

General Physics I Midterm exam 1 solution

1. Using conservation of momentum from just before to just after the impact of the bullet with the block:

$$mv_i = (M + m)v_f$$

or

$$v_i = \left(\frac{M + m}{m} \right) v_f \quad (1)$$

The speed of the block and embedded bullet just after impact may be found using kinematic equations:

$$d = v_f t \quad \text{and} \quad h = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

Thus,

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \quad \text{and} \quad v_f = \frac{d}{t} = d \sqrt{\frac{g}{2h}} = \sqrt{\frac{g d^2}{2h}}$$

Substituting into (1) from above gives $v_i = \left(\frac{M + m}{m} \right) \sqrt{\frac{g d^2}{2h}}$.

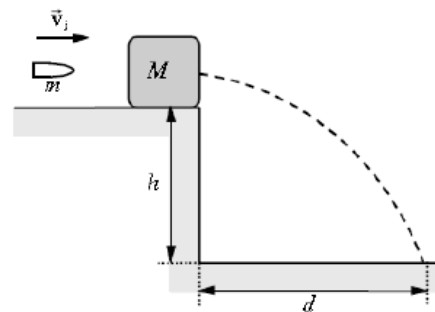


FIG. P9.53

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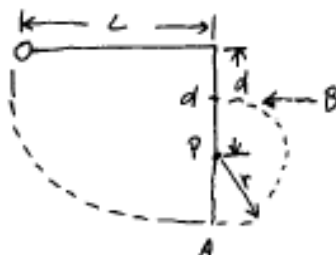
Let the two particles meet @ point C. A moves with a constant velocity $\vec{v} = 3.0 \text{ m/s}$. B moves with an acceleration $\vec{a} = 0.4 \text{ m/s}^2$ and makes an angle θ with the positive y-axis.

$\sin \theta = \frac{AC}{BC} = \frac{v t}{\frac{1}{2} a t^2} \quad (1)$
 $\tan \theta = \frac{v t}{h} \quad (2)$

$(1) \times (2) \quad \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{2 v^2}{a h} = \frac{2 \cdot (3.0)^2}{0.4 \times 30} = 1.5$
 $\therefore 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1.5 \cos^2 \theta \rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{-1.5 \pm \sqrt{(1.5)^2 + 4}}{2} \quad (\text{only } 71.5^\circ)$
 $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-1.5 + \sqrt{(1.5)^2 + 4}}{2} \right) = 60^\circ$

3.

As shown in the figure
 (a) When the ~~peg~~^{ball} reaches point A
 all the gravitational potential turns
 into its kinetic energy according to
 the conservation of energy



$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv_A^2 \rightarrow v_A = \sqrt{2gL} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 1.2} = 4.8 \text{ m/sec} \quad (a)$$

(b) When the ~~peg~~^{ball} reaches point B

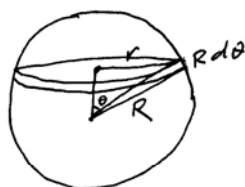
$$E = mgy_B + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 = mgh \quad \text{But } y_B = 2(L-d)$$

$$\rightarrow mgy_B + \frac{1}{2}mv_B^2 = mgh$$

$$\therefore v_B = \sqrt{2g(2d-L)} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times (2 \times 0.75 - 1.2)} = 2.4 \text{ m/sec} \quad (b)$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^\pi r^2 dm \\ &= \int_0^\pi R^2 \sin^2 \theta \cdot 2\pi R^2 \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= 2\pi R^4 \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= 2\pi R^4 \int_{-1}^1 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) d(\cos \theta) \\ &= 2\pi R^4 \left[x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= 2\pi R^4 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \\ &= \frac{8}{3}\pi R^4 = \frac{2}{3}MR^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$r = R \sin \theta$$

$$dm = 2\pi r R d\theta$$

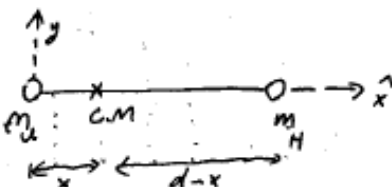
$$= 2\pi R \sin \theta R d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi R^2 \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$M = 4\pi R^2$$

5.

As shown in the figure to
 the right, first we find
 the center of mass



$$m_L x = m_H (d-x)$$

$$x = \frac{m_H}{m_L + m_H} d$$

$$I = \sum m_i r_i^2 = m_H (d-x)^2 + m_L x^2$$

$$= d^2 \frac{m_L m_H}{m_L + m_H} = 1.27 \times 10^{-10} \frac{(1.014)(35.04)}{35.04 + 1.014} = 1.58 \times 10^{-20} \text{ kg m}^2$$

6.

(a) The force acts on a specific displacement at a potential is $F = -\frac{dU(r)}{dr}$. This is

also the slope of the potential at the discussed displacement. Compare these two potentials, we can see that the Morse potential has a smaller slope at all points when $r > r_e$, so you need smaller force to pull this molecule apart as compared to the harmonic potential.

(b) When the two atoms are separated at a very large distance, i.e. dissociated at the Morse potential, the slope is zero; so you do not need force to pull them further apart, $F=0$.