced Paper 32: Mechanics

You must have:

Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables (Green), calculator

Total Marks

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- Unless otherwise indicated, whenever a value of g is required, take $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ and give your answer to either 2 significant figures or 3 significant figures.

Information

- A booklet 'Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables' is provided.
- The total mark for this part of the examination is 50. There are 5 questions.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

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- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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

A brick P of mass m is placed on the plane.

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$$

The coefficient of friction between P and the plane is μ

Brick P is in equilibrium and on the point of sliding down the plane. $\rightarrow F = \mu R$

Brick P is modelled as a particle.

Using the model,

- (a) find, in terms of m and g , the magnitude of the normal reaction of the plane on brick P (2)

$$(b) \text{ show that } \mu = \frac{3}{4}$$

(4)

For parts (c) and (d), you are not required to do any further calculations.

Brick P is now removed from the plane and a much heavier brick Q is placed on the plane.

The coefficient of friction between Q and the plane is also $\frac{3}{4}$

- (c) Explain briefly why brick Q will remain at rest on the plane.

$$\hookrightarrow \text{limiting Friction} \Rightarrow F = \mu R \quad (1)$$

Brick Q is now projected with speed 0.5 m s^{-1} down a line of greatest slope of the plane.

Brick Q is modelled as a particle.

Using the model,

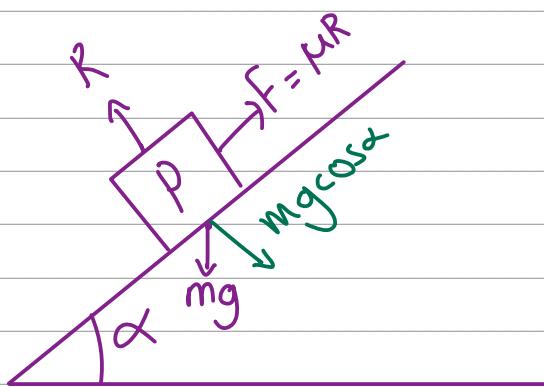
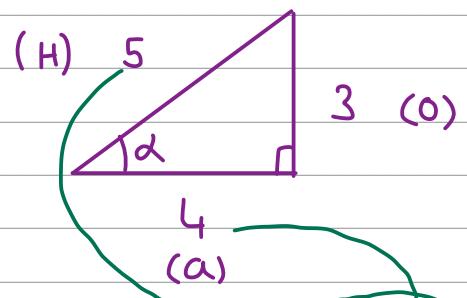
- (d) describe the motion of brick Q , giving a reason for your answer.

(2)



Question 1 continued

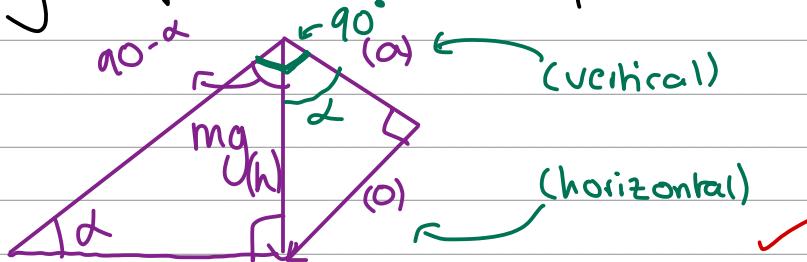
a)

 $F = \text{friction}$ 

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{a}{h}$$

$$= \frac{4}{5}$$

Resolving Perpendicular to the plane:



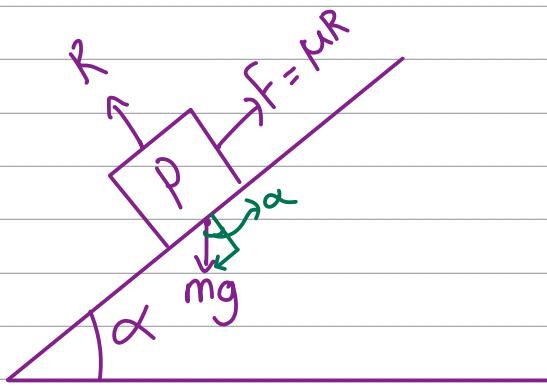
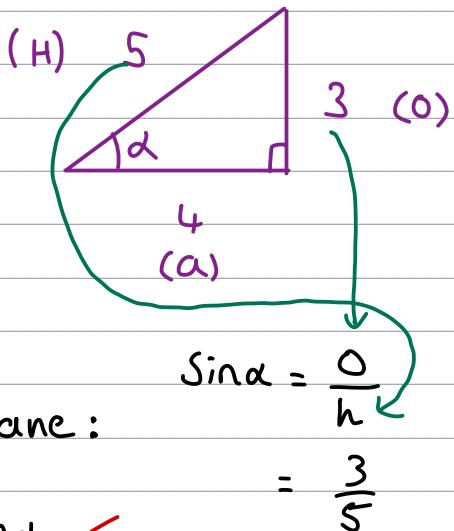
$$\cos \alpha = \frac{a}{h} \Rightarrow a = h \cos \alpha$$

$$\text{Vertical} = mg \cos \alpha \quad \downarrow \text{Vertical} = R \\ \therefore R = mg \cos \alpha \quad \downarrow \text{component}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{4}{5} mg \quad \checkmark \quad \downarrow \text{using } \cos \alpha = \frac{4}{5}$$

Question 1 continued

b)

 $F = \text{friction}$ 

$$R = \frac{4}{5} mg$$

Resolving parallel to the plane:

$$\text{Horizontal component} = mg \sin \alpha \quad \checkmark$$

$$F = mg \sin \alpha \quad \checkmark$$

$$\mu R = mg \sin \alpha$$

$$\mu \times \frac{4}{5} mg = mg \sin \alpha$$

$$\mu = \frac{5}{4} \times \sin \alpha \quad \checkmark$$

$\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$

$$\mu = \frac{5}{4} \times \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\mu = \frac{3}{4} \text{ as required.} \quad \checkmark$$

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Question 1 continued

c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \mu R & R &= mg \cos \alpha \\
 F &= \mu mg \cos \alpha & \downarrow & \\
 F &= \omega \times \mu \cos \alpha & \downarrow & mg = \omega \quad (\text{weight}) \\
 F &= k \omega & \downarrow & k = \mu \cos \alpha \quad (\text{constant}) \\
 F &\propto \omega & & \text{(proportional)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Friction is proportional to the weight component.

Friction will increase by the same proportion as the weight component ✓

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Question 1 continued

d)

Brick Q has no resultant force down the plane.

No resultant force means no acceleration ($F=ma$)

Therefore, brick Q slides down the plane with constant speed. ✓

(Total for Question 1 is 9 marks)



2. A particle P moves with acceleration $(4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-2}$

At time $t = 0$, P is moving with velocity $(-2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \text{ m s}^{-1}$ \rightarrow Initial Condition

- (a) Find the velocity of P at time $t = 2$ seconds.

(2)

At time $t = 0$, P passes through the origin O . \rightarrow Initial Condition.

At time $t = T$ seconds, where $T > 0$, the particle P passes through the point A .

The position vector of A is $(\lambda\mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ relative to O , where λ is a constant.

- (b) Find the value of T .

