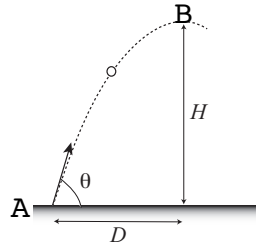


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1. A ball is shot (by a pitching machine) from horizontal ground. It reaches the highest point after 3.2 seconds.



(a) What is the height H of the highest point? [5]

(0) The movement from A to B is the movement from B to A 'played backward' in time.

(1) x and y movements can be decoupled.

Therefore, for the y -component, B to A is free fall with zero initial velocity. Hence,

$$H = (1/2)gt^2 = 4.9(3.2)^2 = 50.176 \text{ m.}$$

(b) The highest point is exactly above the point which is $D = 100$ m horizontally away from the starting point as in the figure. What is the initial angle θ ? [If you are not sure about your answer to (a), find $\tan \theta$ in terms of H and D .] [Hint. Try to obtain the x -component v_x and y -component v_y of the initial velocity in terms of D and H , respectively.] [5]

If the initial velocity is $V = (v_x, v_y)$, then

$$\tan \theta = v_x/v_y,$$

so we should compute these components.

v_x : the motion along the x -axis is without acceleration, so

$$D/t = v_x$$

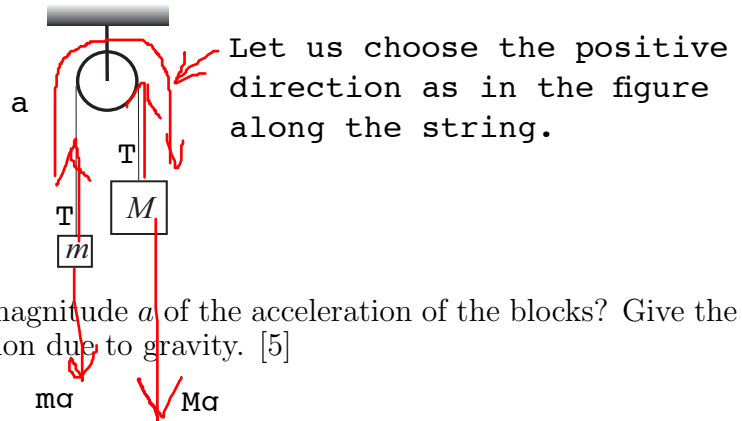
v_y : after t sec, the v_y -component vanishes when the ball reaches the highest point. Therefore, $0 = v_y -gt$, or $v_y = gt$.

Therefore,

$$\tan \theta = gt^2/D = 2H/D = 1, \text{ so } \theta = 45 \text{ degrees.}$$

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2. Two masses m and M are connected with a massless string and hang from a massless and frictionless pulley as illustrated below.



(a) Suppose $m = M/2$. What is the magnitude a of the acceleration of the blocks? Give the value of a/g , where g is the acceleration due to gravity. [5]

You must be able to draw the free-body diagram.

The equation of motion for

$$m: ma = T - mg \quad (\text{upward is positive})$$

$$M: Ma = Mg - T \quad (\text{downward is positive}).$$

Hence,

$$(m + M)a = (M - m)g \quad \text{or} \quad a/g = (M - m)/(M + m) = 1/3.$$

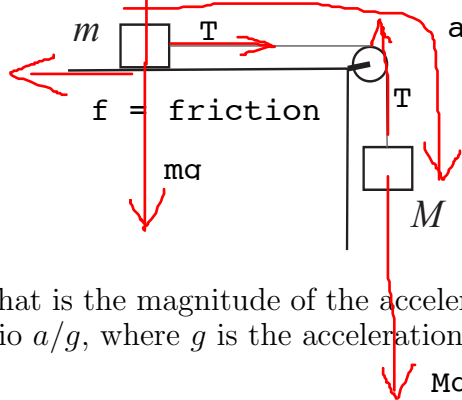
(b) Suppose M is much larger than m (say, $M = 10^4 m$). What is the magnitude a of the acceleration of m ? [5]

It's nothing but free fall of M , but m follows M , so g .

Or, from the above computation $a/g \rightarrow 1$.

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1. A block of mass m is on a rough and horizontal table with coefficient of kinetic friction $\mu_k = 0.2$ and is connected to another block of mass M via a massless string through a massless and frictionless pulley as shown below.



Let us choose the positive direction along the string as illustrated here (you can choose the opposite direction).

(a) Suppose $m = M/2$. What is the magnitude of the acceleration a of the block of mass m on the table? Give the ratio a/g , where g is the acceleration due to gravity. [5]

You must be able to draw the free-body diagrams.

