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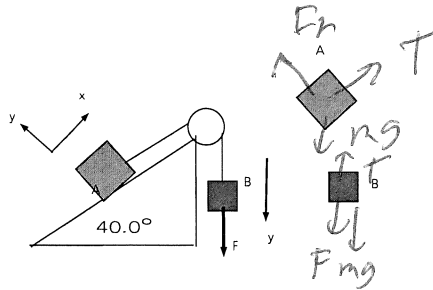
Exam #2
Chapters 5-8

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Solutions

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1. Blocks A and B are connected by a light string and attached over a massless pulley and are initially held at rest. Assume masses m_A and m_B . A vertical force, F , is applied to block B as shown. The blocks are released and start to move. The ramp under block A is frictionless and makes an angle of 40.0° with respect to the horizontal.

a. Draw free body diagrams of the blocks on the figures above and to the right. **5**

b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for both blocks in the x- and y-directions as they are moving. **15**

$$A: \text{ x! } T - m_A g \sin 40^\circ = m_A a$$

$$y! \quad F_n - m_A g \cos 40^\circ = 0$$

$$B: \text{ y! } F + m_B g - T = m_B a$$

Assume that $m_A = 6.50 \text{ kg}$, $m_B = 8.00 \text{ kg}$, and $F = 75.0 \text{ N}$.

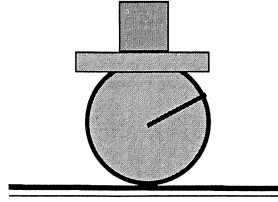
c. Find the magnitude of the acceleration of the blocks. **10**

Combine # equations!

$$F + m_B g - m_A g \sin 40^\circ = (m_A + m_B) a$$

$$a = \frac{1}{14.5} [75 + g(8.00 - 6.50 \sin 40^\circ)]$$

$$= 7.76 \text{ m/s}^2$$



2. A 2.50 kg block is resting on a force scale that is sitting on the floor of an elevator.

a. First assume the elevator is ascending with a constant speed of 25.0 m/s. Draw a free body diagram of the block, choose a coordinate system (y-direction), write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the scale. **15**

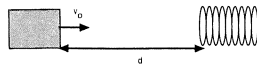
Free body diagram for part (a): A square block is shown with an upward-pointing arrow labeled F_n and a downward-pointing arrow labeled mg . To the left of the block, a vertical arrow labeled y points upwards, indicating the positive y-direction.

$$y: F_n - mg = ma = 0$$
$$F_n = mg = 250g$$
$$= 24.5 \text{ N}$$

b. Now assume the elevator is descending with a constant downward acceleration of 4.50 m/s² in magnitude. Draw a free body diagram of the block, choose a coordinate system (y-direction), write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the scale. **15**

Free body diagram for part (b): A square block is shown with an upward-pointing arrow labeled F_n and a downward-pointing arrow labeled mg . To the left of the block, a vertical arrow labeled y points downwards, indicating the positive y-direction.

$$y: mg - F_n = ma$$
$$F_n = m(g - a)$$
$$= 250(g - 4.50)$$
$$= 13.3 \text{ N}$$



3. A block of mass $M=4.50$ kg is initially at rest on a smooth horizontal table as shown. The block is given a push which gives it an initial speed of 3.50 m/s. The block travels on the frictionless surface for 5.00 m before hitting the end of an uncompressed spring with a spring constant of 70.0 N/m. The spring is resting on a rough surface with kinetic coefficient of 0.300 .

a. The initial situation is shown above. Sketch the final situation below, once the block has come to rest (momentarily): **5**



~~b. List the forms of energy that are non-zero at the beginning of the problem when the block has just started moving: **5**~~

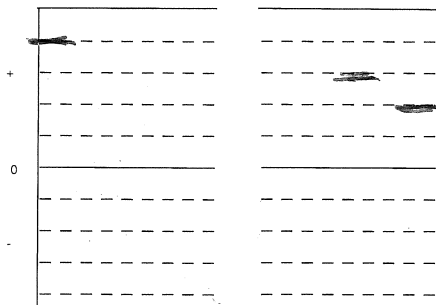
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~~c. List the forms of energy that are non-zero just as the block comes to rest after sliding a distance, d , on the rough surface: **5**~~

