

**Mid-Semester Test (30% CA)**

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Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Time allowed : 1 hour

Maximum mark : 100

**Instructions**

Answer all 4 questions. Take  $g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages including 1 page of formulae.

You are reminded that cheating during this test is a serious offence.

All working in support of your answer must be shown. Answers must be to appropriate significant figures.

1. a) The acceleration of an object has the formula  $a = \frac{m^x v^y}{r^z}$  where  $m$ ,  $v$  and  $r$  are mass, velocity and distance respectively. Using dimensional analysis, determine the values of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  and hence find the formula for the acceleration.
- b) A particle is under the influence of a force  $\mathbf{F} = (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}) \text{ N}$ . The displacement vector of the particle is  $\mathbf{s} = (7\mathbf{i} + 24\mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ . Calculate the dot product of  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{s}$  and hence find the angle between the two vectors.

(20 marks)

- a) The dimension of  $a$  is  $\frac{L}{T^2}$

The dimension of  $\frac{m^x v^y}{r^z}$  is  $\frac{M^x L^y T^{-y}}{L^z}$

$$\frac{L}{T^2} = \frac{M^x L^y T^{-y}}{L^z} = \frac{M^x L^{y-z}}{T^y}$$

Equating the exponents we get

$$x=0, y=2$$

$$y-z=1,$$

$$z=1$$

$$\text{hence } a = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$b) \quad \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} = 21 + 96 = 117 \text{ N.m}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{F} \cdot \vec{s}}{|\vec{F}| |\vec{s}|} = \frac{21 + 96}{5 \times 25} = 0.936$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.936) = 20.6^\circ$$

2. A sprinter is running with a constant speed 10.4 m/s on a straight track and passes a stationary sports car which immediately begins to race with constant acceleration  $7.9 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

- How much time does the car require to catch up with the sprinter?
- How far does the car travel before catching up with sprinter?
- Sketch the motion of the car and the sprinter on the same  $x-t$  graph from the time the car starts moving until it has caught up with the sprinter.

(25 marks)

a) for the sprinter:  $v_{s,x} = 10.4 \text{ m/s}$

$$x_s = v_{s,x} t$$

for the car:  $v_{c,0,x} = 0$ ,  $a_{c,x} = 7.9 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$x_c = \frac{1}{2} a_{c,x} t^2$$

car catches up with sprinter when  $x_c = x_s$

(let  $t_1$  be the time taken for catching up)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} a_{c,x} t_1^2 = v_{s,x} t_1$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 \left( \frac{1}{2} a_{c,x} t_1 - v_{s,x} \right) = 0$$

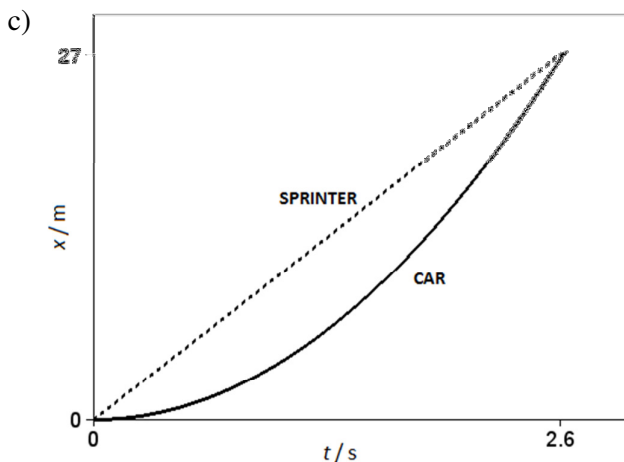
(discard  $t_1 = 0$  solution, this is when the car starts to move)

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{2v_{s,x}}{a_{c,x}} = \frac{2 \times 10.4}{7.9} = 2.6329 \dots \text{seconds}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = 2.6 \text{ s (correct s.f.)}$$

b)  $x_c = \frac{1}{2} a_{c,x} t_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 7.9 \times (2.6329 \dots)^2$  (insert from part a)

$$\Rightarrow x_c = 27 \text{ m}$$



3. An object is shot at a speed  $v_0 = 35.0$  m/s at an angle  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal. Ignore air resistance.
- Find the position of the object and its velocity in component form (or in terms of unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ ) at  $t = 4.00$  s.
  - Find the time when the object reaches the highest point.
  - Find the maximum height attained by the object.
  - Find the maximum horizontal distance travelled by the object.

(30 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \mathbf{r} &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \cos \theta t \\ v_0 \sin \theta t - 0.5gt^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{r}(4.0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 70.0 \text{ m} \\ 42.8 \text{ m} \end{pmatrix} = [70.0\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (42.8)\hat{\mathbf{j}}] \text{ m} \\ \mathbf{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \cos \theta \\ v_0 \sin \theta - gt \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{v}(4.0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 17.5 \text{ m/s} \\ -8.89 \text{ m/s} \end{pmatrix} = [17.5\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (-8.89)\hat{\mathbf{j}}] \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

