

Physics 4A Fall 2017 Final Exam

Name: Key

Dec 12, 2017

Please show your work! Answers are not complete without clear reasoning. When asked for an expression, you must give your answer in terms of the variables given in the question and/or fundamental constants.

Answer as many questions as you can, in any order. Do not forget to include appropriate units when giving a number as an answer. Calculators are allowed. Notes, books, and internet-connectable devices are not allowed. If you detach any pages from the test, please write your name on every page.

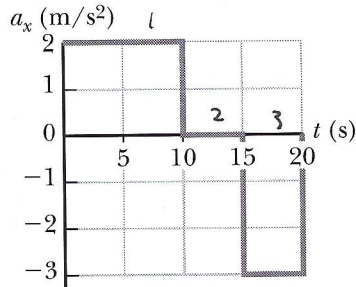
Constants

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

1. A particle starts from rest and accelerates as shown, moving in the x -direction.

- (a) During which time interval(s) is the speed of the particle constant? [1 pt]
 (b) Determine the particle's speed at $t = 5.0$ s, $t = 10.0$ s, and at $t = 20.0$ s. [6 pts]
 (c) Determine the distance traveled in the 20.0 s shown. [7 pts]



a) $v = \text{const.}$ when accel. $a = 0$ ($a = \frac{dv}{dt}$)
 $\hookrightarrow t: \underline{10\text{s} < t < 15\text{s}}$

b) $v(t) = v_i + at$ (a const) or since $v_i = 0$, $v = \text{Area under } a-t \text{ graph}$
 $v(t=5) = \cancel{v_i} + (2\text{m/s}^2)(5\text{s})$ $v(t=5) = (2\text{m/s}^2)(5\text{s})$
 $= 10\text{m/s}$

$v(t=5) = 10\text{m/s}$

$v(t=10\text{s}) = 0 + (2\text{m/s}^2)(10\text{s})$

$v(t=10) = 20\text{m/s}$

$v(t=20\text{s}) = \cancel{v_i} + a_1 t_1 + \cancel{a_2} t_2 + a_3 t_3$
 $= (2\text{m/s}^2)(10\text{s}) + (-3\text{m/s}^2)(5\text{s})$

$v(t=20) = 5\text{m/s}$

c) $\Delta x = \left(\frac{v_i + v_f}{2}\right)t$ or $\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ ← when $a = \text{const}$

$\Delta x_{0 \rightarrow 10} = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(2\text{m/s}^2)(10\text{s})^2$
 $= 100\text{m}$

$\Delta x_{10 \rightarrow 15} = vt$
 $= (20\text{m/s})(5\text{s})$
 $= 100\text{m}$

$\Delta x_{15 \rightarrow 20} = vt + \frac{1}{2}a_3 t^2$
 $= (20\text{m/s})(5\text{s}) + \frac{1}{2}(-3\text{m/s}^2)(5\text{s})^2$
 $= 62.5\text{m}$

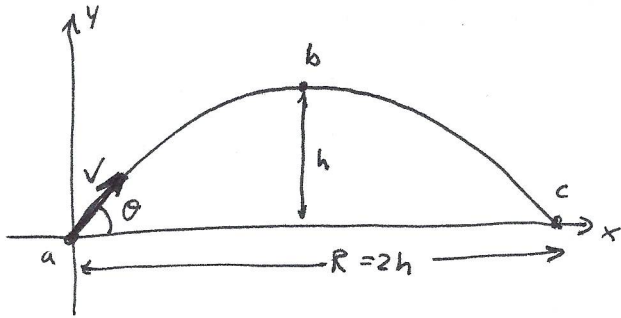
$\Delta x = \Delta x_{0 \rightarrow 10} + \Delta x_{10 \rightarrow 15} + \Delta x_{15 \rightarrow 20}$
 $= 262.5\text{m}$
 $= \underline{263\text{m}}$ (sig figs)

2. A projectile is fired in such a way that its horizontal range (landing at the same height it is launched from) is equal to twice its maximum height.