(4)

- (c) Hence find the value of λ

(2)

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Question 2 continued

a)

$$\underline{v} = \int \underline{a} dt \Rightarrow \underline{v} = \int 4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} dt$$

$$= 4t\mathbf{i} - 5t\mathbf{j} + \underline{c}$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = 4t\mathbf{i} - 5t\mathbf{j} + \underline{c}$$

$$\underline{v}(0) = \cancel{4(0)\mathbf{i}} - \cancel{5(0)\mathbf{j}} + \underline{c} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\underline{c} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\underline{v}(t) = 4t\mathbf{i} - 5t\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} \checkmark$$

$$\underline{v}(2) = 4(2)\mathbf{i} - 5(2)\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$= 8\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$= (6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j}) \text{ ms}^{-1} \checkmark$$

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)



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Question 2 continued

b)

$$\underline{v}(t) = 4t\mathbf{i} - 5t\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\underline{r} = \int \underline{v} dt \Rightarrow \underline{r} = \int (4t\mathbf{i} - 5t\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) dt$$

$$= 2t^2\mathbf{i} - \frac{5t^2}{2}\mathbf{j} - 2t\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + \underline{c}$$

$$\underline{r}(t) = 2t^2\mathbf{i} - \frac{5t^2}{2}\mathbf{j} - 2t\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} + \underline{c}$$

$$\underline{r}(0) = 2(0)^2\mathbf{i} - \frac{5(0)^2}{2}\mathbf{j} - 2(0)\mathbf{i} + 2(0)\mathbf{j} + \underline{c} = \underline{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\underline{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\underline{r}(t) = 2t^2\mathbf{i} - \frac{5t^2}{2}\mathbf{j} - 2t\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{r}(T) = 2T^2\mathbf{i} - \frac{5T^2}{2}\mathbf{j} - 2T\mathbf{i} + 2T\mathbf{j} = 1\mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j}$$

Equating \mathbf{j} component terms:

$$-\frac{5T^2}{2}\mathbf{j} + 2T\mathbf{j} = -4.5\mathbf{j} \quad \checkmark$$

$$-5T^2\mathbf{j} + 4T\mathbf{j} = -9\mathbf{j}$$

$$-5T^2 + 4T + 9 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow T = 1.8 \text{ or } T = -1$$

$\hookrightarrow -1 < 0$ (invalid)

$$\therefore T = 1.8 \quad \checkmark$$

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)



Question 2 continued

c)

$$T = 1.8 \quad I(T) = 2T^2 i - \frac{5T^2}{2} j - 2Ti + 2Tj = \lambda i - 4.5j$$

Equating i component:

$$2T^2 i - 2Ti = \lambda i \quad \checkmark$$

$$2T^2 - 2T = \lambda$$

$$2(1.8)^2 - 2(1.8) = \lambda$$

$$\lambda = 2.88 \quad \checkmark$$

(Total for Question 2 is 8 marks)



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3. (i) At time t seconds, where $t \geq 0$, a particle P moves so that its acceleration m s^{-2} is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = (1 - 4t)\mathbf{i} + (3 - t^2)\mathbf{j}$$

At the instant when $t = 0$, the velocity of P is $36\mathbf{i} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ \rightarrow Initial Condition

- (a) Find the velocity of P when $t = 4$

(3)

- (b) Find the value of t at the instant when P is moving in a direction perpendicular to \mathbf{i}

\rightarrow No \mathbf{i} component

(3)

- (ii) At time t seconds, where $t \geq 0$, a particle Q moves so that its position vector \mathbf{r} metres, relative to a fixed origin O , is given by

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

Find the value of t at the instant when the speed of Q is 5 m s^{-1}

\hookrightarrow Speed = $|\mathbf{v}|$

(6)

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Question 3 continued

i) a)

$$\underline{v} = \int \underline{a} dt \Rightarrow \underline{v} = \int (1 - 4t)\underline{i} + (3 - t^2)\underline{j} dt$$

$$= \int (1 - 4t)\underline{i} dt + \int (3 - t^2)\underline{j} dt \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{v} = (t - 2t^2)\underline{i} + \left(3t - \frac{t^3}{3}\right)\underline{j} + c \quad \checkmark$$

