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**Department of Engineering Sciences**  
**Phy101 Physics I**  
**Midterm Examination**  
**December 01, 2023 14:30 – 16:00**  
**Good Luck!**

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**DEPARTMENT:**

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**DURATION:** 90 minutes

- ◇ Answer all the questions.
- ◇ Write the solutions explicitly and clearly.  
Use the physical terminology.
- ◇ You are allowed to use Formulae Sheet.
- ◇ Calculator is allowed.
- ◇ You are not allowed to use any other  
electronic equipment in the exam.

| Question     | Grade | Out of |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| 1A           |       | 15     |
| 1B           |       | 10     |
| 1C           |       | 10     |
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| <b>TOTAL</b> |       | 115    |

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1. A) The side of a cube of metal is measured to be  $(1.60 \pm 0.05)$  cm and its mass is measured to be  $(30.1 \pm 0.4)$  g
- Find the perimeter of one face of the cube with the uncertainty.
  - Find the volume and uncertainty in the volume.
  - Determine the density of the solid in kilograms per cubic meter and the uncertainty in the density.

You should be using the correct number of significant figures in your result.

$a = (1.60 \pm 0.05) \text{ cm} = (1.60 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$   
 $m = (30.1 \pm 0.4) \text{ g} = (30.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$   
 $\leadsto 3 \text{ sig figs} //$

i) perimeter:  $4a = 4(1.60 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} = (6.40 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$

ii) volume:  $V = a^3 \leadsto C = A^n, \Delta C = C/n \frac{\Delta A}{A}$   
 $\Rightarrow V = a^3 = (1.60 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^3 = 4.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$   
 $\Delta V = a^3 / 3 \frac{\Delta a}{a} = 4.10 \times 10^{-6} / 3 \frac{0.05}{1.60} = 0.33 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{Volume} : (4.10 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$

iii) density:  $\rho = m/V \leadsto C = \frac{A}{B}, \Delta C = |C| \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta A}{A}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta B}{B}\right)^2}$   
 $\rho = \frac{m}{V} = \frac{30.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{4.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3} = 7341 \text{ kg/m}^3 \sim 734 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
 $\Delta \rho = \left| \frac{30.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}}{4.10 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3} \right| \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.4}{30.1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.33}{4.10}\right)^2} = 687 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{density} : \rho = (7.34 \pm 0.69) \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  Results in 3 sig figs

- B) A rock is thrown vertically upward from ground level at time  $t = 0$  s. At  $t = 1.5$  s it passes the top of a tall tower, and 1.0 s later it reaches its maximum height. What is the height of the tower?

$y_{\text{max}}$  .....  $t = 2.5\text{ s}$   
 $y_0 = 0$  .....  $t = 0$

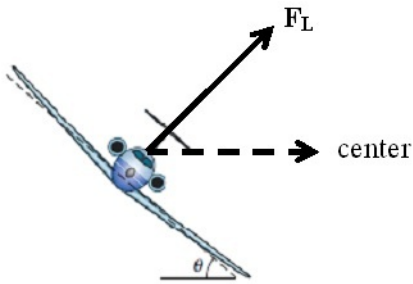
at  $y_{\text{max}} \rightarrow v_y = 0$   
 $0 = v_{0y} - 9.8\text{ m/s}^2(2.5\text{ s})$  ①  
 $v_{0y} = 24.5\text{ m/s}$  ②

$y = y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$  ③  
 $v_y = v_{0y} - gt$  ④

$\Rightarrow y(t = 1.5\text{ s}) : \text{height of the tower}$

$y(t = 1.5\text{ s}) = y_0 + v_{0y}(1.5\text{ s}) - \frac{1}{2}g(1.5\text{ s})^2$  ⑤  
 $= 0 + (24.5\text{ m/s})(1.5\text{ s}) - (4.9\text{ m/s}^2)(1.5\text{ s})^2$   
 $= 25.725\text{ m} \rightarrow \text{height} \approx 26\text{ m}$

- C) An airplane is flying in a horizontal circle at a speed of  $480 \text{ km/h}$  as given in the figure below. Its wings are tilted at angle  $\theta = 40^\circ$  to the horizontal. Assume that the required force is provided entirely by an “aerodynamic lift” ( $F_L$ ) that is perpendicular to the wing surface.