(a) What is the angle of projection? [7 pts]

(b) What is the ratio of the x-component of the initial velocity to the initial speed? [3 pts]

For both parts, your answer should be a number, not an expression.



a) $\theta = ?$

$$V_{fy}^2 = V_{iy}^2 - 2g\Delta y$$

$a \rightarrow b$

$$0 = V_{iy}^2 - 2gh$$

$$V_i^2 \sin^2 \theta = 2gh$$

$$2h = \frac{V_i^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$R = 2h = V_x t_{f1}$$



$$2h = V_i \cos \theta \left(\frac{2V_i \sin \theta}{g} \right) \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$\Delta y = V_{iy} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$a \rightarrow c$

$$0 = V_{iy} t_{f1} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{f1}^2$$

$$t_{f1} = \frac{2V_i \sin \theta}{g}$$

(1) = (2) :

$$\frac{V_i^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g} = \frac{2V_i^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{g}$$

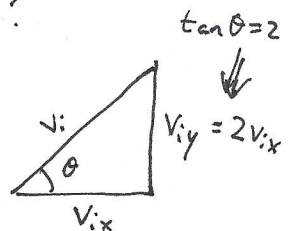
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = 2$$

$$\tan \theta = 2$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(2)$$

$$\theta = 63.4^\circ$$

b) $\frac{V_{ix}}{V_i} = ?$



$$V_i = \sqrt{V_{ix}^2 + (2V_{ix})^2}$$

$$V_i = V_{ix} \sqrt{5}$$

$$\frac{V_{ix}}{V_i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = 0.447$$

3. An Atwood machine is placed in an elevator that accelerates downward with an acceleration of magnitude a_e . You may assume $m_2 > m_1$ and the pulley is massless and frictionless.

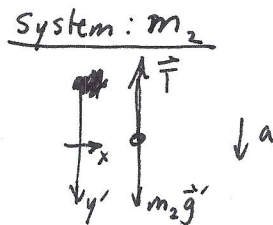
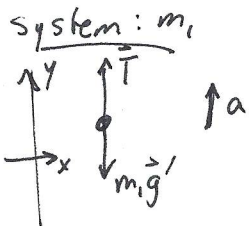
- What is the acceleration of m_1 as seen by an observer in the elevator? [7 pts]
- What is the acceleration of m_1 as seen by an observer on the the ground outside the elevator? [2 pts]
- What is the tension in the rope connecting the masses? [3 pts]

You must show an argument that considers the forces on the masses to get full credit. (You cannot just write down the answers.)

a) Inside the elevator the situation is indistinguishable from a planet where the acceleration due to gravity is reduced:

$$g' = g - a_e$$

The standard derivation for the Atwood machine still applies, replacing $g \rightarrow g'$.



$$F_{\text{net},y} = m_1 a_{1y}$$

$$F_{\text{net},y'} = m_2 a_{2y'}$$

$$T - m_1 g' = m_1 a \quad (1) \quad m_2 g' - T = m_2 a \quad (2)$$

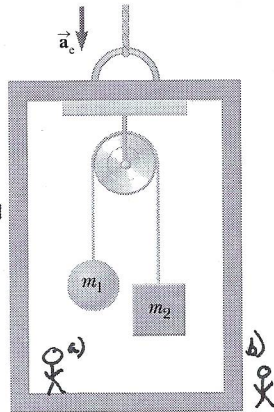
(1) + (2):

$$m_2 g' - m_1 g' = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

$$a = \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) g'$$

$$a = \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (g - a_e)$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (g - a_e) \vec{j}$$



b) Let a_b be the accel. seen by the observer outside the elevator.

$$\vec{a}_b = \vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_e$$

$$\vec{a}_b = \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) (g - a_e) \vec{j} - a_e \vec{j}$$

$$\left(= \left[\left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) g - \left(\frac{2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) a_e \right] \vec{j} \right)$$

c) using (1):

$$T - m_1 g' = m_1 a$$

$$T = m_1 (g' + a)$$

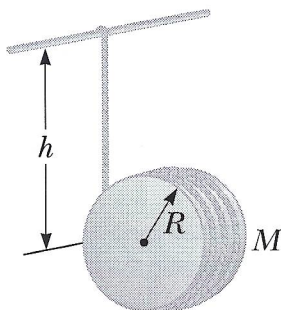
$$= m_1 \left(g' + \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) g' \right)$$

$$= m_1 \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2 + m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) g'$$

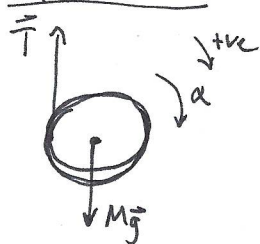
$$T = \frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} (g - a_e)$$

5. A light string is wound around a uniform disk of radius R and mass M . The disk is released from rest with the string vertical and its top end tied to a fixed bar.

