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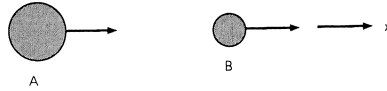
Exam #3

Chapters 9-11,15

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Solutions



1. A disk (A) of mass 9.50 kg is traveling on a frictionless surface in the +x direction with a speed of 15.5 m/s. It collides with a disk (B) of mass 8.00 kg that had been traveling in the +x direction with a speed of 10.5 m/s. The disks stick together.

a. List the known quantities before the collision:

Parameter	Known Value
M_A	9.50 kg
V_A	15.5 m/s
M_B	8.00 kg
V_B	10.5 m/s

b. Find the linear momentum of each disk before the collision and write them in vector notation. 10

$$\vec{p}_A = (9.50)(15.5) = 147 \hat{i} \text{ kg m/s}$$

$$\vec{p}_B = (8.00)(10.5) = 84.0 \hat{i} \text{ kg m/s}$$

c. Draw a sketch of the situation just after the collision. 5



d. Find the total momentum of disk AB in vector notation after the collision: 10

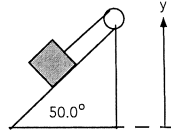
$$p_{AB} = 147 + 84 = 231 \hat{i} \text{ kg m/s}$$

e. Find the velocity of disk AB after the collision and write it in vector notation. 10

$$231 = (m_A + m_B) v_f$$

$$v_f = \frac{231}{17.5} = 13.2$$

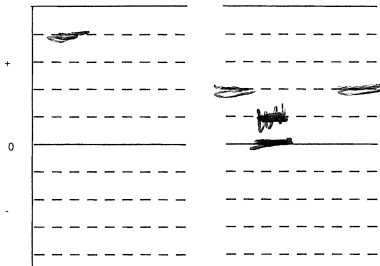
$$\vec{v}_f = 13.2 \hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$



2. A block on a frictionless ramp is attached to a light string wrapped around a pulley. Given m for the block and M and R for the pulley (a solid disk). Assume the block starts from rest at a height of 5.00 m. We want to find the speed of the block when it has reached the bottom of the ramp.

a. Create energy bar charts. 5

K_t U_{grav} U_{spring} K_{rot} K_t U_{grav} U_{spring} K_{rot}



Given $m=5.50$ kg, $M=4.00$ kg, and $R=0.500$ m.

b. Find the initial energy of the block. ~~10~~ 5

$$U_{\text{grav}} = mgh = (5.5)g(5) = 270 \text{ J}$$

c. Using Conservation of Energy, find the speed of the block when it has just reached the bottom of the ramp. ~~20~~ 25

$$270 = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

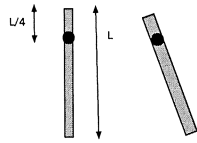
$$= \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} M R^2 \right) \left(\frac{v}{R} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left(m + \frac{M}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v^2 \left(5.5 + \frac{4}{2} \right) = \frac{7.5}{2} v^2$$

$$v^2 = 270 \left(\frac{2}{7.5} \right) = 71.94$$

$$v = 8.48 \text{ m/s}$$



3. A thin rod of mass 2.50 kg and length $L = 3.00$ m is pinned through a point $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way from its end, as shown above. The rod is set into small oscillation about that pivot at $t=0$ with an amplitude of 12.0° .

a. Identify and list the known quantities (in SI units) (these could include $m, A, x, t, v, a, E, T, f, \omega, \dots$)

$$m = 2.50 \text{ kg}, L = 3.00 \text{ m}, \theta_0 = 12.0^\circ$$

b. Find the moment of inertia of the rod about its center. **10** ✓

$$I = \frac{1}{12} M L^2 = \frac{1}{12} (2.50) (3.00)^2 = 1.88 \text{ kg m}^2$$

c. Find the moment of inertia of the rod about its pivot point. (Hint: you must use the parallel axis theorem.) **10**

$$I = I_{CM} + M h^2 = 1.88 + 2.5 \left(\frac{L}{4} \right)^2$$

$$= 1.88 + 2.5 \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^2 = 3.29$$

d. Find the period of the rod. **10**

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{Mgd}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{3.29}{250g(4/4)}}$$

$$= 2.46 \text{ s}$$

e. Write an equation of motion of the rod, θ vs. t . **5**

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{2.46} = 2.37 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\theta = 12.0^\circ \cos 2.37t$$