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Exam #2
Chapters 5-8

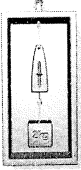
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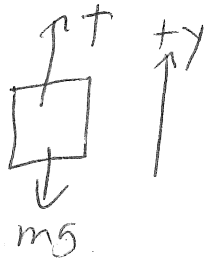
Solutions

P21
Exam 2021

1. A 2.50 kg block hangs from a spring balance calibrated in Newtons that is attached to the ceiling of an elevator.



a. Assume the elevator is ascending with a constant speed of 35.0 m/s. Draw a free body diagram of the block, write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the spring balance. 10

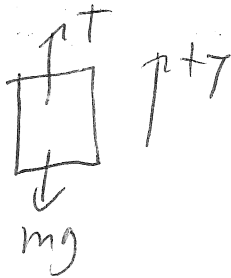


$$T - mg = ma = 0$$

$$T = (2.50)g$$

$$= 24.5 \text{ N}$$

b. Now assume the elevator is descending and gaining speed at a rate of 4.00 m/s². Draw a free body diagram of the block, write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the spring balance. 15

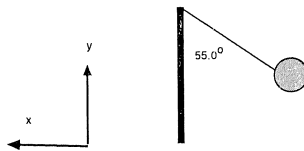


$$T - mg = ma = -m(4.00)$$

$$T = m(g - 4.00)$$

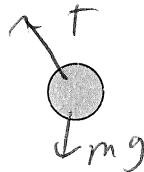
$$= 2.50(g - 4.00)$$

$$= 14.5 \text{ N}$$



2. A ball of mass m is attached to a vertical pole with a length of string L and spun with a constant speed v in a horizontal circle.

a. Draw a free body diagram of the ball below: 5



b. Write expressions for Newton's 2nd Law in the x- and y-directions. 20

$$x: T \sin 55^\circ = ma = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$y: T \cos \theta - mg = 0$$

Assume that $m = 3.50$ kg, and the speed of the ball is 6.50 m/s.

c. Find the magnitude of the tension in the string. 5

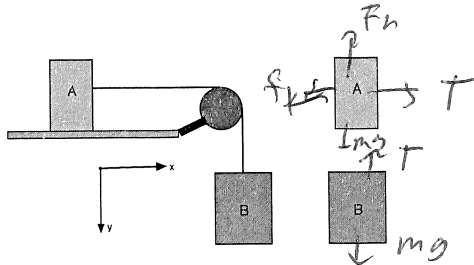
$$T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta} = \frac{3.50 \cdot 9.8}{\cos 55^\circ} = 59.9 \text{ N}$$

d. Find the length of the string. 10

$$r = L \sin 55^\circ$$

$$T \sin 55^\circ = \frac{mv^2}{L(\sin 55^\circ)}$$

$$L = \frac{mv^2}{T(\sin 55^\circ)^2} = \frac{(3.50)(6.50)^2}{59.9(\sin 55^\circ)^2} = 3.68 \text{ m}$$



3. Blocks A and B are connected by a light string and attached over a massless pulley and are initially at rest. Assume a rough surface under block A with coefficient of kinetic friction μ_k and masses m_A and m_B . The blocks are released and start to move. The floor is 4.50 m below block B when the blocks start to move. Take the floor as $h=0$.

a. Draw free body diagrams on the blocks shown above and on the right. **10**

Assume that $M_A = 9.50$ kg, $M_B = 7.50$ kg, and $\mu_k = 0.350$.

b. Find the initial potential energy of block B just before the blocks start to move. **5**

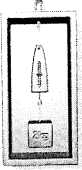
$$U_B = m_B g h = (7.50)g(4.50) \\ = 331.5$$

c. Use Conservation of Energy to find the speed of the blocks after they have traveled 4.50 m. **20**

