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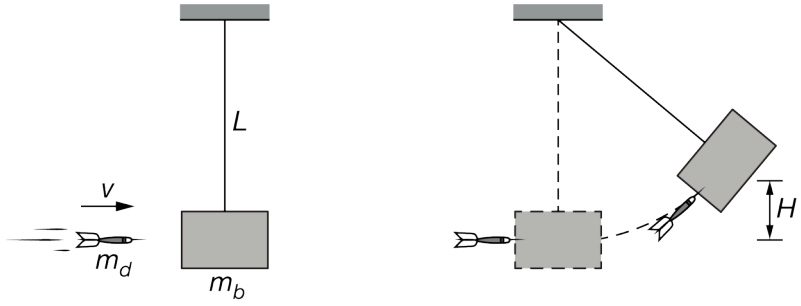
1. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (15 points, suggested time 25 minutes)



A dart with mass m_d is launched toward a block of mass m_b that is suspended from a string of length *L*, as shown at left above. The dart is moving horizontally with speed *v* immediately before it strikes the block and remains embedded. The dart-block system then swings up to a point at which its center of mass reaches a maximum height *H* above its starting position, as shown at right above. The block's mass m_b is greater than the dart's mass m_d.

(a) Indicate which object, the dart or the block, if either, experiences an impulse of larger magnitude during the collision. If the impulse is the same magnitude for both objects, state this explicitly. Briefly explain your reasoning.

(b) If the speed of the dart as it embeds itself into the block is greater than *v*, how would the maximum height reached by the center of mass of the dart-block system compare to *H* ? Explain your response without deriving or manipulating equations.

Two students are discussing the motion of the dart-block system at the instant it reaches height *H*. The students make the following statements:

Student 1: The speed of the system at height *H* is zero. Since it is moving in circular motion and centripetal acceleration is given by $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$, the acceleration must also be zero.

Student 2: The acceleration of the system at height *H* can't be zero, or the system would not swing back down. The acceleration must be equal to *g* at height *H*.

(c) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***correct*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

(d) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***incorrect*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***correct*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

(f) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***incorrect*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(g) The students correctly derive an equation for the maximum height: $H = \frac{1}{2g}\left(\frac{m_d v}{m_d + m_b}\right)^2$. Explain how this equation supports your claim in part (b).

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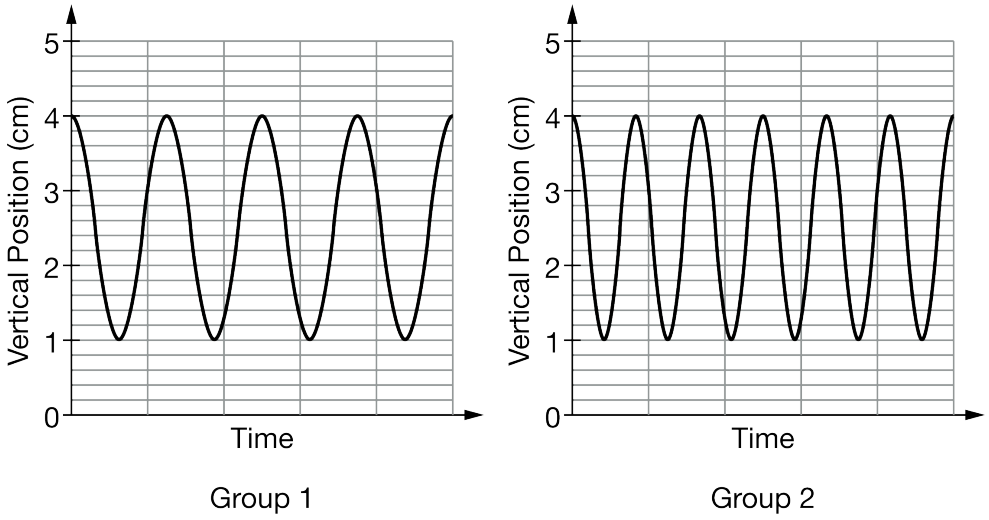
The students perform several experimental trials. In each trial, a different speed v is used, and the resulting maximum height reached by the center of mass of the dart-block system is measured.

(h) Which quantities could the students graph to produce a straight line whose slope can be used to find the acceleration due to gravity, g ?

After the collision, the dart-block system is then allowed to swing freely, and the students produce the graph shown below at left, labeled Group 1, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time. A second group of students makes a single change to the setup and then repeats the experiment. Their graph, labeled Group 2, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time is shown below at right.



Note: The time scale is the same for both graphs.

(i) Indicate the single difference in either the dart mass, initial dart speed, block mass, or string length between group 1's setup and group 2's setup that could lead to the difference between the two graphs. Justify your answer.

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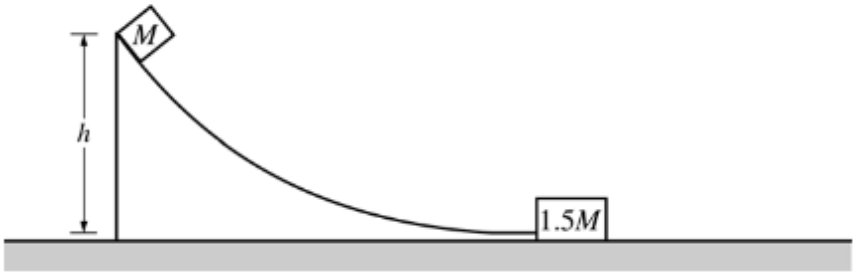

A small block of mass *M* is released from rest at the top of the curved frictionless ramp shown above. The block slides down the ramp and is moving with a speed $3.5v_0$ when it collides with a larger block of mass 1.5M at rest at the bottom of the incline. The larger block moves to the right at a speed $2v_0$ immediately after the collision. Express your answers to the following questions in terms of the given quantities and fundamental constants.

(a) Determine the height *h* of the ramp from which the small block was released.

(b) Determine the speed of the small block after the collision.

(c) The larger block slides a distance *D* before coming to rest. Determine the value of the coefficient of kinetic friction μ between the larger block and the surface on which it slides.

(d) Indicate whether the collision between the two blocks is elastic or inelastic. Justify your answer.

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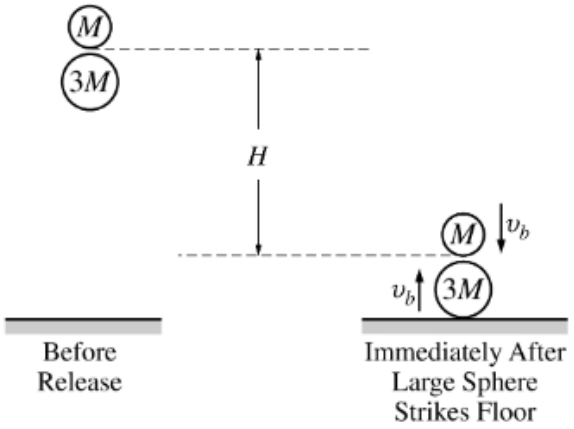

A small and a large sphere, of mass *M* and *3M* respectively, are arranged as shown on the left side of the figure above. The spheres are then simultaneously dropped from rest. When the large sphere strikes the floor, the spheres have fallen a height *H*. Assume air resistance is negligible. Express all answers in terms of *M, H*, and fundamental constants, as appropriate.

(a) Derive an expression for the speed v_b with which the large sphere strikes the floor.

Immediately after striking the floor, the large sphere is moving upward with speed v_b and collides head-on with the small sphere, which is moving downward with identical speed v_b at that instant. Immediately after the collision, the small sphere moves upward with speed v_S and the large sphere has speed v_L.

(b) Derive an equation that relates v_b, v_S, and v_L.

In this particular situation $v_L = 0$.

(c) Use your relationship from part (b) to determine the speed of the small sphere in terms of v_b.

(d) Indicate whether the collision is elastic. Justify your answer using your results from parts (b) and (c).

(e) Determine the height *h* that the small sphere rises above its lowest position, in terms of the original height *H*.

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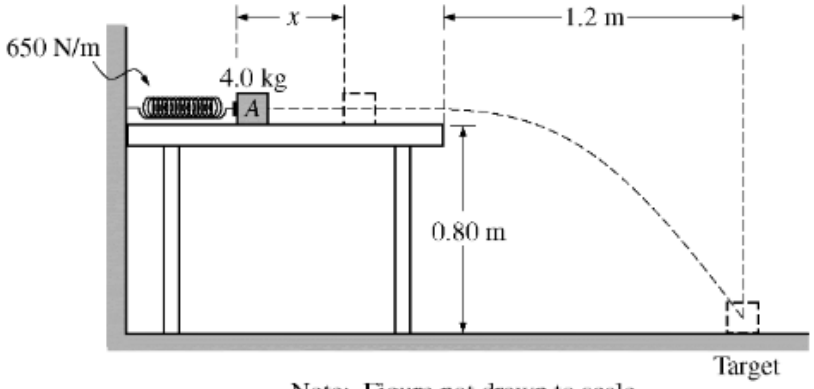

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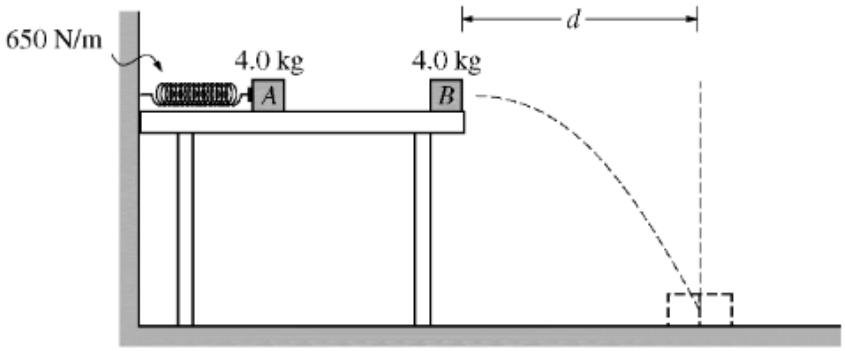
Block A of mass 4.0 kg is on a horizontal, frictionless tabletop and is placed against a spring of negligible mass and spring constant 650 N m. The other end of the spring is attached to a wall. The block is pushed toward the wall until the spring has been compressed a distance x, as shown above. The block is released and follows the trajectory shown, falling 0.80 m vertically and striking a target on the floor that is a horizontal distance of 1.2 m from the edge of the table. Air resistance is negligible.

(a) Calculate the time elapsed from the instant block A leaves the table to the instant it strikes the floor.

(b) Calculate the speed of the block as it leaves the table.

(c) Calculate the distance x the spring was compressed.

Block B, also of mass 4.0 kg, is now placed at the edge of the table. The spring is again compressed a distance x, and block A is released. As it nears the end of the table, it instantaneously collides with and sticks to block B. The blocks follow the trajectory shown in the figure below and strike the floor at a horizontal distance d from the edge of the table.



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(d) Calculate d if x is equal to the value determined in part (c).

(e) Consider the system consisting of the spring, the blocks, and the table. How does the total mechanical energy E_2 of the system just before the blocks leave the table compare to the total mechanical energy E_1 of the system just before block A is released?

____ $E_1 < E_2$ ____ $E_2 = E_1$ ____ $E_2 > E_1$

Justify your answer.

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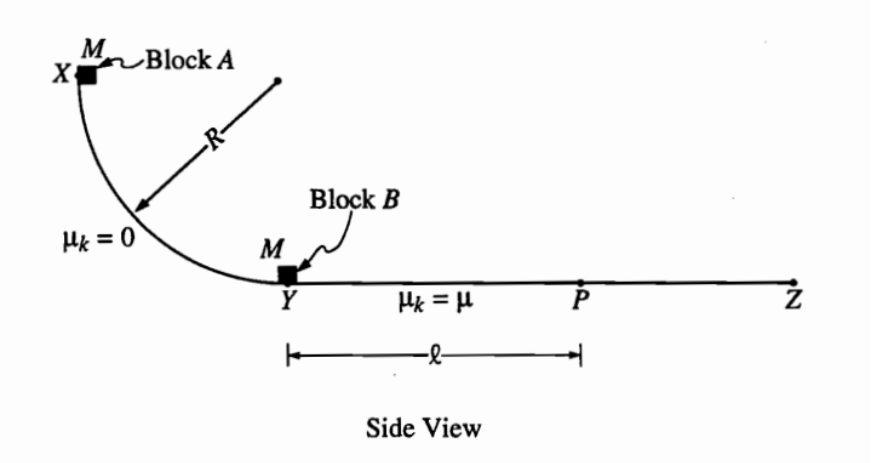

A track consists of a frictionless arc XY, which is a quarter-circle of radius R, and a rough horizontal section YZ. Block A of mass M is released from rest at point X, slides down the curved section of the track, and collides instantaneously and in elastically with identical block B at point Y. The two blocks move together to the right, sliding past point P, which is a distance L from point Y. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the blocks and the horizontal part of the track is μ. Express your answers in terms of M, L, μ, R, and g.

(a) Determine the speed of block A just before it hits block B.

(b) Determine the speed of the combined blocks immediately after the collision.

(c) Determine the amount of kinetic energy lost due to the collision.

(d) The specific heat of the material used to make the blocks is c. Determine the temperature rise that results from the collision in terms of c and the other given quantities. (Assume that no energy is transferred to the track or to the air surrounding the blocks.)

(e) Determine the additional thermal energy that is generated as the blocks move from Y to P.

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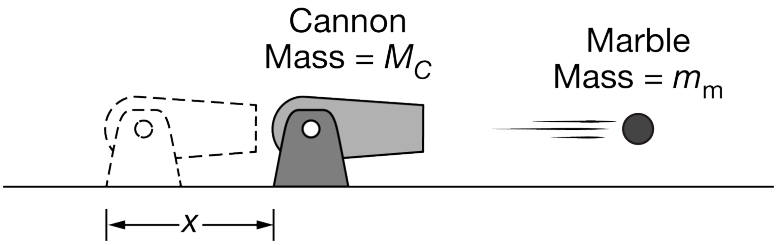

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Students launch marbles of mass m_{m} horizontally from a toy cannon of mass M_C, where M_C is always greater than m_{m}, as shown above. Each time a marble is launched, the cannon slides backward before coming to rest. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the cannon and the ground is μ (mu). For each launch, the students use a new marble with a different mass launched at the same speed v relative to the ground. The students record the distance x the cannon slides backward for each launch.

