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**PHY203
Exam #1
Chapters 1-3
Fri., 2/16/18**

Solutions

1. A ball is thrown straight up from a cliff of height 250 m, with an initial speed of 35.0 m/s at $t=0$. Take "up" as the positive x-direction and $x=0$ at ground level.

a. Find the velocity and acceleration at the highest point (magnitudes and signs).

$$v = 0$$

$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

b. Find the position of the ball at its highest point.

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

$$0 = (35.0)^2 + 2(-9.81)\Delta x$$

$$\Delta x = 62.4 \text{ m}$$

$$62.4 + 250 = 312 \text{ m}$$

c. Find the time at which the ball is at a position one third of the way to the highest point (from ground level).

$$x = \frac{312}{3} = 104 \text{ m}$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$104 = 250 + 35.0 t + \frac{1}{2} (-9.81) t^2$$

$$t = \frac{35.0 \pm \sqrt{35.0^2 - 2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 146}}{9.81}$$

$$t = 10.1 \text{ s}$$

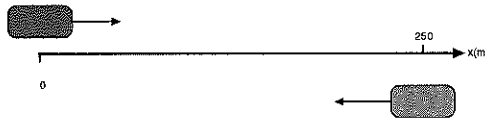
d. Find the velocity and acceleration (magnitudes and signs) of the ball when it is one third of the way to the highest point.

$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ always}$$

$$v = v_0 + a t$$

$$= 35.0 + (-9.81)(10.1)$$

$$= -64.0 \text{ m/s}$$



2. Two trains approach each other on parallel tracks. At a time of $t=0$ the trains are separated by 250 m. At $t=0$ the train on the left is at rest and starts to travel with a constant acceleration of 2.50 m/s^2 to the right. At $t=0$ the train on the right is at rest and begins to accelerate at a magnitude of 3.50 m/s^2 to the left. The train accelerates for 4.00 s then continues at a constant speed.

a. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write an equation of motion (x vs. t) for the train on the left:

$$x_l = \frac{1}{2} (2.50) t^2 = 1.25 t^2$$

b. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write equations of motion (x vs. t) for the train on the right for $t < 4.00 \text{ s}$ and $t \geq 4.00 \text{ s}$:

$$t < 4.00 \text{ s } x_r = 250 - \frac{1}{2} (3.50) t^2 = 250 - 1.75 t^2$$

$$x(4) = 250 - 1.75(4.00)^2 = 222 \text{ m}$$

$$v(4) = (-3.50)(4) = -14.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$t \geq 4.00 \text{ s } x_r =$

$$222 - 14(t-4)$$

c. Find the time at which the centers of the trains are side-by-side.

$$1.25 t^2 = 222 - 14.0(t-4)$$

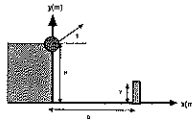
$$= 222 - 14.0t + 56.0$$

$$1.25 t^2 + 14.0t - 278 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-14.0 \pm \sqrt{14.0^2 + 4 \cdot 1.25 \cdot 278}}{2 \cdot 1.25}$$

$$2.50$$

$$= 10.3 \text{ s}$$



3. A cannonball is shot from a cliff of height $H = 225$ m at a castle wall. The initial velocity of the ball is v_0 at an angle of θ with respect to the horizontal direction. The castle wall is 65.0 m high and a horizontal distance of $D = 850$ m from the base of the wall. Assume the initial vertical speed is 65.5 m/s and that the cannonball just grazes the top of the wall.

a. Find the time it takes the ball to reach the wall.

$$y = y_0 + v_{y0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$$

$$65 = 225 + 65.5t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.81)t^2$$

$$4.905 - 65.5t - 140 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{65.5 \pm \sqrt{65.5^2 + 4 \cdot 4.905 \cdot 140}}{9.81}$$

$$= 15.4 \text{ s}$$

b. Find the initial velocity of the cannonball and write it in vector notation using the coordinate system above.

$$x: \quad 850 = v_{0x}(15.4)$$

$$v_{0x} = 55.1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_0 = (55.1\hat{i} + 65.5\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

c. Find the y position of the cannonball at its highest point.

$$v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$$

$$0 = 65.5^2 + 2(-9.81)\Delta y$$

$$\Delta y = 219 \text{ m}$$

$$y = 219 + 225 = 444 \text{ m}$$

d. Find the velocity and acceleration of the cannonball in vector notation at its highest point.

$$\vec{a} = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \hat{j} \text{ always}$$

$$\vec{v} = v_{0x}\hat{i} = 55.1 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$

1. A ball is thrown straight up from a cliff of height 200 m, with an initial speed of 45.0 m/s at $t=0$. Take "up" as the positive x-direction and $x=0$ at ground level.

a. Find the velocity and acceleration at the highest point (magnitudes and signs).

$$v = 0$$
$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

b. Find the position of the ball at its highest point.