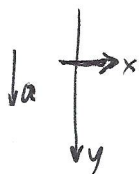
- (a) Show that the tension in the string is one third of the weight of the disk. [7 pts]
 (b) Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the center of mass of the disk. [2 pts]
 (c) Find the speed of the center of mass after the disk has descended through distance h . [3 pts]



a) system: disk



unrolls $\Rightarrow a = \alpha R$



b) $a_{cm} = a$

(2): $a = \frac{2T}{M}$

$$a = \frac{2}{M} \left(\frac{Mg}{3} \right)$$

$$a_{cm} = \frac{2g}{3}$$

$$F_{net,y} = Ma$$

$$Mg - T = Ma \quad (1)$$

$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

$$RT = \left(\frac{1}{2} MR^2 \right) \alpha$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} M(\alpha R)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} Ma$$

$$a = \frac{2T}{M} \quad (2)$$

c) $V_{cm}^2 = V_{cm,i}^2 + 2a \Delta y$

$$V_{cm}^2 = 2 \left(\frac{2g}{3} \right) h$$

$$V_{cm} = \sqrt{\frac{4gh}{3}}$$

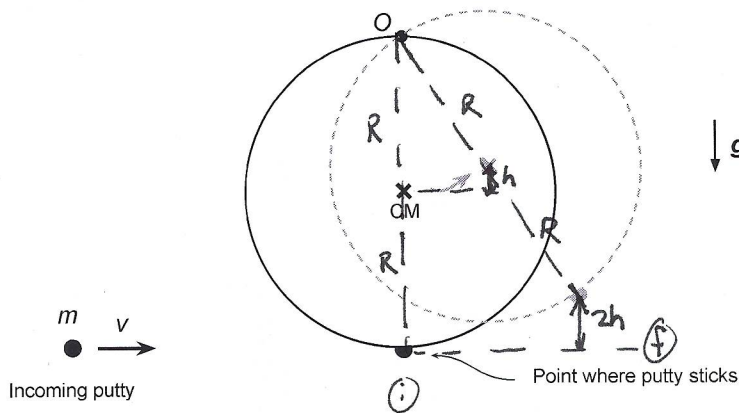
(2) into (1):

$$Mg - T = M \left(\frac{2T}{M} \right)$$

$$Mg = 3T$$

$$T = \frac{Mg}{3}$$

6. A small lump of putty, of mass m , moving initially with velocity v , strikes the bottom outside edge of a uniform circular disk of mass $M = 8m$ and radius R that hangs vertically downward from a frictionless pivot at the point O on its top edge as shown. The initial velocity v is perpendicular to a line drawn downward from O through the center of mass of the disk. The putty sticks to the disk after striking it.



(CM rises a vertical distance h .)

Putty rises a distance $2h$.

Without calculating:

- Is linear momentum conserved in the collision? Why or why not? [2 pts]
- Is angular momentum conserved about axis O in the collision? Why or why not? [2 pts]
- Is kinetic energy conserved in the collision? Why or why not? [2 pts]

After being struck the disk swings to the right.

- To what height above its initial position does the center of mass of the disk rise before coming momentarily to rest? [11 pts]

System is disk + putty.

a) No. External forces act from the pivot on the disk during the collision.

$$\vec{F}_{\text{ext, net}} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

b) Yes. There is ~~no~~ net external torque in this collision about O . The lever arms of the weight and the pivot forces are both zero.

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net, ext, } O} = \frac{d\vec{L}_O}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta\vec{L}_O = 0$$

c) No. This is a completely inelastic collision.

d) During collision:

$$\Delta\vec{L}_O = 0$$

$$\vec{L}_{i,O} = \vec{L}_{f,O}$$

$$mV(2R) = I_{\text{tot}} \omega_f \quad (\text{ccw +ve})$$

$$2mV R = \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} MR^2 + MR^2 \right)}_{\text{disk about } O, \text{ using parallel axis theorem.}} + m(2R)^2 \right) \omega$$

$$\omega = \frac{2mV R}{\frac{3}{2}(8m)R^2 + 4mR^2}$$

$$= \frac{V}{8R}$$

After collision, Mechanical energy is conserved.