(a) Without manipulating equations, briefly describe what happens to the distance x that the cannon slides backward as students increase the mass of the marble. Explain your reasoning.

(b) Students find the following equation on the Internet to describe the distance x that the cannon slides backward: $x = \frac{m_{\text{m}}^2 v^2}{2g\mu M_C^2}$. Whether or not the equation is correct, is it consistent with your prediction in part (a)? Briefly justify your answer.

(c) Without manipulating or stating equations, briefly describe whether it would take more work to stop the marble or to stop the cannon after the marble has been launched. Justify your answer.

(d) Students correctly derive the following equation relating the work W done on an object initially at rest, the momentum p of the object, and the mass m of the object: $W = \frac{p^2}{2m}$. Is this equation consistent with your description in part (c)? Justify your answer.

Students then discuss the mechanical energy of the marble-cannon system during the short time interval in which the marble is accelerated inside the cannon and make the following claims:

Student 1: The cannon is pushing the marble forward, and the marble is pushing back with equal and opposite force. Since the work done by the cannon cancels out the work done by the marble, the mechanical energy of the system is constant.

Student 2: The mechanical energy of the system increases while the marble is being accelerated. The marble gains kinetic energy to the right, and the cannon gains an equal amount of kinetic energy to the left.

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases in student 1's statement are ***correct***, if either? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

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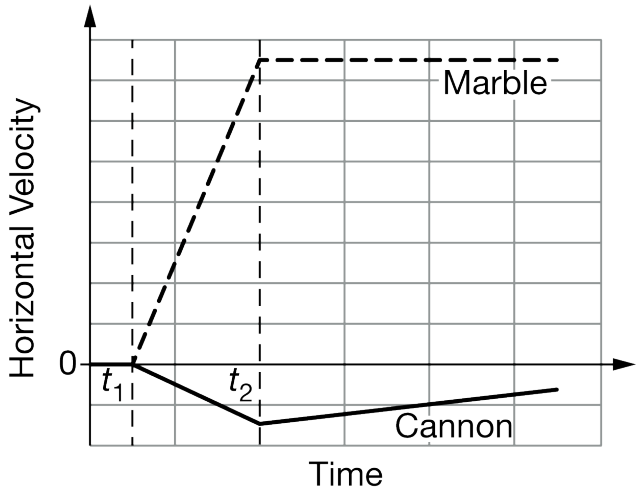

The graph above shows the horizontal component of the velocity of the marble (dashed line) and the cannon (solid line) relative to the ground. Before time t_1 the marble-cannon system is at rest. At time t_1 the marble begins accelerating within the cannon, and at time t_2 the marble leaves the cannon.

(i) Provide three pieces of evidence that together explain why the magnitude of the rate of change of the cannon's velocity is less than the magnitude of the rate of change of the marble's velocity during the time interval from t_1 to t_2.

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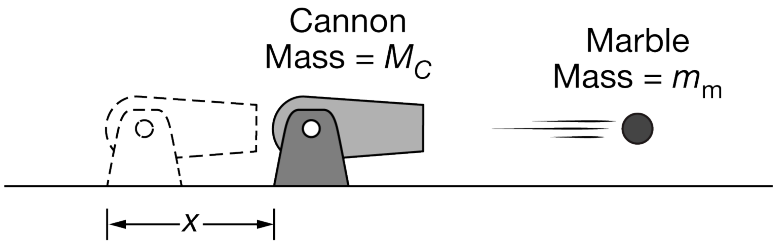

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Students launch identical marbles of mass m_{m} horizontally from a toy cannon of varying mass M_C, where M_C is always greater than m_{m}, as shown above. The students can attach weights to the cannon to change M_C. Each time a marble is launched, the cannon slides backward before coming to rest. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the cannon and the ground is μ (mu). For each launch, the students vary the mass of the cannon and launch a marble with the same speed v relative to the ground. The students record the distance x that the cannon slides backward.

(a) Without manipulating equations, explain how the distance x that the cannon slides backward changes, if at all, when marbles are launched from more massive cannons.

(b) Students find the following equation on the Internet to describe the distance x that the cannon slides backward: $x = \frac{m_{\text{m}}^2 v^2}{2g\mu M_C^2}$. Whether or not the equation is correct, is it consistent with your prediction in part (a)? Briefly justify your answer.

(c) If constant horizontal forces were exerted over the same distance on the cannon and on the marble after the launch, which object would require a force with a greater magnitude to completely stop it? Without manipulating or referencing equations, briefly explain your reasoning.

(d) Students correctly derive the following equation relating the force F exerted on an object initially at rest over a distance d, the mass m of the object, and the final momentum p of the object: $F = \frac{p^2}{2md}$. Is this equation consistent with your description in part (c)? Justify your answer.

Students then discuss the mechanical energy of the marble after it has been launched by the cannon but before it reaches the ground. Both students agree that air resistance is negligible and make the following claims.

Student 1: The mechanical energy of the marble is constant. There are no external forces exerted on the marble, so its energy does not change.

Student 2: The mechanical energy decreases as the marble falls. This happens because the gravitational force is doing work on the marble.

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases in student 1's statement are ***correct***, if either? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

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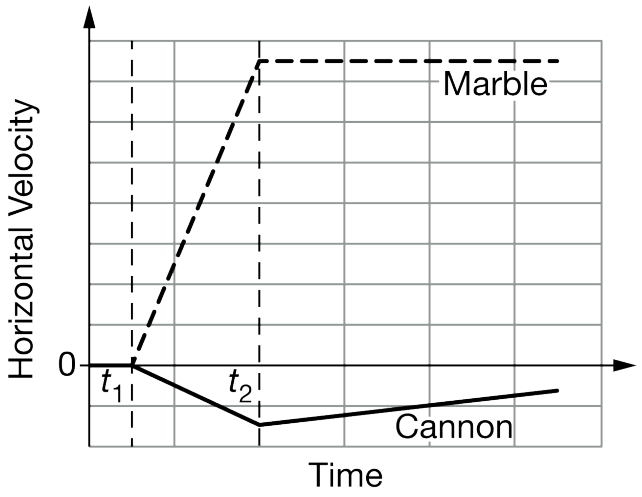

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(i) Describe the motion of the center of mass of the marble-cannon system during the time interval from t_1 to t_2. Explain your reasoning.

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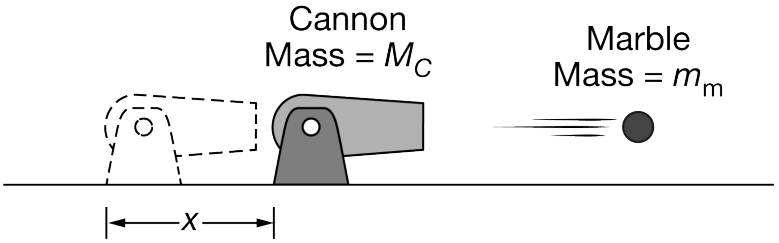

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Students launch identical marbles of mass m_{m} horizontally from a toy cannon of mass M_C, where $M_C > m_{\text{m}}$, as shown above. The cannon can be adjusted to change the launch speed v of the marble relative to the ground. Each time a marble is launched, the cannon slides backward before coming to rest. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the cannon and the ground is μ (mu). For each launch, the students vary the launch speed v and record the distance x the cannon slides backward for each launch speed.

(a) Without manipulating equations, briefly describe what happens to the distance x that the cannon slides backward as students increase the launch speed. Explain your reasoning.

(b) Students find the following equation on the Internet to describe the distance x that the cannon slides backward: $x = \frac{m_{\text{m}}^2 v^2}{2g\mu M_C^2}$. Whether or not the equation is correct, is it consistent with your prediction in part (a)? Briefly justify your answer.

(c) Without manipulating or stating equations, briefly describe whether the cannon or the marble has more kinetic energy immediately after the marble leaves the cannon. Justify your answer.

(d) Students correctly derive an equation relating the kinetic energy K, the momentum p, and the mass m of an object: $K = \frac{p^2}{2m}$. Is this equation consistent with your description in part (c)? Justify your answer.

Students then discuss the mechanical energy of the marble after it has been launched by the cannon but before it reaches the ground. Both students agree that air resistance is negligible and make the following claims.

Student 1: There are two external forces exerted on the marble while it is in the air, the gravitational force and the force exerted by the cannon. Therefore, the mechanical energy of the marble changes while it is in the air.

Student 2: The cannon does not exert a force on the marble after the launch. Therefore, the mechanical energy of the marble is constant.

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases in student 1's statement are ***correct***, if either? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

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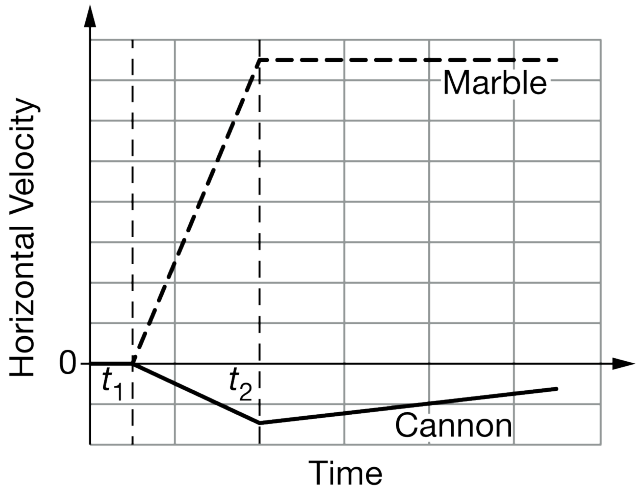

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(i) Describe how to find the change in the distance between the center of mass of the cannon and the center of mass of the marble from time t_1 to time t_2. Assume that before time t_1 the center of mass of the marble is at the same position as the center of mass of the cannon.

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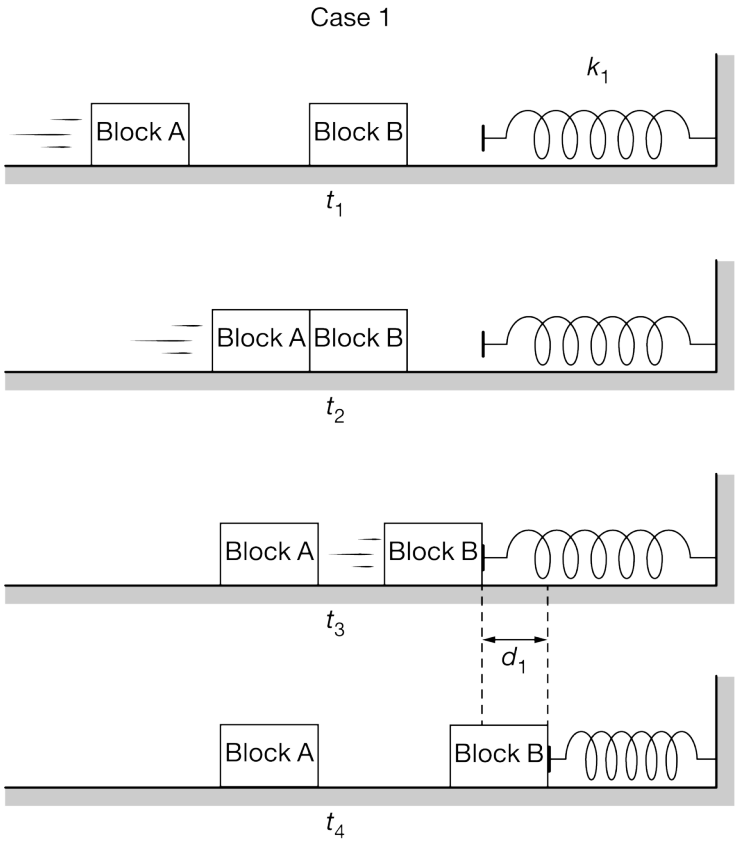

The figure above shows Case 1 of an experiment, in which the following events occur.

- At time t_1, block A slides to the right along a horizontal surface toward identical block B, which is at rest.
- At time t_2, block A collides elastically with block B and block A comes to rest.
- At time t_3, the right side of block B reaches an ideal, horizontal spring with negligible mass and spring constant k_1. The spring is initially at its relaxed (uncompressed) length and fixed to a wall.
- At time t_4, the spring is compressed a maximum distance d_1 and block B is instantaneously at rest.

Assume there is negligible friction between each block and the surface. For parts (a)-(d), consider the system consisting of block A, block B, and the spring.

(a) Indicate whether the linear momentum of the two-block–spring system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_1 to immediately before t_3, and explain why.

(b) Indicate whether the mechanical energy of the two-block–spring system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_1 to immediately before t_3, and explain why.

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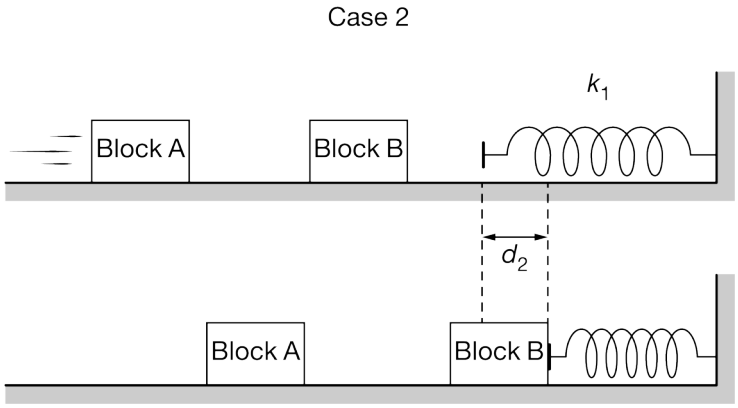
(c) Indicate whether the linear momentum of the two-block–spring system is either constant or not constant during the time interval t_3 from to t_4, and explain why.

(d) Indicate whether the mechanical energy of the two-block–spring system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_3 to t_4, and explain why.



In Case 2 shown above, the setup is identical to Case 1 except that the speed of block A before colliding with block B is greater than in Case 1. Block A again comes to rest immediately after colliding with block B. The spring compresses a maximum distance d_2.