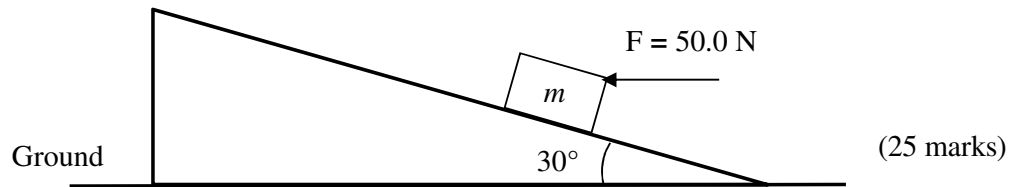
$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } &\text{At the maximum height, } v_y = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow v_0 \sin \theta - gt = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{g} = 3.09 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } v_y^2 &= (v_0 \sin \theta)^2 - 2gH \\ \text{maximum height} = H &= \frac{(v_0 \sin \theta)^2}{2g} = 46.9 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } y &= y_0 + v_0 \sin \theta t - 0.5gt^2 \\ \text{When the object reaches the ground, } y &= y_0 = 0. \text{ Therefore the total time is} \\ 0 &= 0 + v_0 \sin \theta t - 0.5gt^2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g} \end{aligned}$$

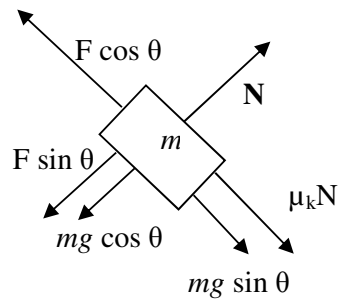
$$\text{Maximum horizontal distance} = v_0 \cos \theta t = (v_0 \cos \theta) \frac{2v_0 \sin \theta}{g} = 108 \text{ m}$$

4. A block with a mass  $m = 2.50$  kg is pushed up an incline (that is fixed to the ground) by a horizontal force  $F = 50.0$  N (see the below figure). The coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the incline is 0.300.
- Draw the free body diagram of the block.
  - Find the magnitude of the normal force due to the incline on the block.
  - Find the magnitude of the friction force.
  - Find the acceleration of the block.



(25 marks)

a)



$$\text{b) } N = mg \cos \theta + F \sin \theta = 2.5 \times 9.80 \times \cos 30^\circ + 50 \times \sin 30^\circ \\ = 21.2 + 25 = 46.2 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{c) } F_r = \mu_k N = 0.30 \times 46.2 = 13.9 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{d) } F \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta - \mu_k N = ma \\ 50 \times \cos 30^\circ - 2.5 \times 9.80 \times \sin 30^\circ - 13.9 = ma \\ a = 6.9 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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**Formula sheet**

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<p><b><u>Kinematics</u></b></p> $v_x = v_{0x} + a_x t$ $v_x^2 = v_{0x}^2 + 2a_x(x - x_0)$ $x = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$ $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}, \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ $y = (\tan \theta)x - \left(\frac{g}{2v^2 \cos^2 \theta}\right)x^2$ $R = \frac{v^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$ <p><b><u>Dynamics</u></b></p> $\vec{F} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{a}, F = \mu N$ $a = \frac{dv}{dt}, a = \frac{v^2}{r}, F = m \frac{v^2}{r}$ $\vec{J} = \int \vec{F} dt = \Delta \vec{p}$ $W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}, W_{net} = K_f - K_i$ $KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2, PE = mgh$ $P = \frac{W}{t}, P = \frac{dW}{dt}$ <p><b><u>Linear momentum</u></b></p> $m_1 \vec{u}_1 + m_2 \vec{u}_2 = m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2$ <p><b><u>Static electricity</u></b></p> $F = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}, k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ $F = qE$ $V = k \frac{q}{r}, U = qV$ $\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$ $V = Ed, W = qV, E = \frac{kq}{r^2}$	<p><b><u>Current electricity</u></b></p> $Q = It \quad V = IR$ $P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$ <p><b><u>Magnetism &amp; electromagnetism</u></b></p> $\vec{F} = q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} \quad \vec{F} = i\vec{L} \times \vec{B}$ $e.m.f. = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} \quad \Phi_B = BA$ <p><b><u>Thermodynamics</u></b></p> $\Delta U = Q - W$ $W = \int p dV$ $Q_V = nC_V \Delta T \quad \text{const vol}$ $Q_p = nC_p \Delta T \quad \text{const pressure}$ $Q = mC \Delta T$ $Q = mL$ <p><b><u>Ideal Gas</u></b></p> $pV = nRT$ $pV^\gamma = c \text{ (adiabatic)}$ $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}, C_p - C_v = R$ $W = pV \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1} = nRT \ln \frac{V_2}{V_1}$ $W = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} (p_1 V_1 - p_2 V_2)$ <p><b><u>Rotational Motion</u></b></p> $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \quad \alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$ $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$ $\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)$ $\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$ $I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2, I = \int r^2 dm, K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$	<p><b><u>SHM &amp; waves</u></b></p> $T = \frac{1}{f} \quad v = f\lambda \quad \omega = 2\pi f$ $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ $\omega = \sqrt{k/m} \quad \omega = \sqrt{g/L}$ $x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ $x = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$ $y(x, t) = A \cos(\omega t \pm kx)$ $y(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t \pm kx)$ $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$ <p><b><u>Circuits</u></b></p> $R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots \quad \text{series}$ $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots \quad \text{parallel}$ $\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots \quad \text{series}$ $C = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots \quad \text{parallel}$ $Q = CV \quad U = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$ <p><b><u>Constants</u></b></p> <p>Charge on electron</p> $e = -1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ <p>Coulomb's constant</p> $k = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$ <p>Ideal gas constant</p> $R = 8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ <p>Mass of proton</p> $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ <p>Mass of electron</p> $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ <p>Permeability of free space</p> $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ N A}^{-2}$ <p>Permittivity of free space</p> $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$ <p>Speed of light in vacuum</p> $c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
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