When $t = 0$, $\underline{v} = 36\underline{i}$

$$36\underline{i} = (0 - 2(0)^2)\underline{i} + \left(3(0) - \frac{0^3}{3}\right)\underline{j} + c$$

$$\therefore c = 36\underline{i}$$

$$\underline{v} = (t - 2t^2 + 36)\underline{i} + \left(3t - \frac{t^3}{3}\right)\underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v}(4) = (4 - 32 + 36)\underline{i} + \left(12 - \frac{64}{3}\right)\underline{j}$$

$$= \left(8\underline{i} - \frac{28}{3}\underline{j}\right) \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$



Question 3 continued

i) b)

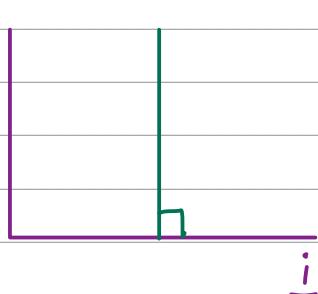
$$\underline{V} = (t - 2t^2 + 36)\underline{i} + (3t - \frac{t^3}{3})\underline{j}$$

$$t - 2t^2 + 36 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2t^2 - t - 36 = 0 \rightarrow t = 4.5, \quad t = -4$$

$-4 < 0$ (invalid)

$$\therefore t = 4.5 \quad \checkmark$$



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Question 3 continued

ii)

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d}{dt} (\underline{s}) \Rightarrow \underline{v} = \frac{d}{dt} ((t^2 - t)\underline{i} + 3t\underline{j}) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d}{dt} ((t^2 - t)\underline{i}) + \frac{d}{dt} ((3t)\underline{j})$$

$$\underline{v} = (2t - 1)\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} \quad \checkmark$$

for a vector $a\underline{i} + b\underline{j}$, $|a\underline{i} + b\underline{j}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$$\text{Speed} = \sqrt{(2t-1)^2 + (3)^2} = 5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(2t-1)^2 + (3)^2 = 25 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(2t-1)^2 = 16$$

$$(4t^2 - 4t + 1) = 16 \Rightarrow 4t^2 - 4t - 15 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$t = 2.5 \text{ or } t = -1.5$$

↓

$$\therefore t = 2.5 \quad \checkmark$$

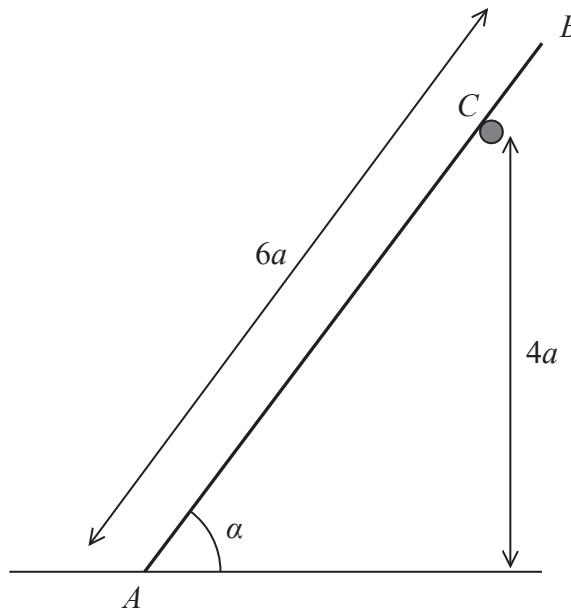
$$-1.5 < 0$$

\therefore invalid.

(Total for Question 3 is 12 marks)



4.

**Figure 1**

A ladder \$AB\$ has mass \$M\$ and length \$6a\$.

The end \$A\$ of the ladder is on rough horizontal ground.

The ladder rests against a fixed smooth horizontal rail at the point \$C\$.

The point \$C\$ is at a vertical height \$4a\$ above the ground.

The vertical plane containing \$AB\$ is perpendicular to the rail.

The ladder is inclined to the horizontal at an angle \$\alpha\$, where \$\sin \alpha = \frac{4}{5}\$, as shown in Figure 1.

The coefficient of friction between the ladder and the ground is \$\mu\$.