~~U_{spring}, E_{th}~~

d. Create energy bar charts: **10**

K, U_{grav}, U_{spring}, E_{th} K, U_{grav}, U_{spring}, E_{th}



e. Find d , the maximum compression of the spring. ~~15~~ **25**

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} k d^2 + \mu_k m g d$$

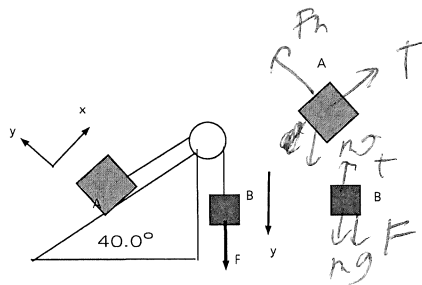
$$27.6 = 35 d^2 + 13.2 d$$

$$0 = 35 d^2 + 13.2 d - 27.6$$

$$d = \frac{-13.2 \pm \sqrt{13.2^2 + 4(35)(27.6)}}{70}$$

$$= 0.719 \text{ m}$$

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$$y: F_n - m_A g \cos 40^\circ = 0$$

$$B: \downarrow: F + m_B g - T = m_B a$$

Assume that $m_A = 7.50$ kg, $m_B = 6.00$ kg, and $F = 65.0$ N.

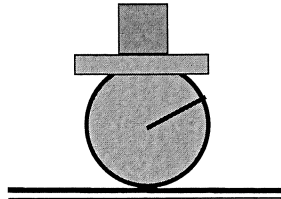
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combine A's x and B's y!

$$F + m_B g - m_A g \sin 40^\circ = (m_A + m_B) a$$

$$a = \frac{1}{13.5} \left[65.0 - 7.50 \sin 40^\circ \right] g + \frac{65.0}{13.5}$$

$$= 5.67 \text{ m/s}^2$$



2. A 3.00 kg block is resting on a force scale that is sitting on the floor of an elevator.

a. First assume the elevator is ascending with a constant speed of 35.0 m/s. Draw a free body diagram of the block, choose a coordinate system (y-direction), write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the scale. **15**

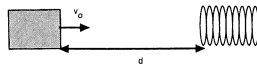
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$$y: F_n - mg = ma = 0$$
$$F_n = 3.00g$$
$$= 29.4 \text{ N}$$

b. Now assume the elevator is descending with a constant downward acceleration of 3.50 m/s² in magnitude. Draw a free body diagram of the block, choose a coordinate system (y-direction), write down Newton's 2nd Law for the block, and find the reading on the scale. **15**

Free body diagram for part (b): A square block is shown with an upward-pointing arrow labeled F_n and a downward-pointing arrow labeled mg . To the left of the block, a vertical arrow labeled y points downwards.

$$y: mg - F_n = ma$$
$$F_n = m(g - a)$$
$$= 3.00(g - 3.50)$$
$$= 18.9 \text{ N}$$

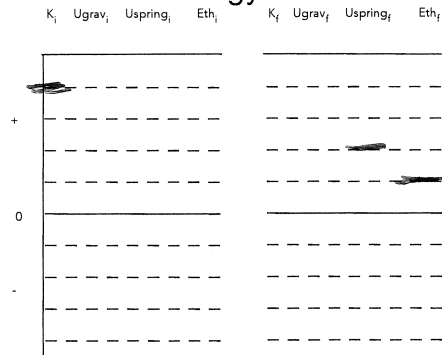


3. A block of mass $M=5.50$ kg is initially at rest on a smooth horizontal table as shown. The block is given a push which gives it an initial speed of 3.50 m/s. The block travels on the frictionless surface for 5.00 m before hitting the end of an uncompressed spring with a spring constant of 80.0 N/m. The spring is resting on a rough surface with kinetic coefficient of 0.300 .

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b. Create energy bar charts: **10**



c. Find d , the maximum compression of the spring. **25**

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} k d^2 + \mu_k F_n d$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k d^2 + \mu_k m g d$$

$$33.7 = 40 d^2 + 16.2 d$$

$$40 d^2 + 16.2 d - 33.7 = 0$$

$$d = \frac{-16.2 \pm \sqrt{16.2^2 + 4 \cdot 40 \cdot 33.7}}{80}$$

$$= 0.737 \text{ m}$$