(e) How does the new maximum spring compression d_2 compare to d_1, the spring compression in Case 1? (Is d_2 greater than d_1, the same as d_1, or less than d_1 ?)

(f) Briefly explain your reasoning for part (e).

Students attempt to determine a general equation for the maximum compression distance d of a spring with spring constant k. Blocks A and B each have mass m and block A has initial speed v. The students come up with the following two equations.

Equation 1: $d = C_1\sqrt{\frac{m}{vk}}$ **Equation 2:** $d = C_2\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}v$

In the two equations, C_1 and C_2 are positive constants with appropriate units.

(g) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or deriving the correct equation, explain which equation better supports your explanation for the compression distance in part (f).

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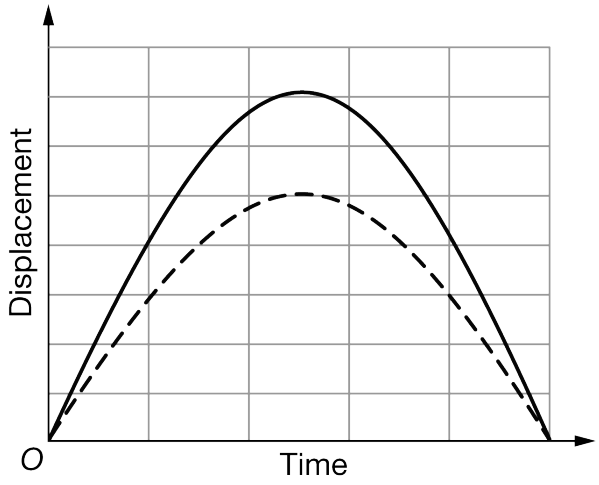

(h) The graph above shows the displacement of the blocks while block B is in contact with the spring. The solid line corresponds to either Case 1 or Case 2, while the dashed line corresponds to the other case. Does the dashed-line curve correspond to Case 1 (slower block A) or Case 2 (faster block A)? Explain your reasoning.

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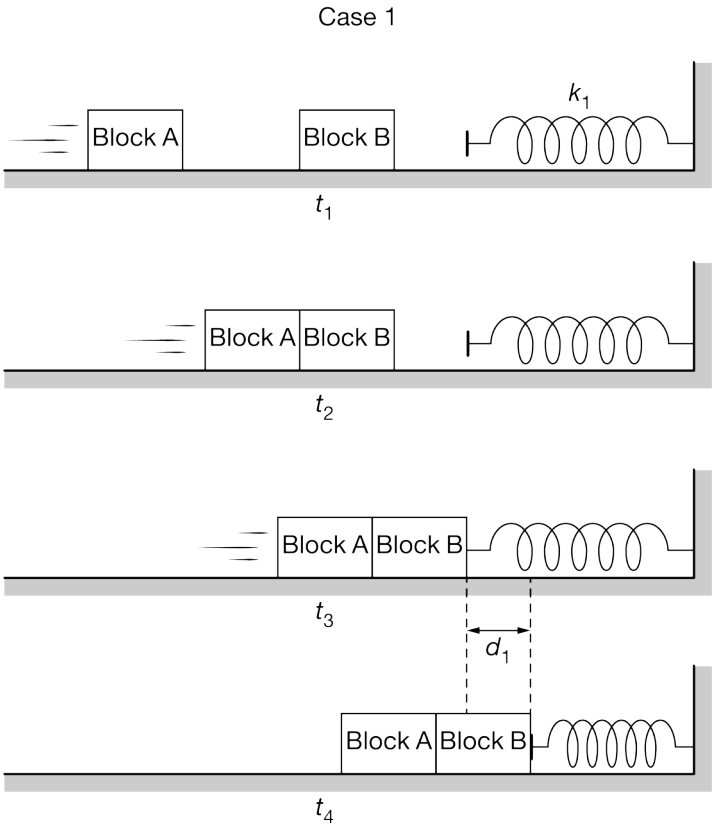

The figure above shows Case 1 of an experiment, in which the following events occur.

- At time t_1, block A slides to the right along a horizontal surface toward identical block B, which is at rest.
- At time t_2, block A collides with and sticks to block B.
- At time t_3, block A and block B are still stuck together and the right side of block B reaches an ideal, horizontal spring with negligible mass and spring constant k_1. The spring is initially at its relaxed (uncompressed) length and fixed to a wall.
- At time t_4, the spring is compressed a maximum distance d_1 and the blocks are instantaneously at rest.

Assume there is negligible friction between each block and the surface.

A student observes the experiment and makes the following claim.

"*Since some mechanical energy is dissipated when the blocks stick together, the momentum of the two-block system decreases.*"

(a) Indicate whether the claim is ***correct*** or ***incorrect*** and explain why.

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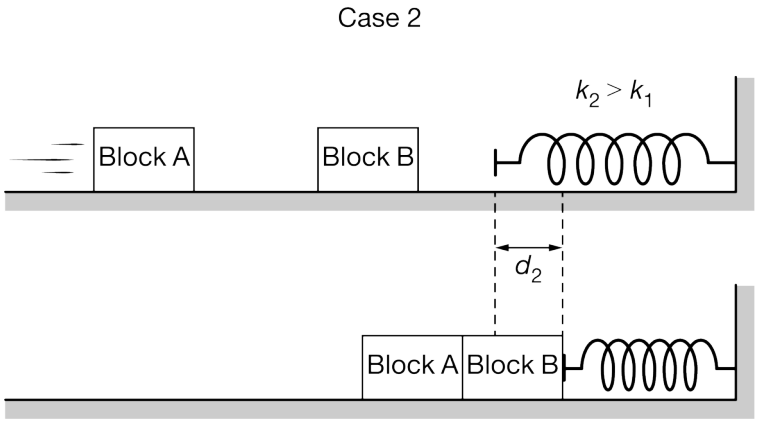
Another student makes the following claim about the collision between block A and block B.

"*When the blocks collide the total momentum of the two-block system doesn't change, so the kinetic energy of the system must also be constant.*"

(b) Indicate whether the claim is ***correct*** or ***incorrect*** and explain why.

(c) During the time interval from t_3 to t_4, is the magnitude of the acceleration of the two-block system increasing, decreasing, or constant? Briefly explain why.

(d) During the time interval from t_3 to t_4, does the spring do positive, negative, or zero work on the two-block system? Briefly explain your answer.



In Case 2 shown above, the setup is identical to Case 1 except that a stiffer spring is used. The spring in Case 2 has a spring constant k_2 that is greater than k_1. Block A slides with the same speed as in Case 1 and the spring compresses a maximum distance d_2.

(e) How does the new maximum spring compression distance d_2 in Case 2 compare to d_1 in Case 1? (Is d_2 greater than d_1, the same as d_1, or less than d_1 ?)

(f) Briefly explain your reasoning for part (e).

Students attempt to determine a general equation for the maximum compression distance d of a spring with spring constant k. Block A has mass m_A and initial speed v, and block B has mass m_B. The students come up with the following two equations.

Equation 1: $d = \frac{C_1 m_A v}{\sqrt{(k)(m_A+m_B)}}$ **Equation 2:** $d = C_2\left(k\sqrt{m_A + m_B}\right)v$

In the two equations, C_1 and C_2 are positive constants with appropriate units.

(g) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or deriving the correct equation, explain which equation better supports your explanation for the compression distance in part (f).

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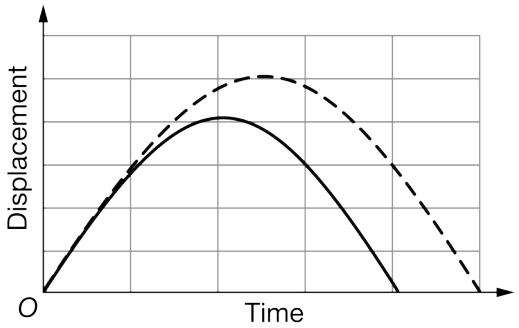

(h) The graph above shows the displacement of the blocks while block B is in contact with the spring. The solid line corresponds to either Case 1 or Case 2, while the dashed line corresponds to the other case. Does the solid-line curve correspond to Case 1 (with a smaller spring constant) or Case 2 (with a larger spring constant)? Explain your reasoning.

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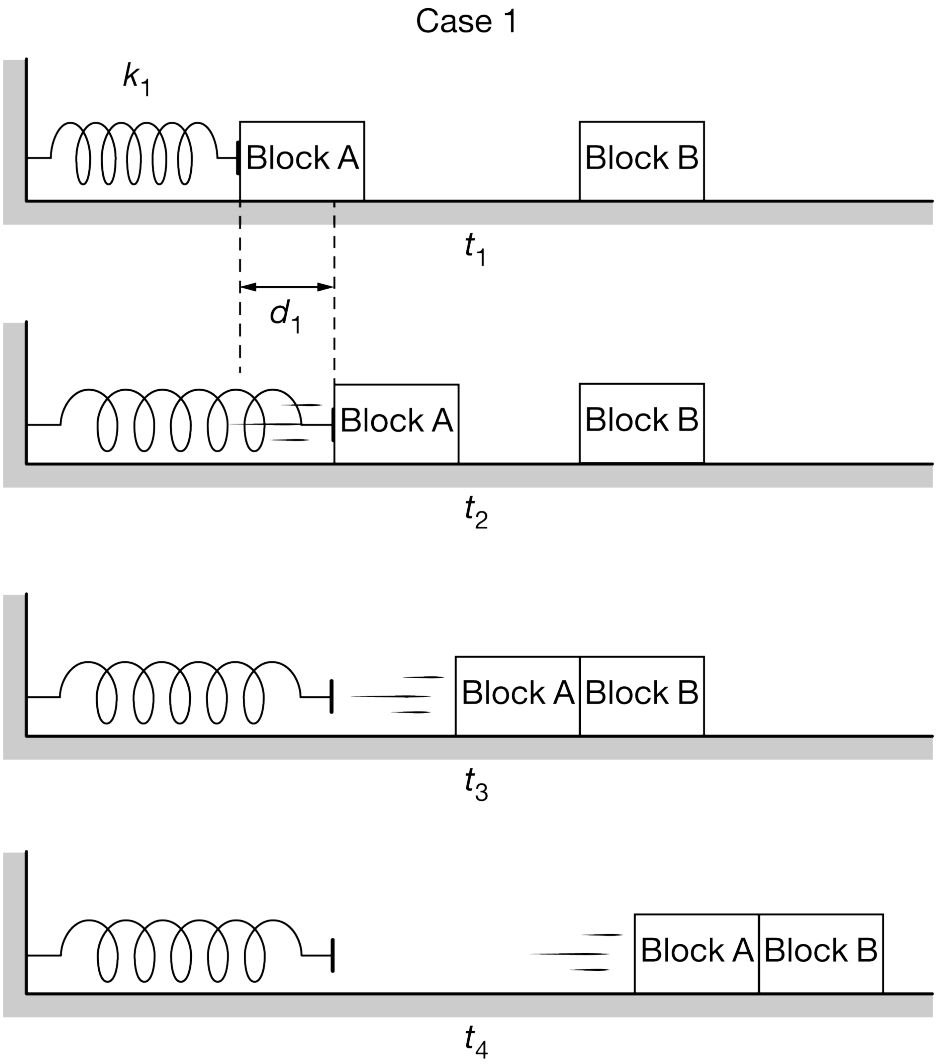
11. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (15 points, suggested time 25 minutes)



The figure above shows Case 1 of an experiment. Initially, block A is held in place while in contact with a horizontal spring with spring constant k_1 that is compressed a distance d_1 and fixed to a wall. The following events occur.

- At time t_1, block A is released from rest.
- At time t_2, the ideal spring reaches its uncompressed length, and block A leaves the spring.
- At time t_3, block A collides with and sticks to identical block B, which is initially at rest.
- At time t_4, block A and block B are sliding together along the surface.

Assume there is negligible friction between each block and the surface.

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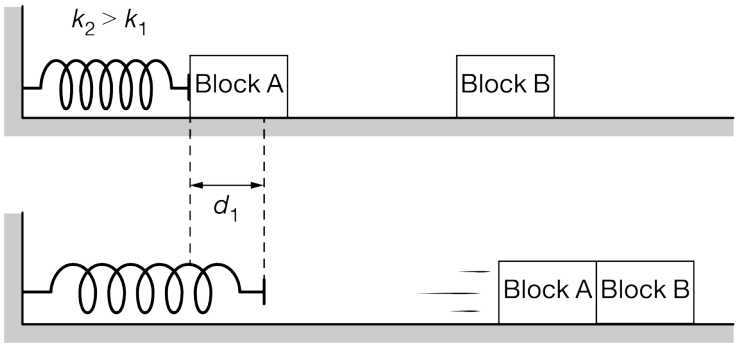
(a) Indicate whether the speed of the center of mass of the two-block system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_1 to t_2, and explain why.

(b) Indicate whether the mechanical energy of the two-block system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_1 to t_2, and explain why.

(c) Indicate whether the speed of the center of mass of the two-block system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_2 to t_4, and explain why.

(d) Indicate whether the mechanical energy of the two-block system is either constant or not constant during the time interval from t_2 to t_4, and explain why.

Case 2



In Case 2 shown above, the setup is identical to Case 1 except that a stiffer spring is used. The spring in Case 2 has a spring constant k_2 that is greater than k_1. The spring is compressed the same distance, d_1, before block A is released. As in Case 1, the blocks stick together when they collide.

(e) Is the speed of the blocks after the collision in Case 2 greater than, less than, or the same as the speed of the blocks after the collision in Case 1?

(f) Briefly explain your reasoning for part (e).

Students attempt to determine a general equation for the speed v of the blocks after the collision. A spring with spring constant k is initially compressed a distance d, block A has mass m_A, and block B has mass m_B. The students come up with the following two equations.

Equation 1: $v = C_1\left(\frac{m_B+m_A}{\sqrt{km_A}}\right)d$ **Equation 2:** $v = C_2\left(\frac{\sqrt{km_A}}{m_A+m_B}\right)d$

In the two equations, C_1 and C_2 are positive constants with appropriate units.

(g) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or deriving the correct equation, explain which equation better supports your explanation for the speed of the two blocks in part (f).