The ladder rests in limiting equilibrium. $\rightarrow F = \mu R$

The ladder is modelled as a uniform rod. \rightarrow Centre of mass is half-way.

Using the model,

(a) show that the magnitude of the force exerted on the ladder by the rail at \$C\$ is $\frac{9Mg}{25}$

$$\hookrightarrow N$$

(3)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the value of \$\mu\$.

(7)



Question 4 continued

a

Take moments about A ✓

Moment = Force \times Distance to the Pivot (A)

acw moment = cw moment

acw = anticlockwise cw = clockwise.

$$N \times \frac{4\alpha}{\sin\alpha} = Mg \cos\alpha \times 3\alpha \quad \checkmark$$

$$N = Mg \cos\alpha \times \frac{3}{4} \sin\alpha$$

$$= Mg \times \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$N = \frac{9}{25} Mg \text{ (as required)} \quad \checkmark$$

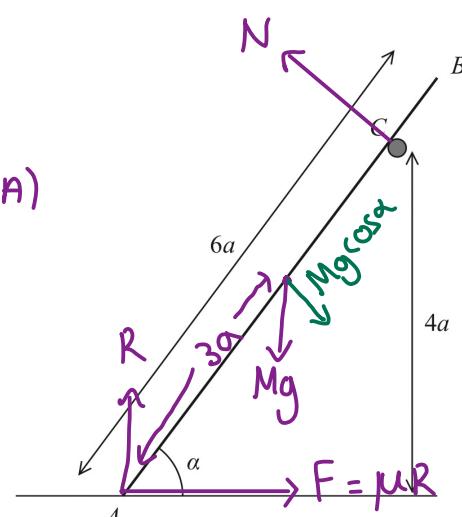
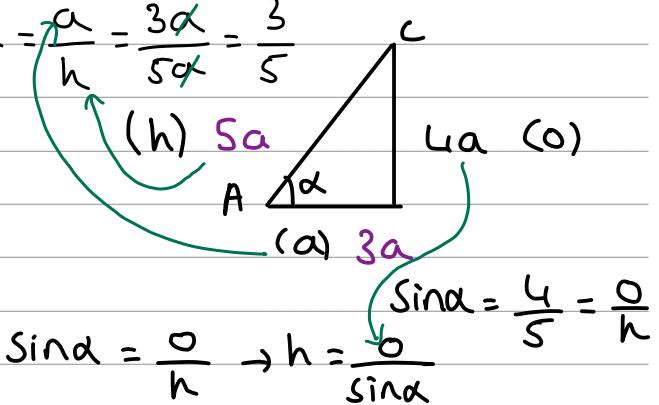


Figure 1

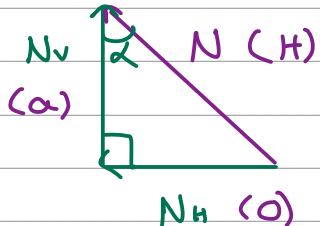


$$\sin\alpha = \frac{a}{h} \rightarrow h = \frac{a}{\sin\alpha}$$



Question 4 continued

$$N = \frac{9Mg}{25}$$



Resolving Horizontally : ✓

$$F = Nh \rightarrow F = N \sin \alpha$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{9Mg}{25} \sin \alpha \quad \checkmark$$