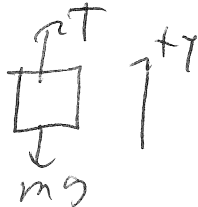
$$331.5 = \frac{1}{2}(m_A + m_B)v^2 + \mu_k F_{nA} \Delta s \\ = \frac{1}{2}(17)v^2 + (0.350)m_A g(4.50) \\ = 8.5v^2 + \underbrace{(0.350)(9.50)g(4.50)}_{147.5} \\ 184 = 8.5v^2 \\ v = 4.64 \text{ m/s}$$

R21 all
Exam2021makeup

1. A 4.50 kg block hangs from a spring balance calibrated in Newtons that is attached to the ceiling of an elevator.



a. Assume the elevator is ascending with a constant speed of 30.0 m/s. Draw a free body diagram of the block, write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the spring balance. **10**

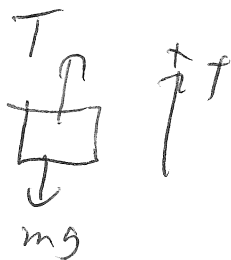


$$T - mg = ma = 0$$

$$T = mg = (4.50)g$$

$$= 44.1 \text{ N}$$

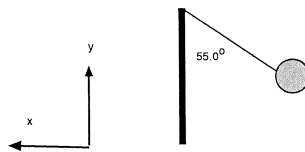
b. Now assume the elevator is descending and gaining speed at a rate of 3.00 m/s². Draw a free body diagram of the block, write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the spring balance. **15**



$$T - mg = ma = m(-3.00)$$

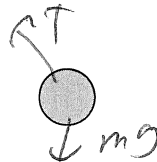
$$T = m(g - 3.00)$$

$$= 30.6 \text{ N}$$



2. A ball of mass m is attached to a vertical pole with a length of string L and spun with a constant speed v in a horizontal circle.

a. Draw a free body diagram of the ball below: **5**



b. Write expressions for Newton's 2nd Law in the x- and y-directions. **20**

$$x: T \sin 55^\circ = ma = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$y: T \cos 55^\circ - mg = 0$$

Assume that $m = 4.50$ kg, and the speed of the ball is 7.50 m/s.

c. Find the magnitude of the tension in the string. **5**

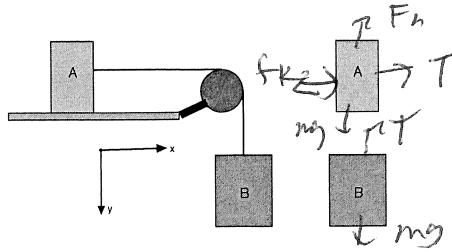
$$T = \frac{mg}{\cos 55^\circ} = \frac{4.50g}{\cos 55^\circ} = 77.0 \text{ N}$$

d. Find the length of the string. **10**

$$r = L \sin 55^\circ$$

$$T \sin 55^\circ = \frac{mv^2}{L \sin 55^\circ}$$

$$L = \frac{mv^2}{T (\sin 55^\circ)^2} = \frac{(4.50)(7.50)^2}{77.0 (\sin 55^\circ)^2} = 4.90 \text{ m}$$



3. Blocks A and B are connected by a light string and attached over a massless pulley and are initially at rest. Assume a rough surface under block A with coefficient of kinetic friction μ_k and masses m_A and m_B . The blocks are released and start to move. The floor is 4.50 m below block B when the blocks start to move. Take the floor as $h=0$.

a. Draw free body diagrams on the blocks shown above and on the right. **10**

Assume that $M_A = 8.50$ kg, $M_B = 6.50$ kg, and $\mu_k = 0.350$.

b. Find the initial potential energy of block B just before the blocks start to move. **5**

$$U_B = m_B g h = (6.50)g(4.50) = 287.5 \text{ J}$$

c. Use Conservation of Energy to find the speed of the blocks after they have traveled 4.50 m. **20**

$$\begin{aligned} 287.5 &= \frac{1}{2} (m_A + m_B) v^2 + \mu_k F_{nA} \Delta s \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (15) v^2 + (0.350) m_A g (4.50) \\ &= 7.5 v^2 + (0.350)(8.50)g(4.50) \\ &= 7.5 v^2 + 131.5 \\ 156 &= 7.5 v^2 \\ v &= 4.56 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$