- i) What is the radius of the circle in which the plane is flying ?
- ii) What is the magnitude of  $F_L$  if the airplane has a mass of  $240 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$  ?

Handwritten solution for part C):

Free Body Diagram (FBD) shows forces acting on the airplane: Lift force  $F_L$  perpendicular to the wing, and weight  $mg = F_g$  acting vertically downwards. The wing is tilted at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. The centripetal acceleration  $a_c$  is directed towards the center of the circle.

Equations of motion:

$$x: F_L \sin \theta = m a_c = m \frac{v^2}{R} \quad (1)$$

$$y: F_L \cos \theta - mg = m a_y = 0 \quad (2)$$

Given:  $v = 480 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} = \frac{480 \text{ km}}{\text{h}} \cdot \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 133 \text{ m/s}$

From equation (2):  $F_L \cos \theta = mg$

From equation (1):  $F_L \sin \theta = m \frac{v^2}{R}$

Dividing (1) by (2):  $\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{Rg}$

Solving for  $R$ :  $R = \frac{v^2}{(\tan \theta)g} = \frac{(133 \text{ m/s})^2}{(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \tan 40^\circ} = 2151 \text{ m}$

ii) Solving for  $F_L$ :  $F_L = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} = \frac{(240 \times 10^3 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)}{\cos 40^\circ} = 3.07 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$

2. Three vectors are given by  $\vec{a} = 3.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{j} - 2.0\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -1.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j} + 2.0\hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{c} = 2.0\hat{i} + 2.0\hat{j} + 1.0\hat{k}$ . Find (a)  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ , (b)  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ , and (c)  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ .

Three vectors:

$$\vec{a} = 3.0\hat{i} + 3.0\hat{j} - 2.0\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = -1.0\hat{i} - 4.0\hat{j} + 2.0\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = 2.0\hat{i} + 2.0\hat{j} + 1.0\hat{k}$$

i)  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = ?$  (scalar) (4)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = (b_y c_z - b_z c_y)\hat{i} + (b_z c_x - b_x c_z)\hat{j} + (b_x c_y - b_y c_x)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = ((-4)(1) - (2)(2))\hat{i} + ((2)(2) - (-1)(1))\hat{j} + ((-1)(2) - (-4)(2))\hat{k} = -8\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-8\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = -24 + 15 - 12 = \boxed{-21}$$
 (4) (2)

ii)  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = ?$  (scalar)

$$\vec{b} + \vec{c} = 1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$
 (2)
$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 3 - 6 - 6 = \boxed{-9}$$
 (4)

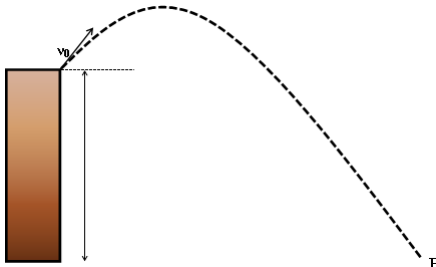
iii)  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = ?$  (vector)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow ((3)(3) - (-2)(-2))\hat{i} + ((-2)(1) - (3)(3))\hat{j} + ((3)(-2) - (3)(1))\hat{k}$$

$$= \boxed{5\hat{i} - 11\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}}$$
 (4)



3. A projectile is shot from the edge cliff 120 m above ground level with an initial speed of 60 m/s at an angle of 30° with the horizontal.



- Determine the distance  $X$  of point  $P$  from the base of the vertical cliff.
- What is the velocity  $v$  at point  $P$  in magnitude-angle notation and in unit-vector notation?
- Find the maximum height reached by projectile above ground.