$$\Delta K + \Delta U = 0 \quad (\text{system: disk, putty, Earth})$$

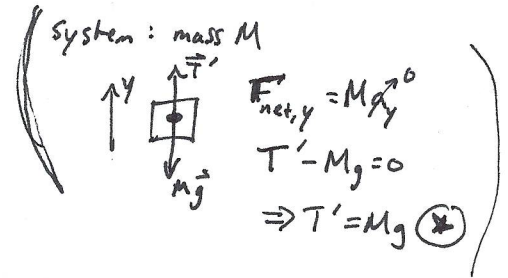
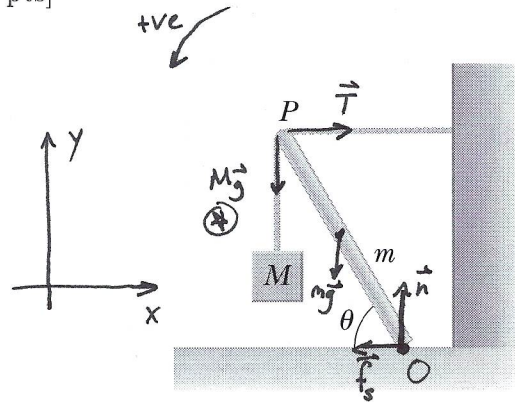
$$\left(0 - \frac{1}{2} I_{\text{tot}} \omega^2 \right) + (Mgh + mg(2h) - 0) = 0$$

$$10mgh = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} 8mR^2 + 4mR^2 \right) \left(\frac{V}{8R} \right)^2$$

$$h = \frac{V^2}{80g}$$

7. A uniform beam of mass m is inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal. Its upper end (point P) produces a 90° bend in a very rough rope tied to a wall, and its lower end rests on a rough floor. Let μ_s represent the coefficient of static friction between beam and floor. In terms of m , M , and μ_s :

- (a) find θ_{\min} the minimum value the angle θ can take if the beam is not to slip. [9 pts]
 (b) find the magnitude of the reaction force on the beam at the floor, given $\theta = \theta_{\min}$. [2 pts]



a) system: beam in static equilibrium $a=0, \alpha=0$

$$F_{\text{net},x} = 0 \quad F_{\text{net},y} = 0$$

$$T - f_s = 0 \quad n - Mg - mg = 0$$

$$T = f_s \quad n = (M+m)g \quad (2)$$

at point of slipping

$$f_s = f_s^{\text{max}} = \mu_s n$$

$$T = \mu_s n \quad (1)$$

let l be the length of the beam.

$$T_{\text{net},O} = 0$$

$$Mgl \cos \theta - Tl \sin \theta + mg \frac{l}{2} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$(M + \frac{m}{2})g \cos \theta - T \sin \theta = 0$$

using (1) and (2):

$$(M + \frac{m}{2})g \cos \theta_{\min} = \mu_s (M+m)g \sin \theta_{\min}$$

$$\tan \theta_{\min} = \frac{(M + \frac{m}{2})}{\mu_s (M+m)}$$

$$\theta_{\min} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{M + \frac{m}{2}}{\mu_s (M+m)} \right)$$

b) $R = \sqrt{n^2 + f_s^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(M+m)^2 g^2 + \mu_s^2 (M+m)^2 g^2} \quad (\text{using (2)})$$

$$R = (M+m)g \sqrt{1 + \mu_s^2}$$

—Extra Workspace—

—Extra Workspace—

Equations

$$x_f = x_i + v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v_f = v_i + a t$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2}$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

$$x_f = x_i + v_{\text{avg}} t$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$v = r\omega$$

$$a_t = r\alpha$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$v_f = v_i + v_e \ln\left(\frac{m_i}{m_f}\right)$$

$$\text{Thrust} = v_e \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{\text{CM}} = \frac{1}{M_{\text{tot}}} \sum_i m_i \mathbf{r}_i$$

$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

$$I' = I_{\text{CM}} + MD^2$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{mgd}}$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$U_g = mgy$$

$$U_s = \frac{1}{2} k x^2$$

$$U_G = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$W = \int \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot d\boldsymbol{\theta} = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$P = \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$F_x = -\frac{dU}{dx}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = -b\mathbf{v}$$

$$v(t) = v_T (1 - e^{-bt/m})$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2} D \rho A v^2$$

$$v(t) = v_T \tanh\left(\frac{g}{v_T} t\right)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{L}{2M_p}$$

$$T^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right) a^3$$

$$\mathbf{p} = m\mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \int \mathbf{F}(t) dt$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{L} = \int \boldsymbol{\tau} dt$$

$$\mathbf{L} = I\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$L = mvR$$

$$\omega_p = \frac{Mg r_{\text{CM}}}{I_{\omega}}$$

$$F_k = \mu_k n$$

$$F_{s,\text{max}} = \mu_s n$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -k\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_G = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$E = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{2a}$$

Moments of Inertia

All objects listed here have mass M .

Thin rod, length L , axis through CM perpendicular to rod: $I = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$

Solid sphere, radius R , axis through CM: $I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$

Cylinder or disc, radius R , axis through CM: $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$

Thin ring, radius R , axis through CM: $I = MR^2$

Trigonometric Identities

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta).$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$$

$$\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\sec \theta := \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\csc \theta := \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta := \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$