Let us write down the initial

m : $ma = T - f$, you know $f = \mu_k mg$ normal force

M : $Ma = Mg - T$.

Therefore,

$$(m + M)a = Mg - \mu_k mg$$

so

$$a/g = (M - m \mu_k) / (M+m) = (1 - 0.5 \times 0.2) / 1.5 = 0.6.$$

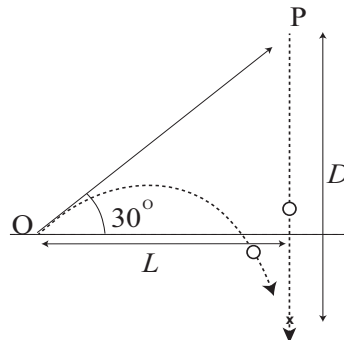
(b) Suppose M is much larger than m (say, $M = 10^4 m$). What is the ratio a/g just discussed? You must justify your answer. [2]

It is just a free fall of M , so a (m must follow M).

Or, in the formula obtained above, take $M/m \rightarrow \text{infinity}$. We get $a/g \rightarrow 1$.

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2. At the moment when a ball is gently released from P, you shoot another ball from O aiming at the ball at P. The point P is exactly above the point that is $L = 3$ m horizontally away from you as illustrated. The line connecting O and P makes an angle of 30° with the horizontal.



(a) The two balls collide at the cross-mark, which is $D = 4.9$ m below P. Find the initial speed V . [Hint. First, try to calculate the x -component V_x of the initial velocity.] [5]

Let us pay attention to the time t when the collision occurs.

$$D = (1/2) g t^2.$$

The x -motion and the y -motion are totally decoupled, so

$$V_x t = L.$$

Therefore,

$$V_x^2 = L^2/t^2 = gL^2/2D \text{ or } V_x = \sqrt{g/2D} L = 3 \text{ m/s.}$$

$$V = V_x / \cos 30 = 2 \sqrt{3} = 3.6 \text{ m/s.}$$

(b) Suppose you do the same experiment on a planet whose acceleration of gravity is one half that on earth (i.e., $g/2$). To keep the L and D , what is the new initial speed V' ? Obtain V'/V . [5]

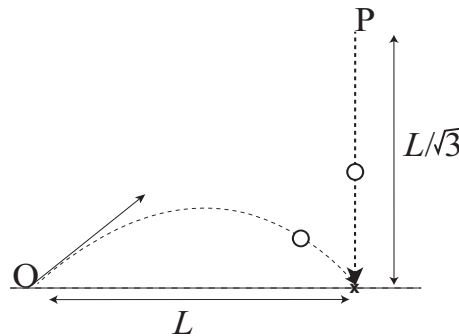
$$V_x = \sqrt{g/2D} \text{ immediately tells you that } V' = V/\sqrt{2}.$$

If you do not wish to use this result, go to the basic, again:

$$D = (1/2) g t^2, \quad V_x = L/t, \text{ so } t \rightarrow \sqrt{2} t, \text{ and } V' > V/\sqrt{2}.$$

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1. At the moment when a ball is gently released from P, you throw another ball from O aiming at the ball at P. The point is exactly above the point that is $L = 5$ m horizontally away from you as illustrated. The line, which is the direction of the initial velocity, connecting O and P, makes an angle of 30° with the horizontal.



(a) Obtain the x -component of the initial velocity of the ball you throw. [5]

Pay attention to the time t when the collision occurs.

$$L/\sqrt{3} = (1/2)gt^2.$$

$$V_x = L/t, \text{ so } V_x^2 = L^2/t^2 = (\sqrt{3}/2)gL = 42.4, \text{ or}$$

$$V_x = 6.51 \text{ m/s.}$$

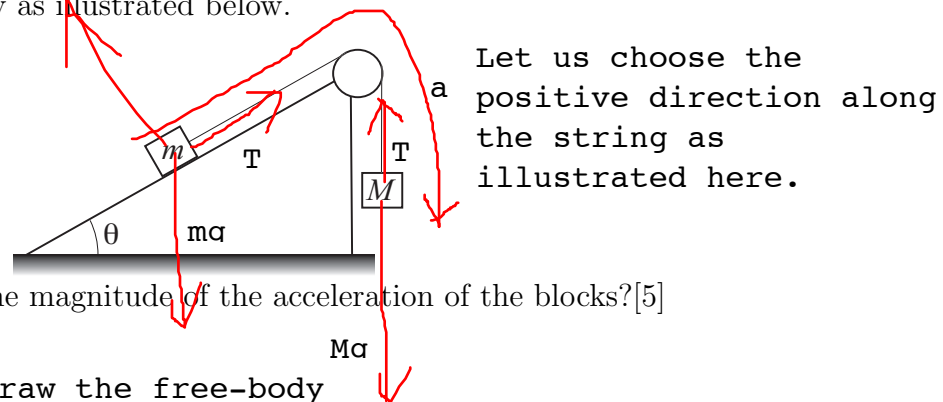
(b) What is the speed of the ball you throw when it hits the other ball? [5]