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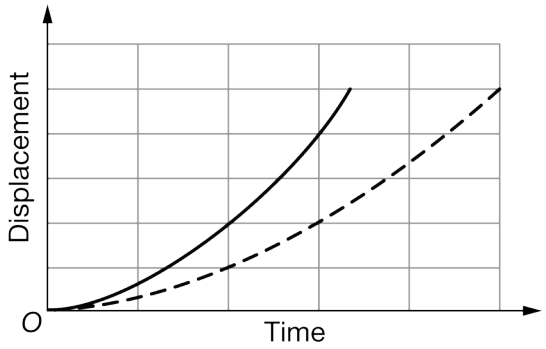

The graph above shows the displacement of block A while it is in contact with the spring for Case 1 and Case 2. The solid line corresponds to either Case 1 or Case 2, while the dashed line corresponds to the other case.

(h) Does the solid-line curve best correspond to Case 1 (with a smaller spring constant) or to Case 2 (with a larger spring constant)? Explain your reasoning.

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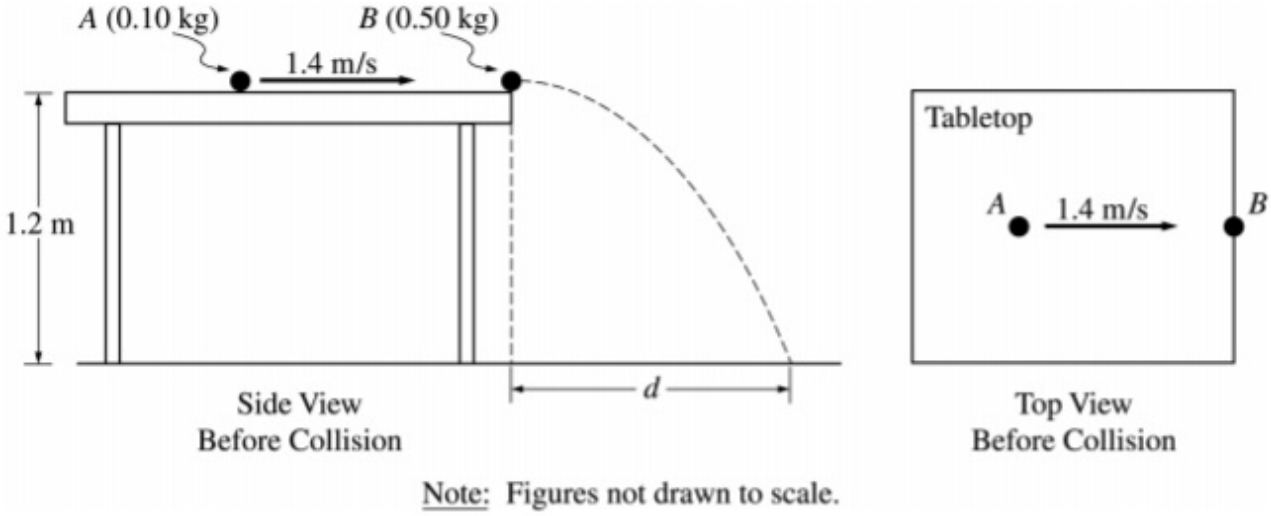
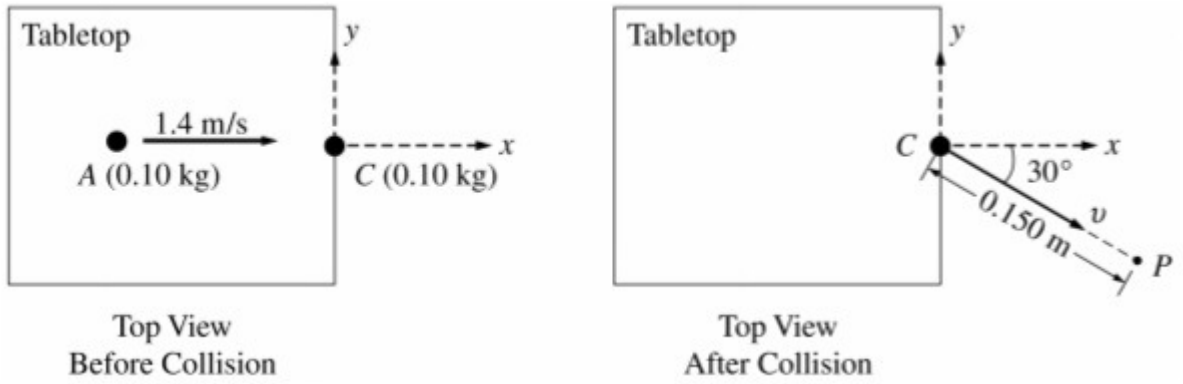


An incident ball *A* of mass 0.10 kg is sliding at 1.4 m/s on the horizontal tabletop of negligible friction shown above. It makes a head-on collision with a target ball *B* of mass 0.50 kg at rest at the edge of the table. As a result of the collision, the incident ball rebounds, sliding backwards at 0.70 m/s immediately after the collision.

a. Calculate the speed of the 0.50 kg target ball immediately after the collision.

The tabletop is 1.20 m above a level, horizontal floor. The target ball is projected horizontally and initially strikes the floor at a horizontal displacement *d* from the point of collision.

b. Calculate the horizontal displacement *d*.



In another experiment on the same table, the target ball *B* is replaced by target ball *C* of mass 0.10 kg. The incident ball *A* again slides at 1.4 m/s, as shown above left, but this time makes a glancing collision with the target ball *C* that is at rest at the edge of the table. The target ball *C* strikes the floor at point *P*, which is at a horizontal displacement of 0.15 m from the point of the collision, and at a horizontal angle of 30° from the +*x*-axis, as shown above right.

c. Calculate the speed *v* of the target ball *C* immediately after the collision.

d. Calculate the *y*-component of incident ball *A*'s momentum immediately after the collision.

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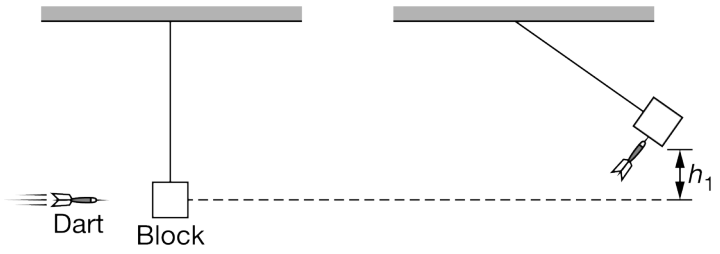


Figure I
Before Collision

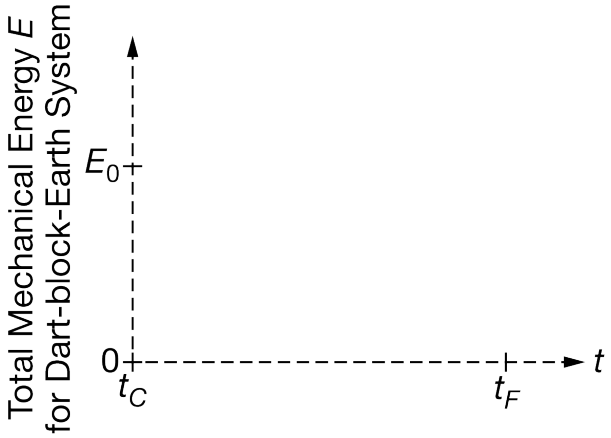
Figure II
Center of Mass at Height h_1

(12 points, suggested time 25 minutes)

A block with mass M_1 hangs at rest from a string that is attached to a ceiling. A dart with mass m_D is moving horizontally with speed v_0 immediately before colliding with the block, as shown in Figure I. The dart remains embedded in the block. The center of mass of the dart-block system swings up to a maximum height h_1 above its initial position before stopping momentarily, as shown in Figure II.

(a) The dart collides with the block at time t_C, and the center of mass of the dart-block system reaches its maximum height at time t_F.

i. Consider the dart-block-Earth system. E is the total mechanical energy of the dart-block-Earth system, and immediately before time t_C it is equal to E_0. On the axes below, sketch E as a function of time t for $t = t_C$ to $t = t_F$.



ii. Now consider the system containing just the block and the dart. The magnitude of the momentum of the dart-block system is p, and immediately before time t_C it is equal to p_0. On the axes below, sketch p as a function of time t for $t = t_C$ to $t = t_F$.

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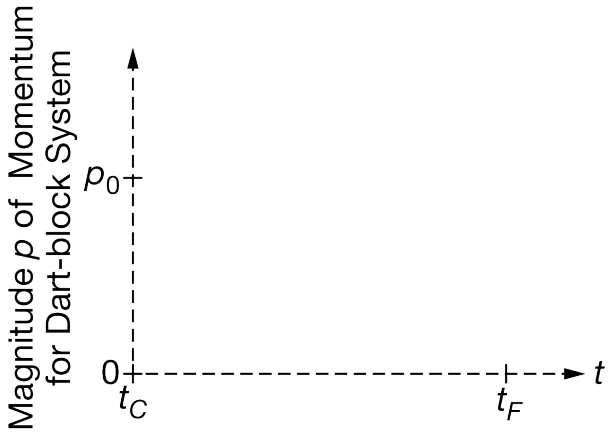

(b) The block is replaced with a different block of mass M_2, where M_2 is greater than M_1. The experiment is repeated with the same dart moving horizontally at the same speed v_0, and the center of mass of this dart-block system reaches a maximum height h_2 above its initial position. How does h_2 compare to h_1?

____ $h_2 < h_1$ ____ $h_2 = h_1$ ____ $h_2 > h_1$

Without including equations in your response, explain your reasoning.

(c) Consider the general case of a block of mass M_B hanging at rest and a dart of mass m_D moving horizontally with speed v_0. The dart hits and embeds in the block, and the center of mass of the dart-block system swings up to a maximum height h above its initial position. Derive an equation for h in terms of m_D, M_B, v_0, and physical constants, as appropriate.

(d) Consider the scenario in part (b) above, where the block has mass $M_2 > M_1$. Does your general equation for the maximum height from part (c) agree with your reasoning in part (b)?

____ Yes ____ No

Explain how your general equation from part (c) either supports or does not support your reasoning in part (b).

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14. This question is a short free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question.

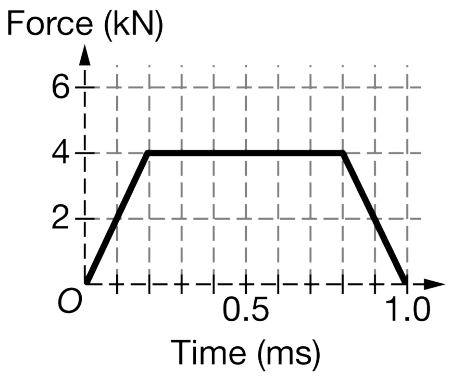
(7 points, suggested time 13 minutes)

A student in a physics lab drops a ball of mass $0.50\ \text{kg}$ from a height of $1.5\ \text{m}$ onto a force plate. The ball hits the force plate and rebounds upward. The student records the maximum height of the ball after it rebounds to be $1.1\ \text{m}$.

(a) The student uses their observations to correctly claim that the collision between the ball and the force plate is inelastic. Use the student's observations to justify their claim.

(b) Calculate the impulse exerted on the ball by the force plate.

The force plate records the following data for the magnitude of the force as a function of time for the $1\ \text{ms}$ the ball was in contact with the force sensor.



(c) Does the force plate data provide a reliable measurement of the impulse exerted on the ball by the force sensor? Justify your answer

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15. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question.

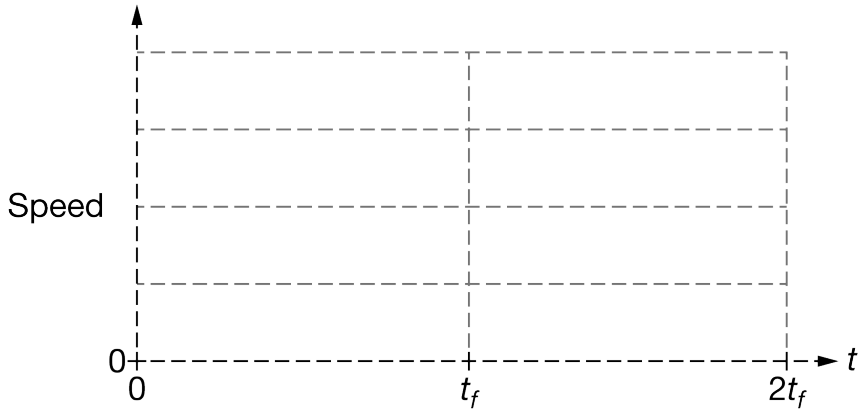
(12 points, suggested time 25 minutes)

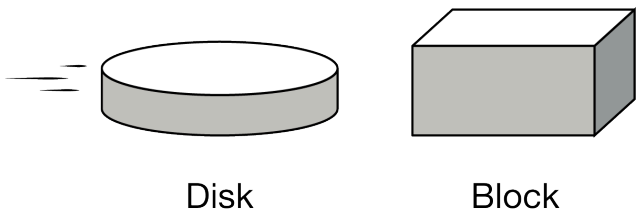
(a) A student of mass M_S, standing on a smooth surface, uses a stick to push a disk of mass M_D. The student exerts a constant horizontal force of magnitude F_H over the time interval from time $t = 0$ to $t = t_f$ while pushing the disk. Assume there is negligible friction between the disk and the surface.

i. Assuming the disk begins at rest, determine an expression for the final speed v_D of the disk relative to the surface. Express your answer in terms of F_H, t_f, M_S, M_D, and physical constants, as appropriate.

ii. Assume there is negligible friction between the student's shoes and the surface. After time t_f, the student slides with speed v_S. Derive an equation for the ratio v_D/v_S. Express your answer in terms of M_S, M_D, and physical constants, as appropriate.

(b) Assume that the student's mass is greater than that of the disk $(M_S > M_D)$. On the grid below, sketch graphs of the speeds of both the student and the disk as functions of time t between $t = 0$ and $t = 2t_f$. Assume that neither the disk nor the student collides with anything after $t = t_f$. On the vertical axis, label v_D and v_S. Label the graphs "S" and "D" for the student and the disk, respectively.