$v_0 = 60 \text{ m/s}$   
 $\theta = 30^\circ$   
 $h_0 = 120 \text{ m}$

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta$$

$$v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = 0.5$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = 0.87$$

i)  $x = x_0 + v_{0x}t$   
 $y = y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$   
 $\Rightarrow x - x_0 = v_0 \cos \theta t$   
 $X = (60 \text{ m/s}) \cos 30^\circ (8.88 \text{ s})$   
 $\approx 461 \text{ m}$

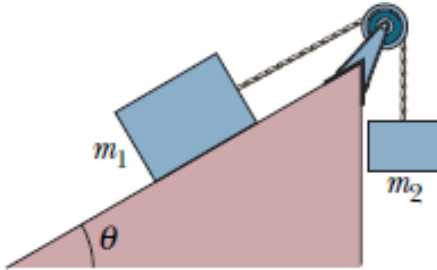
$y - y_0 = v_0 \sin \theta t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$   
 $-120 \text{ m} = (60 \text{ m/s}) \sin 30^\circ t - \frac{1}{2}(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)t^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 4.9t^2 - 30t - 120 = 0$   
 $t_{1,2} = \frac{-(-30) \pm \sqrt{(-30)^2 - 4(4.9)(-120)}}{2(4.9)}$   
 $t_1 = -2.76 \text{ s} \rightarrow \text{not physical} \leftarrow \text{minus sign}$   
 $t_2 = 8.88 \text{ s} = t$

ii) At point P  
 $v_x = v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta$   
 $v_y = v_{0y} - gt = v_0 \sin \theta - gt$   
 $v_x = (60 \text{ m/s}) \cos 30^\circ$   
 $v_y = (60 \text{ m/s}) \sin 30^\circ - (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(8.88 \text{ s})$   
 $v_x \approx 52 \text{ m/s} \ \& \ v_y = -57 \text{ m/s}$   
 $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} = (52 \hat{i} - 57 \hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$

$\rightarrow |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{(52 \text{ m/s})^2 + (-57 \text{ m/s})^2}$   
 $\approx 77.16 \text{ m/s}$   
 $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{-57}{52} \approx -48^\circ$

iii)  $h_{\text{max}} = h_0 + h \rightarrow \text{What is } h?$   
 $v_y = v_{0y} - gt = 0$  at max height  
 $t_f = \frac{v_{0y}}{g} \rightarrow h = \frac{v_{0y}}{g} \frac{v_{0y}}{g} - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{v_{0y}}{g}\right)^2$   
 $h = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(60 \text{ m/s})^2 \sin^2 30^\circ}{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$   
 $h \approx 46 \text{ m} \Rightarrow h_{\text{max}} = 120 \text{ m} + 46 \text{ m} = 166 \text{ m}$

4. A block of mass  $m_1 = 6 \text{ kg}$  on a frictionless plane inclined at angle  $\theta = 60^\circ$  is connected by a cord over a massless, frictionless pulley to a second block of mass  $m_2 = 8 \text{ kg}$  as given in figure below.



What are

- i the magnitude of the acceleration of each block?
- ii the tension in the cord?

Free Body Diagrams (FBDs) for  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ .

For  $m_1$  (on the incline):

- Normal force  $F_N$  (perpendicular to the incline)
- Tension  $T$  (up the incline)
- Weight  $m_1 g$  (vertically down)
- Acceleration  $a$  (up the incline)

For  $m_2$  (hanging vertically):

- Tension  $T$  (up)
- Weight  $m_2 g$  (down)
- Acceleration  $a$  (down)

Equations of motion:

For  $m_1$  (x-axis along the incline):  $T - m_1 g \sin \theta = m_1 a_{x,1}$  (1)

For  $m_2$  (y-axis vertical):  $m_2 g - T = m_2 a_{y,2}$  (3)

For  $m_1$  (y-axis perpendicular to the incline):  $F_N - m_1 g \cos \theta = m_1 a_{y,1}$  (2)

where  $a_{x,1} = a_{x,2} = a$  system acceleration  
 $a_{y,1} = 0$

i)  $\begin{cases} \text{(2)} \rightarrow F_N = m_1 g \cos \theta \\ \text{(1)} \rightarrow T = m_1 a + m_1 g \sin \theta \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{(3)} \quad m_2 g - (m_1 a + m_1 g \sin \theta) = m_2 a$

$\Rightarrow a = \frac{m_2 g - m_1 g \sin \theta}{m_1 + m_2}$  (2)