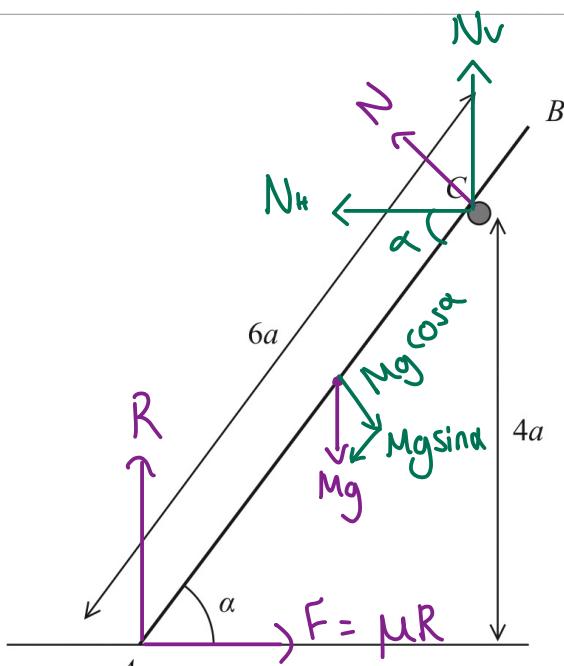


Figure 1

Resolving Vertically : ✓

$$R + Nv = Mg \rightarrow R + N \cos \alpha = Mg$$

$$R + \frac{9Mg}{25} \cos \alpha = Mg \quad \checkmark$$

Using $F = \mu R$ ✓

$$\frac{9Mg}{25} \sin \alpha = \mu \left(Mg - \frac{9Mg}{25} \cos \alpha \right)$$

$$\frac{9 \sin \alpha}{25} = \mu \left(1 - \frac{9 \cos \alpha}{25} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin \alpha = 4/5 \\ \cos \alpha = 3/5 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{9}{25} \times \frac{4}{5} = \mu \left(1 - \frac{9}{25} \times \frac{3}{5} \right)$$

$$\mu = \frac{\left(\frac{9}{25} \times \frac{4}{5} \right)}{\left(1 - \frac{9}{25} \times \frac{3}{5} \right)} = \frac{18}{49} \quad \checkmark$$



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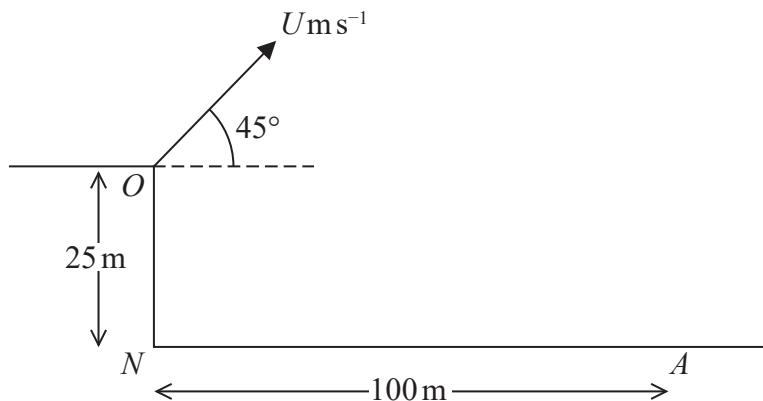
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5.

**Figure 2**

A small ball is projected with speed $U \text{ ms}^{-1}$ from a point O at the top of a vertical cliff.

The point O is 25 m vertically above the point N which is on horizontal ground.

The ball is projected at an angle of 45° above the horizontal.

The ball hits the ground at a point A , where $AN = 100 \text{ m}$, as shown in Figure 2.

The motion of the ball is modelled as that of a particle moving freely under gravity.

Using this initial model,

↳ No air resistance.

(a) show that $U = 28$

(6)

(b) find the greatest height of the ball above the horizontal ground NA .

(3)

In a refinement to the model of the motion of the ball from O to A , the effect of air resistance is included.

This refined model is used to find a new value of U .

(c) How would this new value of U compare with 28, the value given in part (a)?

(1)

(d) State one further refinement to the model that would make the model more realistic.

(1)



Question 5 continued

a)

Taking up as positive.

