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## FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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## Paper 3 Further Mechanics

October/November 2023

**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.
- Where a numerical value for the acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ ) is needed, use  $10\text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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- 1 One end of a light inextensible string of length  $a$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass  $m$ . The string is taut and makes an angle  $\theta$  with the downward vertical through  $O$ , where  $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{3}$ . The particle moves in a horizontal circle with speed  $v$ .

Find  $v$  in terms of  $a$  and  $g$ .

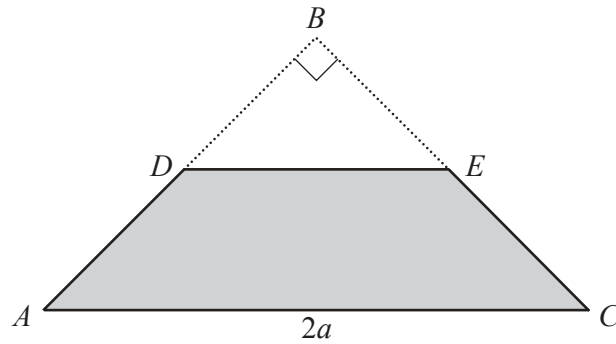
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- 2** A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.5\text{ kg}$  moves in a straight line. At time  $t\text{ s}$  the velocity of  $P$  is  $v\text{ ms}^{-1}$  and its displacement from a fixed point  $O$  on the line is  $x\text{ m}$ . The only forces acting on  $P$  are a force of magnitude  $\frac{150}{(x+1)^2}\text{ N}$  in the direction of increasing displacement and a resistive force of magnitude  $\frac{450}{(x+1)^3}\text{ N}$ . When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $v = 20$ .

Find  $v$  in terms of  $x$ , giving your answer in the form  $v = \frac{Ax+B}{(x+1)}$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants to be determined. [6]

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A uniform lamina is in the form of an isosceles triangle  $ABC$  in which  $AC = 2a$  and angle  $ABC = 90^\circ$ . The point  $D$  on  $AB$  is such that the ratio  $DB:AB = 1:k$ . The point  $E$  on  $CB$  is such that  $DE$  is parallel to  $AC$ . The triangle  $DBE$  is removed from the lamina (see diagram).

- (a) Find, in terms of  $k$ , the distance of the centre of mass of the remaining lamina  $ADEC$  from the midpoint of  $AC$ . [4]

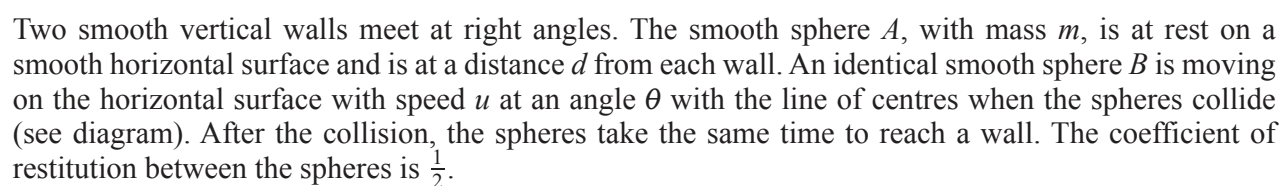
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When the lamina  $ADEC$  is freely suspended from the vertex  $A$ , the edge  $AC$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the downward vertical, where  $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{18}$ .

**(b)** Find the value of  $k$ .

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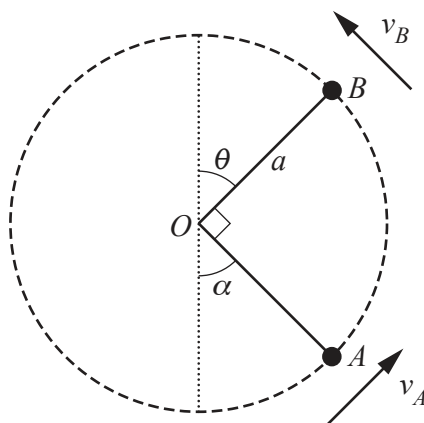
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- (b)** Find the percentage loss in the total kinetic energy of the spheres as a result of this collision. [3]

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(a) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the magnitude of the reaction at  $B$ . [6]

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- (b) Given that  $v_A = \sqrt{kag}$ , find the value of  $k$ . [2]

- 6 A particle  $P$  is projected with speed  $u$  at an angle  $\alpha$  above the horizontal from a point  $O$  on a horizontal plane and moves freely under gravity. The horizontal and vertical displacements of  $P$  from  $O$  at a subsequent time  $t$  are denoted by  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.

(a) Derive the equation of the trajectory of  $P$  in the form

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{gx^2}{2u^2} \sec^2 \alpha. \quad [3]$$

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During its flight,  $P$  must clear an obstacle of height  $h$  m that is at a horizontal distance of 32 m from the point of projection. When  $u = 40\sqrt{2} \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $P$  just clears the obstacle. When  $u = 40 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $P$  only achieves 80% of the height required to clear the obstacle.

(b) Find the two possible values of  $h$ . [6]

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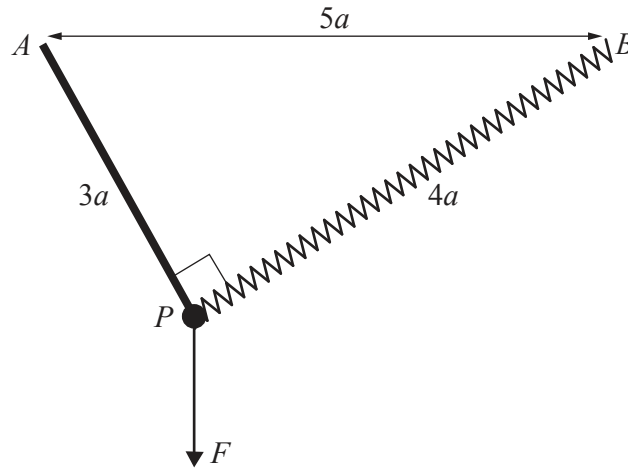
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A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to one end of a light rod of length  $3a$ . The other end of the rod is able to pivot smoothly about the fixed point  $A$ . The particle is also attached to one end of a light spring of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $kmg$ . The other end of the spring is attached to a fixed point  $B$ . The points  $A$  and  $B$  are in a horizontal line, a distance  $5a$  apart, and these two points and the rod are in a vertical plane.

Initially,  $P$  is held in equilibrium by a vertical force  $F$  with the stretched length of the spring equal to  $4a$  (see diagram). The particle is released from rest in this position and has a speed of  $\frac{6}{5}\sqrt{2ag}$  when the rod becomes horizontal.

- (a) Find the value of  $k$ . [5]

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(b) Find  $F$  in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ .

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(c) Find, in terms of  $m$  and  $g$ , the tension in the rod immediately before it is released.

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