$= \frac{(8 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) - (6 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2) \sin 60}{6 \text{ kg} + 8 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{1.96 \text{ m/s}^2}$  (1) (1)

ii)  $\text{(3)} \rightarrow T = m_2 (g - a)$  (2)

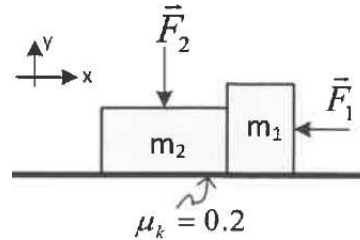
or  $\text{(1)} \rightarrow T = m_1 (a + g \sin \theta)$  (2) (1)

$T = 8 \text{ kg} (9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 - 1.96 \text{ m/s}^2) = \boxed{62.7 \text{ N}}$



5.

Two blocks ( $m_1 = 4 \text{ kg}$  and  $m_2 = 1 \text{ kg}$ ) on a rough horizontal surface ( $\mu_k = 0.2$  for both blocks) are pushed to the left by a horizontal force  $F_1 = 80 \text{ N}$ . Another force  $F_2 = 20 \text{ N}$  is vertically pressing the block  $m_2$  to the surface. There is no friction between the blocks. Use the coordinate system as depicted in the figure. Take  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ .



- i Find the normal force **vectors** (use unit vector notation) exerted by the surface on each block
- ii Find the frictional force **vectors** on each block
- iii Determine the acceleration **vector** of each block.
- iv Find the action-reaction force **vectors** exerted by each block on the other.

Handwritten solution for the physics problem:

**FBDs**

Block 1 (m1):

- x:  $f_{k1} + f_{k2} - F_1 = m_1 a_{x1}$
- y:  $F_{N1} - m_1 g = m_1 a_{y1}$

Block 2 (m2):

- x:  $f_{k2} - F_{21} = m_2 a_{x2}$
- y:  $F_{N2} - F_2 - m_2 g = m_2 a_{y2}$

where  $a_{x1} = a_{x2} = a$  &  $a_{y1} = a_{y2} = 0$

i)  $F_{N1} = m_1 g = (4 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 40 \text{ N} \rightarrow \vec{F}_{N1} = 40 \text{ N}(\hat{j})$  (1)

$F_{N2} = F_2 + m_2 g = 20 \text{ N} + (1 \text{ kg})(10 \text{ m/s}^2) = 30 \text{ N} \rightarrow \vec{F}_{N2} = 30 \text{ N}(\hat{j})$  (1)

ii)  $f_{k1} = \mu_k F_{N1} = 0.2 \times 40 \text{ N} = 8 \text{ N} \rightarrow \vec{f}_{k1} = 8 \text{ N}(\hat{i})$  (1)

$f_{k2} = \mu_k F_{N2} = 0.2 \times 30 \text{ N} = 6 \text{ N} \rightarrow \vec{f}_{k2} = 6 \text{ N}(\hat{i})$  (1)

iii)  $f_{k1} + f_{k2} - F_1 = -m_1 a$  &  $F_{21} = f_{k2} + m_2 a$  &  $|F_{21}| = |F_{12}|$

$\rightarrow f_{k1} + f_{k2} + m_2 a - F_1 = -m_1 a \Rightarrow a = \frac{f_{k1} + f_{k2} - F_1}{(m_1 + m_2)} = \frac{8 \text{ N} + 6 \text{ N} - 80 \text{ N}}{(1 \text{ kg} + 4 \text{ kg})} = 13.2 \text{ m/s}^2$  (2)

$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = 13.2 \text{ m/s}^2(-\hat{i})$  (1)

iv) Action-Reaction pair  $\vec{F}_{12} = -\vec{F}_{21}$

$f_{k2} + m_2 a = F_{21} \rightarrow F_{21} = 6 \text{ N} + (1 \text{ kg})(13.2 \text{ m/s}^2) = 19.2 \text{ N} \rightarrow \vec{F}_{21} = 19.2 \text{ N}(-\hat{i})$  (1)

$\vec{F}_{12} = 19.2 \text{ N}(\hat{i})$  (1)