(c) The disk is now moving at a constant speed v_1 on the surface toward a block of mass M_B, which is at rest on the surface, as shown above. The disk and block collide head-on and stick together, and the center of mass of the disk-block system moves with speed v_{cm}.

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i. Suppose the mass of the disk is much greater than the mass of the block. Estimate the velocity of the center of mass of the disk-block system. Explain how you arrived at your prediction without deriving it mathematically.

ii. Suppose the mass of the disk is much less than the mass of the block. Estimate the velocity of the center of mass of the disk-block system. Explain how you arrived at your prediction without deriving it mathematically.

iii. Now suppose that neither object's mass is much greater than the other but that they are not necessarily equal. Derive an equation for v_{cm}. Express your answer in terms of v_1, M_D, M_B, and physical constants, as appropriate.

iv. Consider the scenario from part (c)(i), where the mass of the disk was much greater than the mass of the block. Does your equation for v_{cm} from part (c)(iii) agree with your reasoning from part (c)(i) ?

____ Yes ____ No

Explain your reasoning by addressing why, according to your equation, v_{cm} becomes (or approaches) a certain value when M_D is much greater than M_B.

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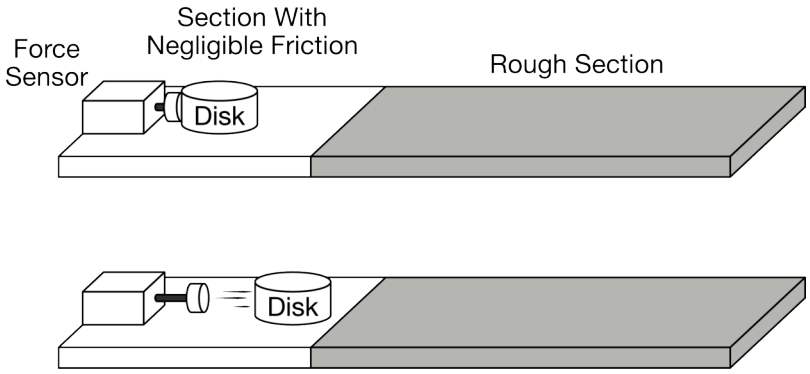
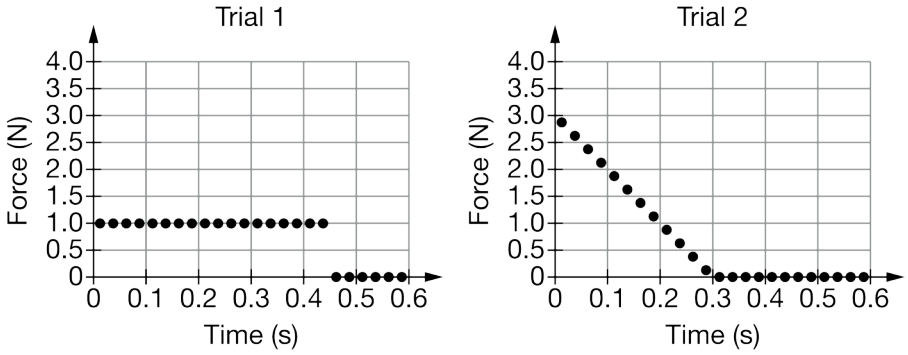
16. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (15 points, suggested time 25 minutes)



Students use a force sensor to push a disk of mass m across a horizontal table. The force sensor pushes the disk over a short time interval. The magnitude of the force and the duration of the time interval can be set by the students. After being pushed by the sensor, the disk first slides along a surface with negligible friction and then enters a rough section where friction is not negligible, as shown above.

The students perform two trials in which the magnitude of the force exerted by the force sensor and the time interval are different. They create the graphs of force as a function of time shown below. The disk enters the rough section in each trial after $t = 0.5$ s.



(a) In which of the two trials, if either, is the change in momentum of the disk between 0 seconds and 0.5 seconds greater? Explain your reasoning.

(b) In both trials, the disk comes to rest in the rough section before reaching the edge of the table. In which trial, if either, does the disk travel a greater distance in the rough section? Explain your reasoning.

(c) The students repeat Trial 1 with a disk that is made from the same material as the original disk and has the same mass as the original disk but that has a larger radius (and therefore more surface area is in contact with the surface). The same force is exerted on the new disk over the same time interval as in Trial 1. Would the distance traveled in the rough section by the new disk be greater than, less than, or the same as the distance traveled by the original disk in Trial 1? Explain your reasoning.

Students derive the following equation, which may or may not be correct, to describe the distance D traveled by

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the original disk on the rough section: $D = \frac{(F_{\text{avg}}{}^2)t^2}{2\mu mg}$, where F_{avg} is the average force exerted by the sensor, t is the time that the disk is in contact with the sensor, μ (mu) is the coefficient of kinetic friction, and m is the mass of the disk.

(d) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or attempting to derive this equation, indicate whether the above equation is consistent with your answer in part (b). Explain your reasoning.

A student measures the distance x_0 that the disk travels while in contact with the force sensor in Trial 1. The disk then travels a distance D along the rough section. The student claims that if a force with twice the magnitude of the original force was exerted on the disk for a distance x_0, the disk would travel a distance $2D$ in the rough section.

(e) Is the above claim correct or incorrect? Justify your answer without citing or manipulating equations.

The student finds the following equation on the Internet describing the relationship between the magnitude F of the force exerted on the disk, the distance x the disk is pushed, and the distance D it slides in the rough section: $D = C\frac{Fx}{\mu mg}$, where C is a constant with appropriate units.

(f) Indicate whether or not the equation above is consistent with your statement in part (e) relating D and x. Explain your reasoning.

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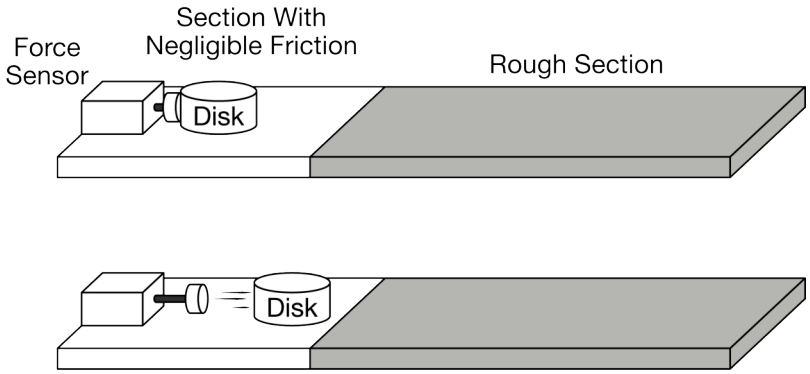
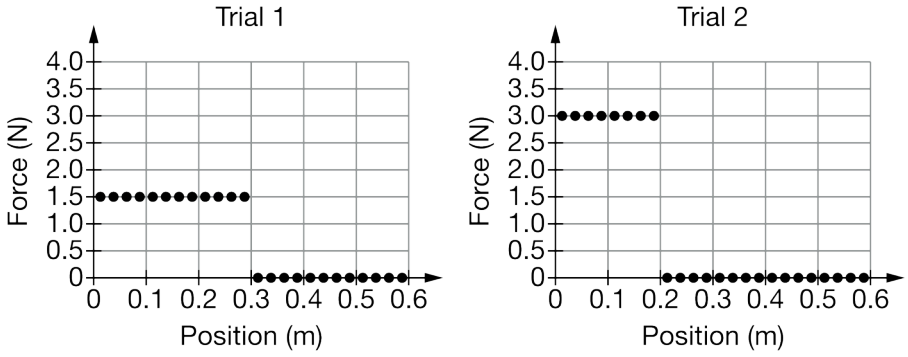


Students use a force sensor to push a disk of mass m across a horizontal table. The force sensor pushes the disk over a short distance. The magnitude of the force and the distance the disk is pushed can be set by the students. After being pushed by the sensor, the disk first slides along a surface with negligible friction and then enters a rough section where friction is not negligible, as shown above.

The students perform two trials in which the magnitude of the force exerted by the force sensor and the distance the disk is pushed are different. They create the graphs of force as a function of position shown below. The disk enters the rough surface in each trial after moving 0.6 meters.



(a) In which of the two trials, if either, is the change in energy of the disk the greatest during the interval shown in the graphs? Explain your reasoning.

(b) In both trials, the disk comes to rest in the rough section before reaching the edge of the table. In which trial, if either, does the disk travel a shorter distance in the rough section? Explain your reasoning.

(c) The students repeat Trial 2 with a disk that is made from the same material as the original disk but that is less massive. The same constant force is exerted on the less massive disk over the same distance as in Trial 2. Would the distance traveled in the rough section by the less massive disk be greater than, less than, or the same as the distance traveled in the rough section by the original disk in Trial 2? Explain your reasoning.

Students derive the following equation, which may or may not be correct, to describe the distance D traveled by the original disk in Trial 2 on the rough section: $D = \frac{Fx}{\mu mg}$, where F is the force exerted by the sensor, x is the

distance over which the sensor exerts a force on the disk, μ (mu) is the coefficient of kinetic friction, and m is the mass of the disk.

(d) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or attempting to derive this equation, indicate whether the equation is consistent with your answer in part (b). Explain your reasoning.

A student measures the time t that the disk is in contact with the force sensor in Trial 2. The disk then travels a distance D along the rough section. The student claims that if the same force is exerted on the disk for a time $2t$, the disk would travel a distance $2D$ in the rough section.

(e) Is the above claim correct or incorrect? Justify your answer without citing or manipulating equations.

The student finds the following equation on the Internet describing the relationship between the time t the disk is pushed and the distance D it slides in the rough section: $D = C\frac{F^2t^2}{2\mu m^2 g}$, where C is a constant with appropriate units.

(f) Indicate whether or not the above equation is consistent with your statement in part (e) relating D and t. Explain your reasoning.

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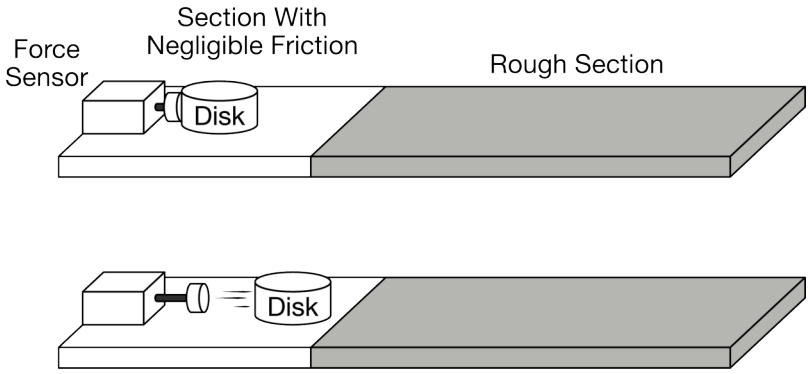
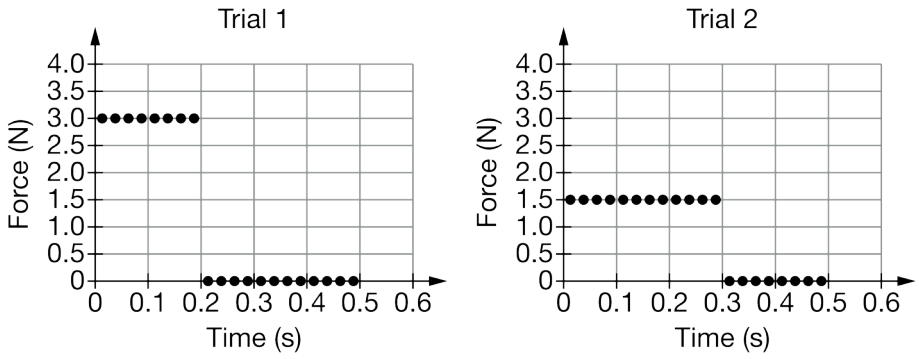


Students use a force sensor to push a disk of mass m across a horizontal table. The force sensor pushes the disk with a force of constant magnitude over a short time interval. The magnitude of the force and the duration of the time interval can be set by the students. After being pushed by the sensor, the disk first slides along a surface with negligible friction and then enters a rough section where friction is not negligible, as shown above.

The students perform two trials in which the magnitude of the force exerted by the force sensor and the time interval are different. They create the graphs of force as a function of time shown below. The disk enters the rough surface in each trial after $t = 0.5$ s.



(a) In which of the two trials, if either, is the speed of the disk the greatest at time 0.5 seconds? Explain your reasoning.

(b) In both trials, the disk comes to rest in the rough section before reaching the edge of the table. In which trial, if either, does the disk travel a greater distance in the rough section? Explain your reasoning.

(c) The students repeat Trial 1 with a disk that is made from the same material as the original disk but that is more massive. The same force is exerted on the more massive disk over the same time interval as in Trial 1. Would the distance traveled in the rough section by the more massive disk be greater than, less than, or the same as the distance traveled by the original disk in Trial 1? Explain your reasoning.

Students derive the following equation, which may or may not be correct, to describe the distance D traveled by the original disk on the rough section: $D = \frac{F^2 t^2}{2\mu m g}$, where F is the force exerted by the sensor, t is the time that

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the disk is in contact with the sensor, μ (mu) is the coefficient of kinetic friction, and m is the mass of the disk.

(d) Without algebraic manipulation of equations or attempting to derive this equation, indicate whether the above equation is consistent with your answer in part (b). Explain your reasoning.

A student measures the distance x_0 that the disk travels while in contact with the force sensor in Trial 1. The disk then travels a distance D along the rough section. The student claims that if the same force is exerted on the disk for a distance $2x_0$, the disk would travel a distance $2D$ in the rough section.

(e) Is the above claim correct or incorrect? Justify your answer without citing or manipulating equations.

The student finds the following equation on the Internet describing the relationship between the distance x the disk is pushed and the distance D it slides in the rough section: $D = C\frac{Fx^2}{\mu mg}$, where C is a constant with appropriate units.

(f) Indicate whether or not the equation above is consistent with your statement in part (e) relating D and x. Explain your reasoning.