Horizontal Comp	Vertical Comp.
$s = 100$	-25
$u = u \cos 45^\circ$	$u \sin 45^\circ$
$v = u \cos 45^\circ$	
$a = 0$	$-g$
t	

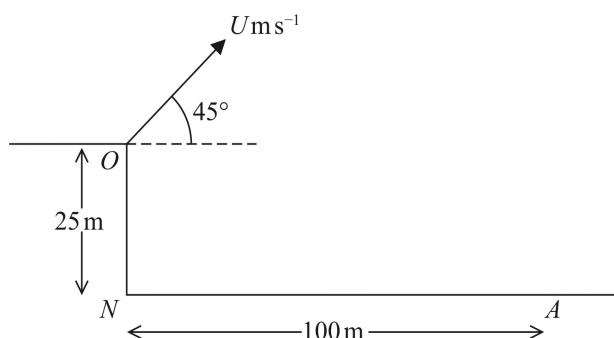


Figure 2

Using horizontal Motion ✓

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}} \Rightarrow u \cos 45^\circ = \frac{100}{t} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\hookrightarrow t = \frac{100}{u \cos 45^\circ}$$

Using Vertical Motion ✓

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$-25 = u \sin 45^\circ t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-25 = \cancel{u \sin 45^\circ} \times \frac{100}{\cancel{u \cos 45^\circ}} - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{100}{u \cos 45^\circ} \right)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-25 = 100 \times \tan 45^\circ - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{100^2}{u^2 \cos^2 45^\circ} \right)$$

$$-25 - 100 \times \tan 45^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{10,000}{u^2 \cos^2 45^\circ} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$u^2 = -\frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{10,000}{\cos^2 45^\circ (-25 - 100 \tan 45^\circ)} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$u = 28 \text{ as required.} \quad \checkmark$$



Question 5 continued

b)

$$u = 28 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

Using Vertical Motion ✓

Vertical Component

$$S \quad h$$

$$U \quad 28 \sin 45$$

$$V \quad 0$$

$$A \quad -g$$

T

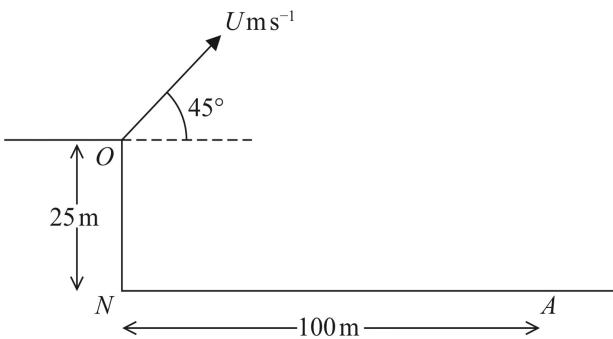


Figure 2

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

$$0^2 = (28 \sin 45)^2 + 2(-g)(h)$$

$$0 = (28 \sin 45)^2 - 2gh \quad \checkmark$$

$$2gh = (28 \sin 45)^2$$

$$h = \frac{(28 \sin 45)^2}{2g} = 20 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{greater height} = h + 25 \text{ m}$$

$$= 20 + 25 = 45 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$



Question 5 continued

c)

New value of $U > 28 \checkmark$

air resistance causes a reduction in the final distance reached at a given velocity. \therefore To reach the same distance, a larger initial velocity is needed.

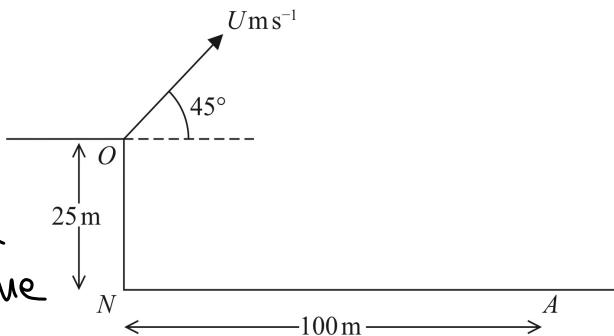


Figure 2

d)

more accurate value of $g \checkmark$

Alternative Answers

- Wind effect
- Spin of the ball
- Include Size of the ball
- Don't model the ball as a particle.
- Consider the shape of the ball.



Question 5 continued

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