

- 3 A pendulum consists of a solid sphere suspended by a string from a fixed point P, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

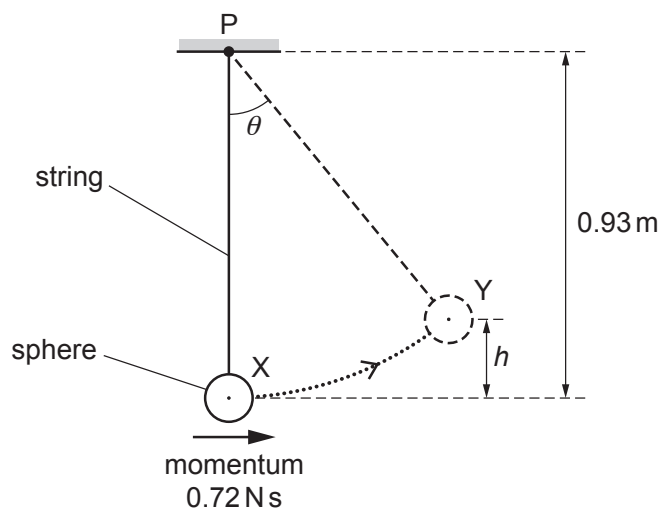


Fig. 3.1 (not to scale)

The sphere swings from side to side. At one instant the sphere is at its lowest position X, where it has kinetic energy 0.86 J and momentum 0.72 N s in a horizontal direction. A short time later the sphere is at position Y, where it is momentarily stationary at a maximum vertical height h above position X.

The string has a fixed length and negligible weight. Air resistance is also negligible.

- (a) On Fig. 3.1, draw a solid line to represent the displacement of the centre of the sphere at position Y from position X. [1]
- (b) Show that the mass of the sphere is 0.30 kg.

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- (c) Calculate height h .

$h = \dots\dots\dots$ m [2]

- (d) The distance between point P and the centre of the sphere is 0.93 m. When the sphere is at position Y, the string is at an angle θ to the vertical.

Show that θ is 47° .

[1]

- (e) For the sphere at position Y, calculate the moment of its weight about point P.

moment = $\dots\dots\dots$ N m [2]

- (f) State and explain whether the sphere is in equilibrium when it is stationary at position Y.

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