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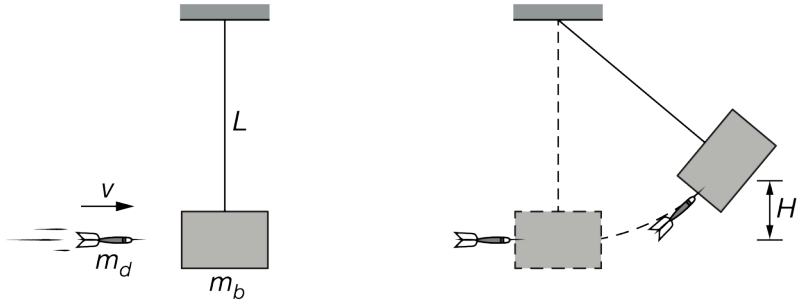
19. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (15 points, suggested time 25 minutes)



A dart with mass m_d is launched toward a block of mass m_b that is suspended from a string of length *L*, as shown at left above. The dart is moving horizontally with speed *v* immediately before it strikes the block and remains embedded. The dart-block system then swings up to a point at which its center of mass reaches a maximum height *H* above its starting position, as shown at right above. The block's mass m_b is greater than the dart's mass m_d.

(a) Indicate which object, if either, experiences a net horizontal force of larger magnitude during the collision. If the net horizontal force is the same magnitude for both objects, state this explicitly. Briefly explain your reasoning.

(b) If the experiment was repeated with a dart with the same horizontal speed but with mass smaller than m_d, how would the maximum height reached by the center of mass of the dart-block system compare to *H* ? Explain your response without deriving or manipulating equations.

Two students are discussing the motion of the dart-block system at the instant it first reaches a height of $H/2$, and they make the following statements:

Student 1: When the dart-block system is at a height of $H/2$, the kinetic energy of the system is half of its maximum value, and therefore the speed of the system is half of its maximum speed.

Student 2: When the dart-block system reaches a height of $H/2$, the centripetal force is equal to the tension in the string. Therefore, the acceleration of the system must point toward the fixed end of the string.

(c) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***correct*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

(d) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***incorrect*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***correct*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

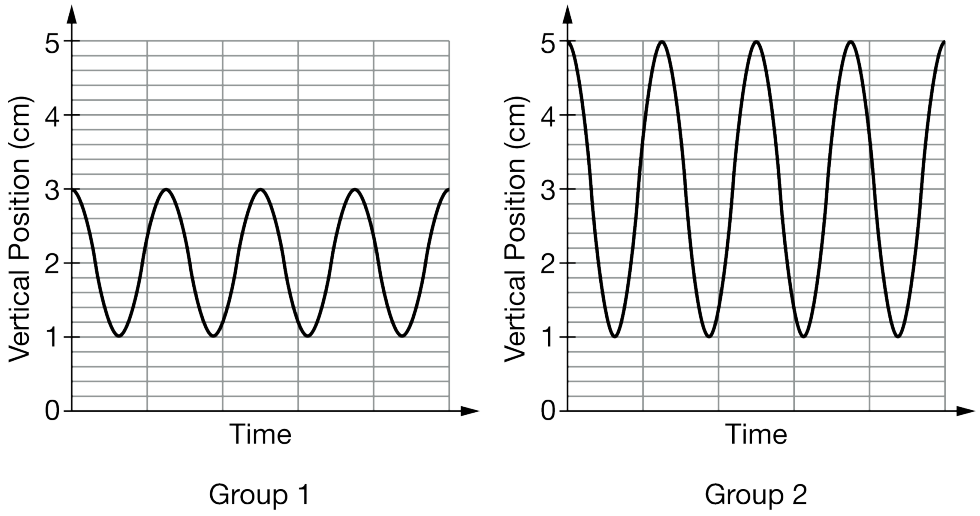
(f) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if either, are ***incorrect*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(g) The students correctly derive an equation for the maximum height: $H = \frac{1}{2g}\left(\frac{v}{1+\frac{m_b}{m_d}}\right)^2$. Explain how this

equation supports your claim in part (b).

(h) Could the masses of the dart and block both be changed so that the maximum height *H* reached by the dart-block system would remain the same as in the original setup? Justify your answer by referring to the equation in part (g).

After the collision, the dart-block system is then allowed to swing freely, and the students produce the graph shown below at left, labeled Group 1, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time. A second group of students makes a single change to the setup and then repeats the experiment. Their graph, labeled Group 2, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time is shown below at right.



Note: The time scale is the same for both graphs.

(i) Indicate the single difference in either the dart mass or the string length between group 1's setup and group 2's setup that could lead to the difference between the two graphs. Justify your answer.

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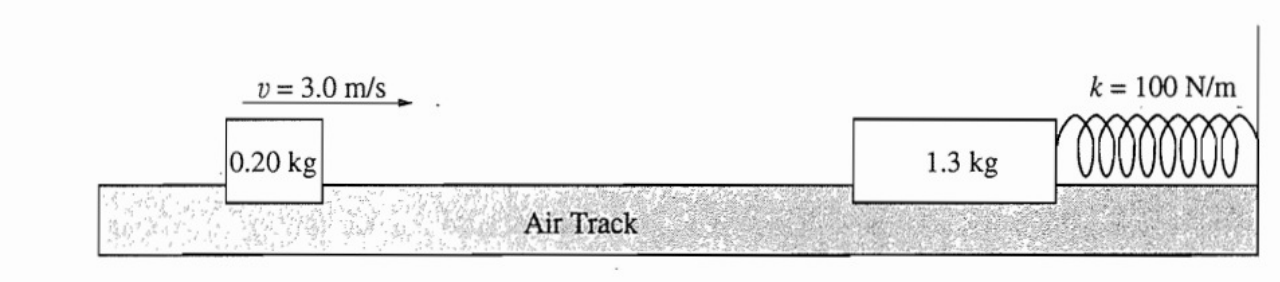


As shown above, a 0.20-kilogram mass is sliding on a horizontal friction less air track with a speed of 3.0 meters per second when it instantaneously hits and sticks to a 1.3-kilogram mass initially at rest on the track. The 1.3-kilogram mass is connected to one end of a mass less spring, which has a spring constant of 100 newtons per meter. The other end of the spring is fixed.

(a) Determine the following for the 0.20-kilogram mass immediately before the impact.

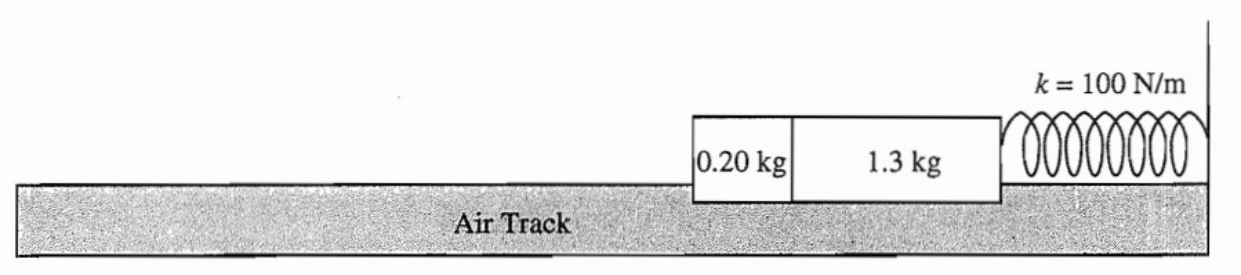
i. Its linear momentum

ii. Its kinetic energy

(b) Determine the following for the combined masses immediately after the impact

i. The linear momentum

ii. The kinetic energy



After the collision, the two masses undergo simple harmonic motion about their position at impact.

(c) Determine the amplitude of the harmonic motion.

(d) Determine the period of the harmonic motion.

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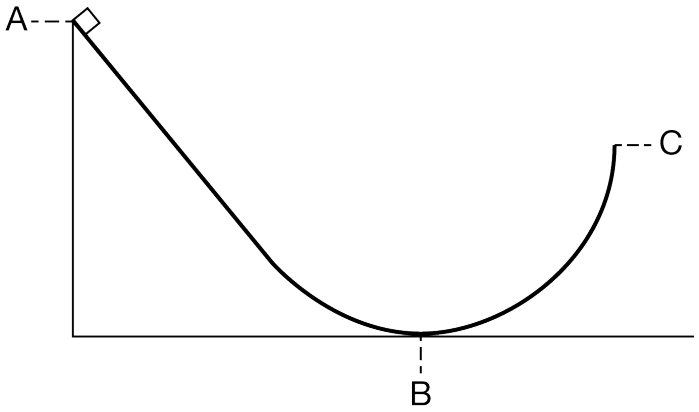
21. This question is a short free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (10 points, suggested time 15 minutes)



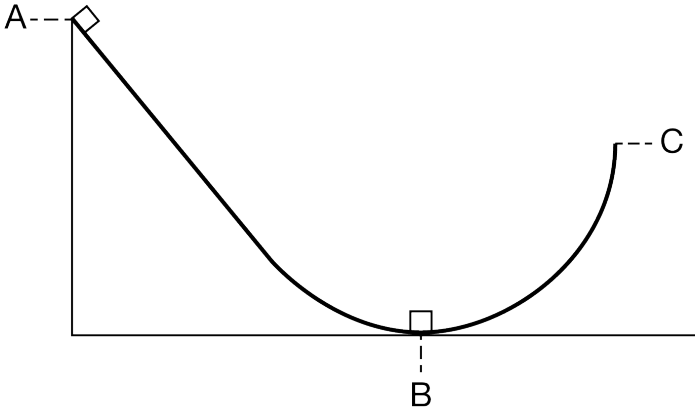
The figure above shows a track consisting of a straight section that connects to a circular section. The bottommost point of the track is at location B, and the track ends at location C, where the track is vertical. A block is released from rest at location A. There is negligible friction between the track and the box.

(a) Is the magnitude of the normal force exerted on the block by the track when the block is at location B greater than, less than, or equal to the normal force immediately before the block reaches location C? Justify your answer.

(b) In a coherent, paragraph-length response, describe the relative angle between the direction of the normal force exerted on the block by the track and the direction of the block's acceleration at the following times.

Immediately after the block is released at location A
When the block is at location B
Immediately before the block reaches location C

Specifically, indicate whether the normal force is parallel to the acceleration, perpendicular to the acceleration, or neither, at each location. Use physical principles to justify your responses.



(c) The scenario is repeated, but an identical block is at rest at location B, as shown above. When the block at location A is released from rest, it slides down the track and collides with and sticks to the identical block. The

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two blocks then continue sliding up the ramp. Is the maximum height reached by the two blocks greater than, less than, or equal to the maximum height reached by the block in the original scenario? Briefly explain your answer.

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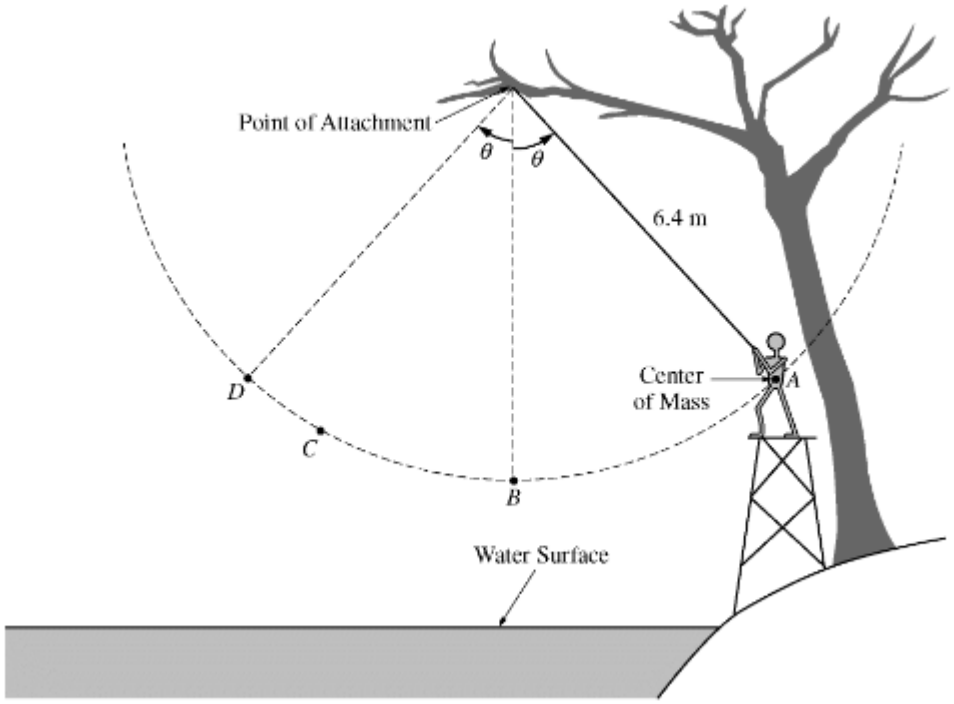

Starting from rest at point A, a 50 kg person swings along a circular arc from a rope attached to a tree branch over a lake, as shown in the figure above. Point D is at the same height as point A. The distance from the point of attachment to the center of mass of the person is 6.4 m. Ignore air resistance and the mass and elasticity of the rope.

(a) The person swings two times, each time letting go of the rope at a different point.

i. On the first swing, the person lets go of the rope when first arriving at point C. Draw a solid line to represent the trajectory of the center of mass after the person releases the rope.

ii. A second time, the person lets go of the rope at point D. Draw a dashed line to represent the trajectory of the center of mass after the person releases the rope.

(b) The center of mass of the person standing on the platform is at point A, 4.1 m above the surface of the water. Calculate the gravitational potential energy when the person is at point A relative to when the person is at the surface of the water.

(c) The center of mass of the person at point B, the lowest point along the arc, is 2.4 m above the surface of the water. Calculate the person's speed at point B.

(d) Suppose that the person swings from the rope a third time, letting go of the rope at point B. Calculate R, the horizontal distance moved from where the person releases the rope at point B to where the person hits the water.

(e) If the person does not let go of the rope, how does the magnitude of the person's momentum p_C at point C compare with the magnitude of the person's momentum p_B at point B ?

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____ $p_C > p_B$ ____ $p_C < p_B$ ____ $p_C = p_B$

Provide a physical explanation to justify your answer.