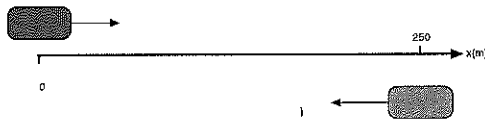
$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a \Delta x$$
$$0 = 45.0^2 + 2(-9.81) \Delta x$$
$$\Delta x = 103$$
$$x = 103 + 200 = 303 \text{ m.}$$

c. Find the time at which the ball is at a position one third of the way to the highest point (from ground level).

$$x = \frac{303}{3} = 101 \text{ m}$$
$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$
$$101 = 200 + 45.0 t + \frac{1}{2} (-9.81) t^2$$
$$4.905 t^2 - 45.0 t - 99 = 0$$
$$t = \frac{45.0 \pm \sqrt{45.0^2 + 4 \cdot 4.905 \cdot 99}}{9.81}$$
$$t = 11.0 \text{ s}$$

d. Find the velocity and acceleration (magnitudes and signs) of the ball when it is one third of the way to the highest point.

$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ always}$$
$$v = v_0 + a t$$
$$= 45.0 + (-9.81)(11)$$
$$= -63.0 \text{ m/s}$$



2. Two trains approach each other on parallel tracks. At a time of $t=0$ the trains are separated by 250 m. At $t=0$ the train on the left is at and starts to travel with a constant acceleration of 3.50 m/s^2 to the right. At $t=0$ the train on the right is at rest and begins to accelerate at a magnitude of 4.50 m/s^2 to the left. The train accelerates for 5.00 s then continues at a constant speed.

a. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write an equation of motion (x vs. t) for the train on the left:

$$x_l = \frac{1}{2} (3.50) t^2 = 1.75 t^2$$

b. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write equations of motion (x vs. t) for the train on the right for $t < 5.00 \text{ s}$ and $t \geq 5.00 \text{ s}$:

$$t < 5.00 \text{ s } x_r = 250 - \frac{1}{2} (4.50) t^2 = 250 - 2.25 t^2$$

$$x(5) = 250 - 2.25(5)^2 = 194 \text{ m}$$

$$v(5) = -(4.50)(5) = -22.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$t \geq 5.00 \text{ s } x_r =$

$$194 - (22.5)(t - 5)$$

c. Find the time at which the centers of the trains are side-by-side.

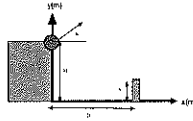
$$1.75 t^2 = 194 - (22.5)(t - 5)$$

$$= 194 - 22.5t + 112.5$$

$$1.75 t^2 + 22.5t - 306.5 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-22.5 \pm \sqrt{22.5^2 + 4 \cdot 1.75 \cdot 306.5}}{3.50}$$

$$t = 8.28 \text{ s}$$



3. A cannonball is shot from a cliff of height $H = 275$ m at a castle wall. The initial velocity of the ball is v_0 at an angle of θ with respect to the horizontal direction. The castle wall is 55.0 m high and a horizontal distance of $D = 750$ m from the base of the wall. Assume the initial vertical speed is 55.5 m/s and that the cannonball just grazes the top of the wall.

a. Find the time it takes the ball to reach the wall.

$$y = y_0 + v_{y0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$$

$$55.0 = 275 + 55.5t + \frac{1}{2}(-9.81)t^2$$

$$4.905t^2 - 55.5t - 220 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{55.5 \pm \sqrt{55.5^2 + 4 \cdot 4.905 \cdot 220}}{9.81}$$

$$t = 14.43$$

b. Find the initial velocity of the cannonball and write it in vector notation using the coordinate system above.

$$x: 750 = v_{0x}(t) = v_{0x}(14.4)$$

$$v_{0x} = 52.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_0 = (52.0\hat{i} + 55.5\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

c. Find the y position of the cannonball at its highest point.

$$v^2 = v_{y0}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$$

$$0 = 55.5^2 + 2(-9.81)\Delta y$$

$$\Delta y = 157 \text{ m}$$

$$+ 275 \text{ m}$$

$$y = 432 \text{ m}$$

d. Find the velocity and acceleration of the cannonball in vector notation at its highest point.

$$\vec{a} = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \hat{j} \text{ always}$$

$$\vec{v} = v_{0x} \hat{i} = 52.0 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$