This is the same as the initial speed, so

$$V = V_x/\cos 30 = 7.52 \text{ m/s}$$

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2. On a frictionless slope that makes an angle $\theta = 35^\circ$ with the horizontal is a block of mass m , which is connected to another identical block of mass M with a massless string through a massless and frictionless pulley as illustrated below.



(a) Suppose $m = M$. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the blocks?[5]

You must be able to draw the free-body diagrams for m and M .

Let us write down the equations of motion:

$$m: ma = T - mg \sin \theta \text{ (upward along the slope is positive)}$$

$$M: Ma = Mg - T \text{ (downward is positive)}$$

Therefore,

$$(M + m)a = (M - m \sin 35)g,$$

or

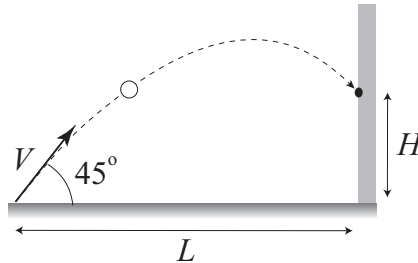
$$a/g = (1 - \sin 35)/2 = 0.213.$$

(b) Suppose M is much larger than m (say, $M = 10^4 m$). What is the acceleration of the block of mass m ? [5]

This is just a free fall of M , but m must follow it, so g .
Or you can take $M/m \rightarrow$ infinity limit, to get $a/g \rightarrow 1$.

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1. We wish to aim at the target on the wall that is $L = 15$ m away at a height of $H = L/2 = 7.5$ m. You throw a ball with an initial velocity of $\mathbf{V} = (V_x, V_y)$.



What is the initial speed $V = |\mathbf{V}|$? Let us solve this in two parts.

(a) In terms of the x -component V_x of the initial velocity, it takes the ball $t = L/V_x$ to reach the wall. Using this time, write down H in terms of the x -component of the initial velocity $V_x (= V_y)$, L and the acceleration due to gravity g . [5]

$$H = 0 + v_y t - (1/2)gt^2,$$

so

$$H = (V_y/V_x)L - gL^2/2V_x^2 = L - gL^2/V^2.$$



(b) Obtain V_x and then V . [5]

$$H = L/2 = L - gL^2/V^2.$$

That is,

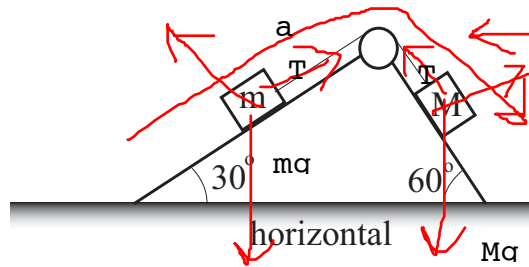
$$1/2 = gL/V^2.$$

Therefore,

$$V = \sqrt{2gL} = \sqrt{30g} = 17.15 \text{ m/s}.$$

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2. On frictionless slopes are two blocks of mass M and of mass m as illustrated below. They are connected by a massless cord through a massless and frictionless pulley.



Let us choose this direction along the string to be positive.

(a) Suppose $m = M$. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the blocks? [5]

The equation of motion for

m : $ma = T - mg \sin 30$, (upward along the slope is positive)

M : $Ma = Mg \sin 60 - T$. (downward along the slope is positive).

Therefore,

$(m + M)a = (M/2 - m\sqrt{3}/2)g$, or $(\sin 60 = \sqrt{3}/2)$

$a = (M\sqrt{3}/2 - M/2)/(M+m)$. If $M = m$, we get

$a = (\sqrt{3}/2 - 1/2)g/2 = 0.183g = 1.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

(b) Suppose M is much larger than m (say, $M = 10^4 m$). What is the magnitude of the acceleration of the block of mass m ? [5]

This is just free sliding down of M along the slope, and m must follow it, so

$g \sin 60 = 8.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ must be the answer.