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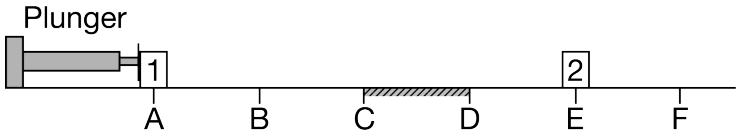
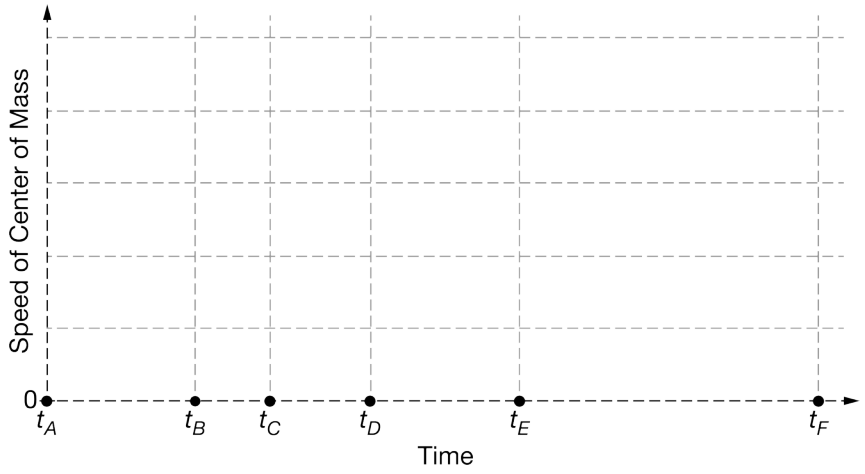
23. This question is a short free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question.

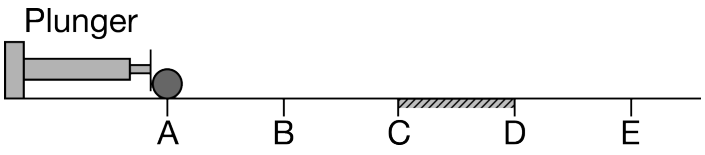


(7 points, suggested time 13 minutes)

Identical blocks 1 and 2 are placed on a horizontal surface at points A and E, respectively, as shown. The surface is frictionless except for the region between points C and D, where the surface is rough. Beginning at time t_A, block 1 is pushed with a constant horizontal force from point A to point B by a mechanical plunger. Upon reaching point B, block 1 loses contact with the plunger and continues moving to the right along the horizontal surface toward block 2. Block 1 collides with and sticks to block 2 at point E, after which the two-block system continues moving across the surface, eventually passing point F.

(a) On the axes below, sketch the speed of the center of mass of the two-block system as a function of time, from time t_A until the blocks pass point F at time t_F. The times at which block 1 reaches points A through F are indicated on the time axis.





(b) The plunger is returned to its original position, and both blocks are removed. A uniform solid sphere is placed at point A, as shown. The sphere is pushed by the plunger from point A to point B with a constant horizontal force that is directed toward the sphere's center of mass. The sphere loses contact with the plunger at point B and continues moving across the horizontal surface toward point E. In which interval(s), if any, does the sphere's angular momentum about its center of mass change? Check all that apply.

_____ A to B _____ B to C _____ C to D _____ D to E

_____ None

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Briefly explain your reasoning.

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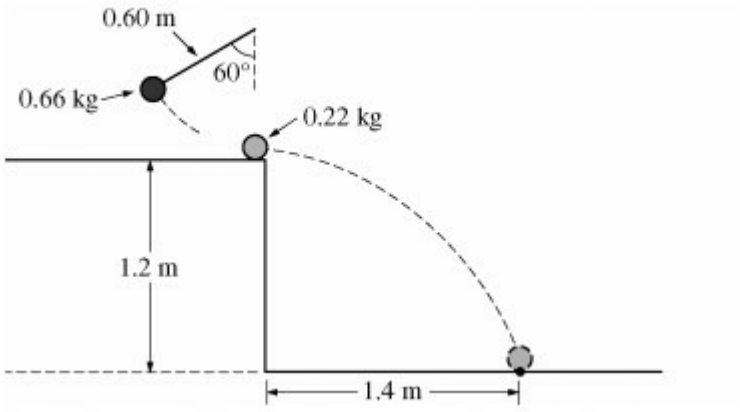

The experimental apparatus shown in the figure above contains a pendulum consisting of a 0.66 kg ball attached to a string of length 0.60 m. The pendulum is released from rest at an angle of 60 degrees and collides with a ball of mass 0.22 kg initially at rest at the edge of a table. The 0.22 kg ball hits the floor a distance of 1.4 m from the edge of the table.

a. Calculate the speed of the 0.66 kg ball just before the collision.

b. Calculate the speed of the 0.22 kg ball immediately after the collision.

c. Calculate the speed of the 0.66 kg ball immediately after the collision.

d. Indicate the direction of motion of the 0.66 kg ball immediately after the collision.

____ To the left ____ To the right

e. Calculate the height to which the 0.66 kg ball rises after the collision.

f. Based on your data, is the collision elastic?

____ Yes ____ No

Justify your answer.

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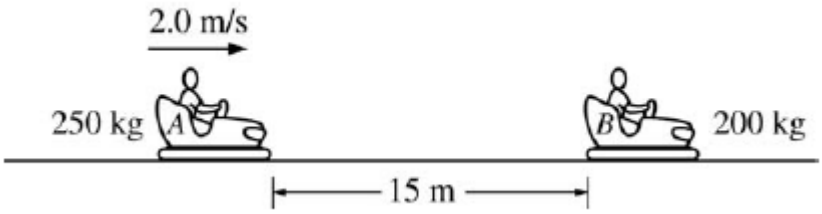

Several students are riding in bumper cars at an amusement park. The combined mass of car A and its occupants is 250 kg. The combined mass of car B and its occupants is 200 kg. Car A is 15 m away from car B and moving to the right at 2.0 m/s, as shown, when the driver decides to bump into car B, which is at rest.

(a) Car A accelerates at 1.5 m/s^2 to a speed of 5.0 m/s and then continues at constant velocity until it strikes car B. Calculate the total time for car A to travel the 15 m.

(b) After the collision, car B moves to the right at a speed of 4.8 m/s .

i. Calculate the speed of car A after the collision.

ii. Indicate the direction of motion of car A after the collision.

____ To the left ____ To the right ____ None; car A is at rest.

(c) Is this an elastic collision?

____ Yes ____ No

Justify your answer.

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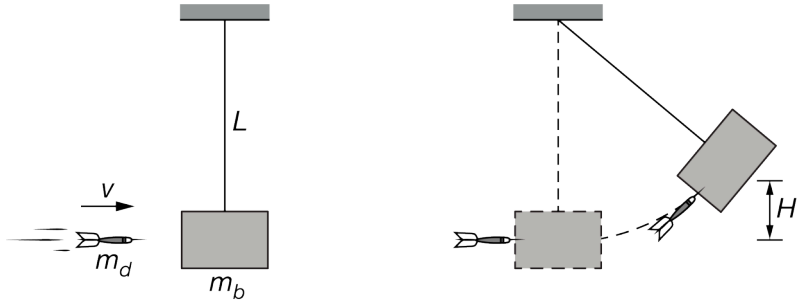
26. This question is a long free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question. (15 points, suggested time 25 minutes)



A dart with mass m_d is launched toward a block of mass m_b that is suspended from a string of length *L*, as shown above at left. The dart is moving horizontally with speed *v* immediately before it strikes the block and remains embedded. The dart-block system then swings up to a point at which its center of mass reaches a maximum height *H* above its starting position, as shown above at right. The block's mass m_b is greater than the dart's mass m_d.

(a) Indicate which object, if either, experiences an acceleration of larger magnitude during the collision. If the acceleration is the same magnitude for both objects, state this explicitly. Briefly explain your reasoning.

(b) If the experiment were repeated with a block with mass greater than m_b, how would the maximum height reached by the center of mass of the dart-block system compare to *H* ? Explain your response without deriving or manipulating equations.

Two students are discussing the tension in the string at the moment immediately after the collision and state the following:

Student 1: The tension in the string immediately after the collision is greater than the weight of the dart-block system because the acceleration is upward at that instant.

Student 2: The tension in the string is equal to the weight of the block-dart system because there is no vertical acceleration immediately after the collision.

(c) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if any, are ***correct*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

(d) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if any, are ***incorrect*** about student 1's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(e) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if any, are ***correct*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***correct***, write "none."

(f) Which underlined phrase or phrases, if any, are ***incorrect*** about student 2's statement? If neither phrase is ***incorrect***, write "none."

(g) The students correctly derive an equation for the maximum height: $H = \frac{1}{2g}\left(\frac{m_d v}{m_d + m_b}\right)^2$. Explain how this equation supports your claim in part (b).

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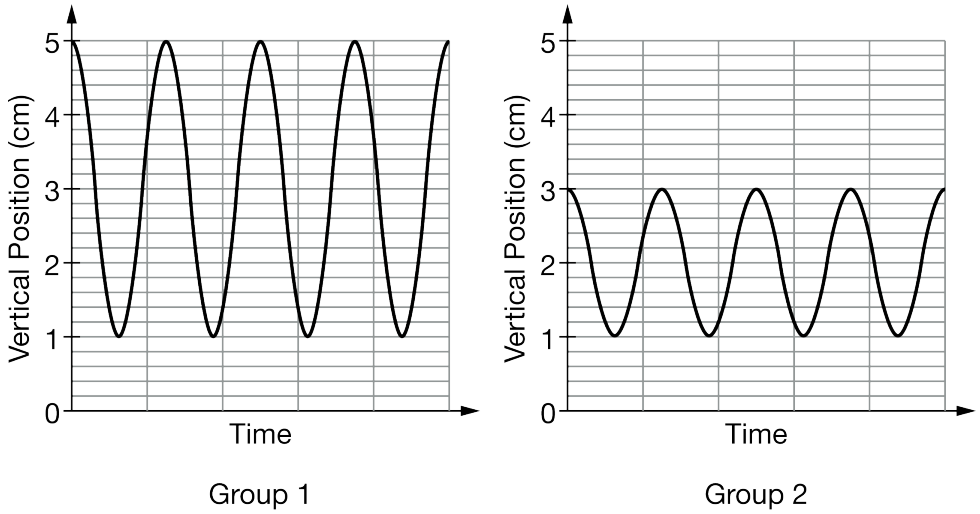
(h) Consider the case in which the collision between the dart and the block is perfectly elastic (the dart bounces off the block to the left). In this case, is the speed of the block immediately after the collision greater than, less than, or the same as the speed of the block in the original case? Justify your answer.

After the collision, the dart-block system is then allowed to swing freely, and the students produce the graph shown below at left, labeled Group 1, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time. A second group of students makes a single change to the setup and then repeats the experiment. Their graph, labeled Group 2, of the vertical position of the center of mass of the dart-block system as a function of time is shown below at right.



Note: The time scale is the same for both graphs.

(i) Indicate the single difference in either the dart speed or the string length between group 1's setup and group 2's setup that could lead to the difference between the two graphs. Justify your answer.

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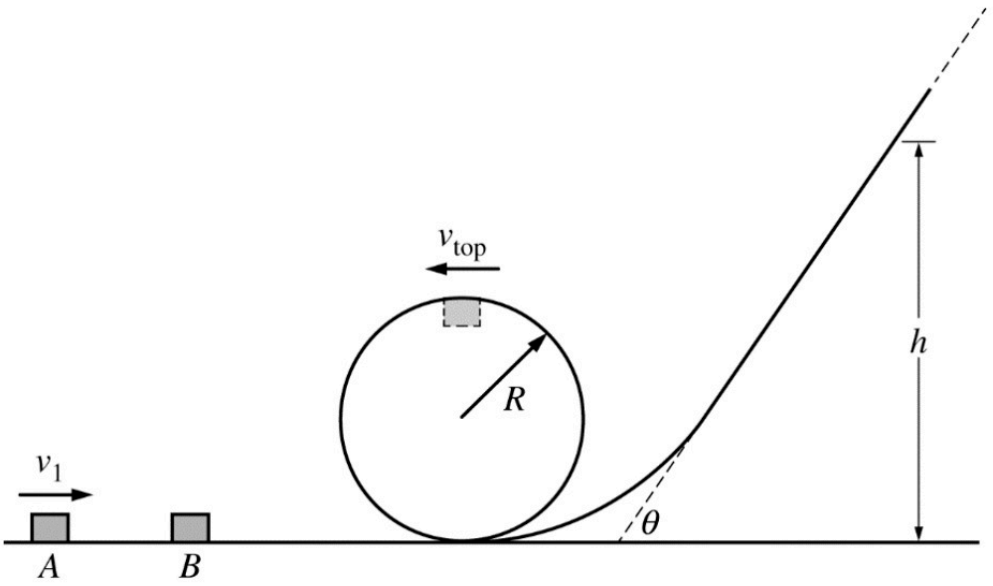


Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

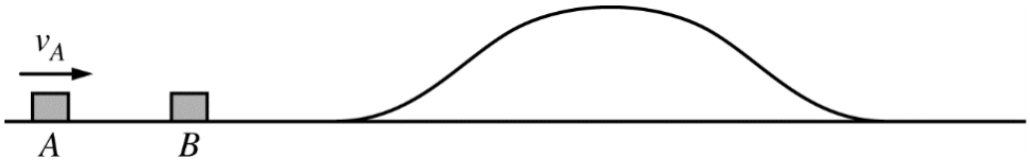
Two blocks A and B of equal mass m are on a frictionless track, as shown in the figure above. Block A, initially moving with speed v_1, has a perfectly elastic collision with block B. Block B has a speed v_1 immediately after the collision, and then it travels around a circular loop of radius R, where R is much larger than the size of the blocks. The speed of block B at the top of the loop is v_{top}. Block B then slides up a ramp until it comes momentarily to rest at a height h above the floor.

a. Derive an equation for the height *h* in terms of *m*, *R, v_{top}.* and *g,* as appropriate.

b. Suppose that the speed v_1 of block A is doubled. Will the final height of block *B* be greater than, less than, or equal to *2h*?

_____Greater than *2h* _____Less than *2h* _____ Equal to *2h*

Briefly explain how you arrived at your answer.



c. Blocks A and B (both of mass m) are moved to a different frictionless track, as shown above. Let v_A be the minimum initial speed for block A that allows block B to make it over the hump in the track. Block A is then replaced with a larger block, block C, which has mass 2m, as shown below.

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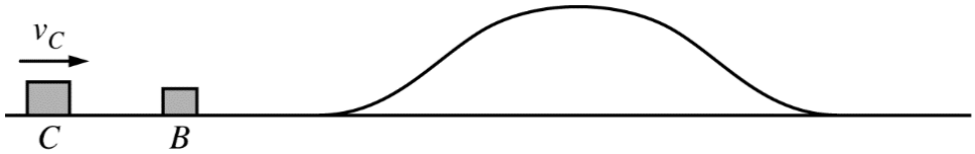

Block C makes a completely inelastic collision with block B so that both blocks stick together and travel along the track. What is the minimum initial speed v_C that block C must have so that the two-block system makes it over the hump? Express your answer in terms of v_A.

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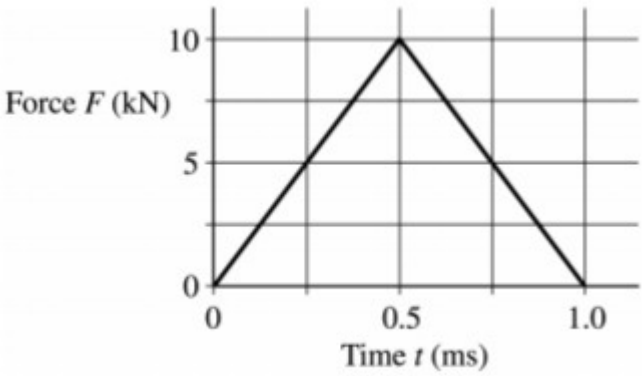
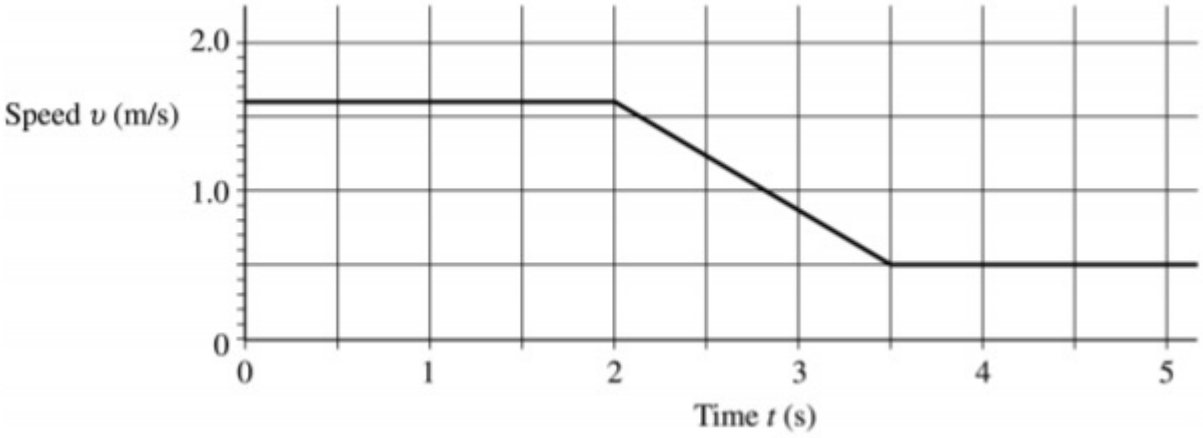
A 2.0 kg frictionless cart is moving at a constant speed of 3.0 m/s to the right on a horizontal surface, as shown above, when it collides with a second cart of undetermined mass m that is initially at rest. The force F of the collision as a function of time t is shown in the graph below, where $t = 0$ is the instant of initial contact. As a result of the collision, the second cart acquires a speed of 1.6 m/s to the right. Assume that friction is negligible before, during, and after the collision.



a. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the velocity of the 2.0 kg cart after the collision.

b. Calculate the mass m of the second cart.

After the collision, the second cart eventually experiences a ramp, which it traverses with no frictional losses. The graph below shows the speed v of the second cart as a function of time t for the next 5.0 s, where $t = 0$ is now the instant at which the carts separate.



c. Calculate the acceleration of the cart at $t = 3.0$ s.

d. Calculate the distance traveled by the second cart during the 5.0 s interval after the collision (0 s < t < 5.0 s).

e. State whether the ramp goes up or down and calculate the maximum elevation (above or below the initial height) reached by the second cart on the ramp during the 5.0 s interval after the collision (0 s < t < 5.0 s).

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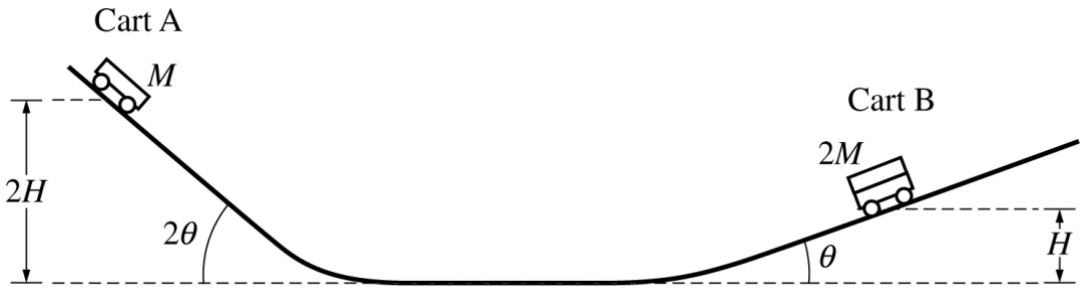

Cart A has mass M and is released from rest at a height $2H$ on a ramp making an angle 2θ with the horizontal, as shown above. Cart B has mass $2M$ and is released from rest at a height H on a ramp making an angle θ with the horizontal. The carts roll toward each other, have a head-on collision on the horizontal portion of the ramp, and stick together. The masses of the carts' wheels are negligible, as are any frictional or drag forces.

a. Indicate whether the carts remain at rest, move to the left, or move to the right after the collision.

____ Remain at rest ____ Move to the left ____ Move to the right

Explain how you arrived at your answer.

b. Consider the time interval from when the two carts are released until just after they collide.

i. For the system consisting of the two carts and Earth, indicate whether the total mechanical energy increases, decreases, or remains the same.

____ Increases ____ Decreases ____ Remains the same

Justify your answer.

ii. For the system consisting of only the two carts, indicate whether the total mechanical energy increases, decreases, or remains the same.

____ Increases ____ Decreases ____ Remains the same

Justify your answer.

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30. This question is a short free-response question. Show your work for each part of the question.



Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

(7 points, suggested time 13 minutes)

Two carts are moving to the right on a straight, level track with negligible friction. At time $t = 0$, the carts are at the positions shown above. Cart 2 collides with and bounces off a wall at the right end of the track, after which the two carts collide.

Cart 1 has a mass of $0.20\ \text{kg}$ and an initial velocity of $3.0\ \text{m/s}$ to the right. Cart 2 has a mass of $0.5\ \text{kg}$ and an initial velocity of $0.50\ \text{m/s}$ to the right.

The graphs below show the velocity of each cart from $t = 0$ to sometime after the carts collide.

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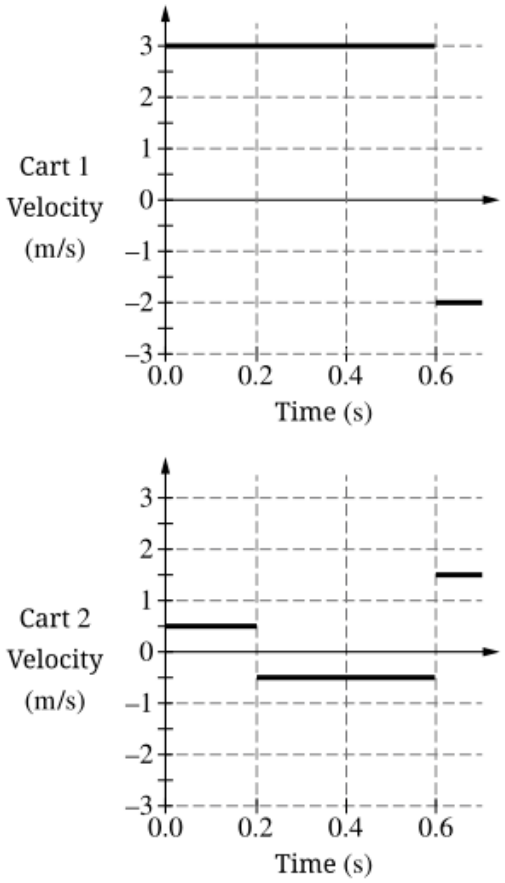

(a) Consider the system consisting of just Cart 2 when it bounces off the wall.

i. Is the momentum of Cart 2 the same before and after bouncing off the wall?

___ Yes ___ No

Briefly justify your answer.

ii. Is the mechanical energy of Cart 2 the same before and after bouncing off the wall?

___ Yes ___ No

Briefly justify your answer.

(b) Is the momentum of the two-cart system the same before and after the collision that occurs at $t = 0.6$ s?

___ Yes ___ No

Using calculations based on the information shown in the graphs, justify your answer.

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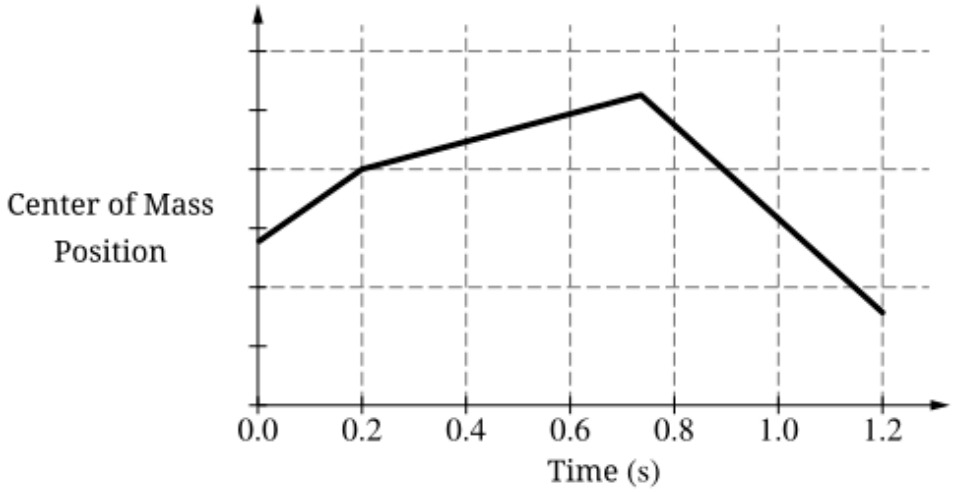

(c) The graph above shows the position of the center of mass of the two-cart system for a longer time interval $0 < t < 1.2$ s. The slope of the graph changes at time $t = 0.2$ s and also at time $t = 0.73$ s, which are the two times at which Cart 2 bounces off the wall. However, the slope does not change at time $t = 0.6$ s, when the two carts collide.

i. Use physics principles to explain why the slope of the graph changes at $t = 0.2$ s and $t = 0.73$ s.

ii. Use physics principles to explain why the slope of the graph does not change at $t = 0.6$ s.

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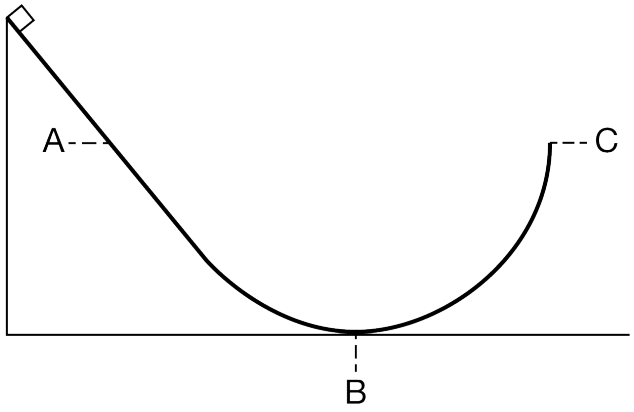


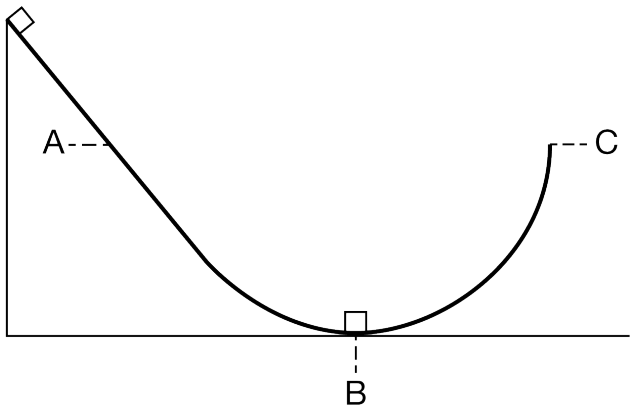
The figure above shows a track consisting of a straight section that connects to a circular section. Three locations are indicated: location A on the straight section of the track, location B at the bottommost point of the track, and location C at the point where the track is vertical. Locations A and C are at the same height. A block is released from rest at the top of the straight section of the track. There is negligible friction between the track and the block.

(a) Is the magnitude of the normal force exerted on the block by the track at location A greater than, less than, or equal to the normal force at location B? Justify your answer.

(b) In a coherent, paragraph-length response, describe the relative angle between the direction of the block's velocity and the direction of the block's acceleration at the following times.

When the block is at location A
When the block is at location B
Immediately before the block reaches location C

Specifically, indicate whether the velocity is parallel to the acceleration, perpendicular to the acceleration, or neither, at each location. Use physical principles to justify your responses.



(c) The scenario is repeated, but an identical block is at rest at location B, as shown above. When the block at the

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top of the straight section of the track is released from rest, it slides down the track and collides elastically with the identical block and comes to rest. The identical block then begins sliding up the ramp. Is the maximum height reached by the identical block greater than, less than, or equal to the maximum height reached by the block in the original scenario? Briefly explain your answer.