

Mech A1

$$(a) \quad m \frac{dv}{dt} = -c v^2$$

$$\frac{dv}{v^2} = -\frac{c}{m} dt$$

$$\frac{1}{v_0} - \frac{1}{v} = -\frac{c}{m} t$$

$$v = \frac{v_0}{1 + \frac{v_0 c}{m} t}$$

$$\text{if } v = \frac{v_0}{2}, \quad 1 + \frac{v_0 c}{m} t = 2$$

$$t = \frac{m}{v_0 c} = \frac{5 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}}{10^4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}}} = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ s} = 1.4 \text{ h}$$

(b) integrable now

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{v_0}{1 + \frac{v_0 c}{m} t}$$

$$x = v_0 \int_0^t \frac{dt}{1 + \frac{v_0 c}{m} t} = \frac{m}{c} \ln \left(1 + \frac{v_0 c}{m} t \right)$$

$$\text{for } t = \frac{m}{v_0 c} \quad x = \frac{m}{c} \ln 2 = 5 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \ln 2 = 3.47 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{mv^2}{R} = \mu mg \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\mu Rg}$$

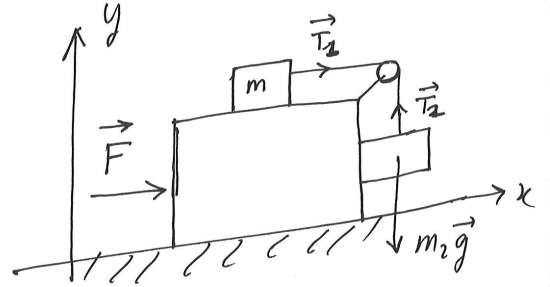
$$x = vt, \text{ where } h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \Rightarrow t = \sqrt{2h/g}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\mu Rg} \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

$$\boxed{x = \sqrt{2\mu R h}}$$

is independent of m and g .

$(M + m_1 + m_2) \ddot{x} = F$ (1)
 because the accelerations of m_1, m_2 and M are the same when there is no relative motion among them.



$$m_1 \ddot{x} = T_1 \quad (2)$$

As there is no relative motion of m_2 along the x -axis:
 $T_2 = m_2 g$ (3)

mass of the pulley is negligible: $T_1 R - T_2 R = I_{\text{pulley}} \alpha \approx 0$
 $T_1 = T_2$

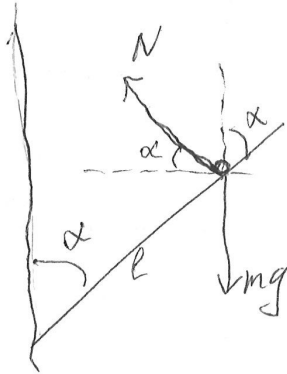
$$(2) \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \frac{T_1}{m_1} = \frac{T_2}{m_1} = \frac{m_2 g}{m_1} \quad (4)$$

(4) in (1) \Rightarrow

$$F = \frac{m_2 (M + m_1 + m_2)}{m_1} g$$

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$$N \sin \alpha = mg$$

$$N \cos \alpha = m\omega^2 l \sin \alpha$$

eliminate N

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{\omega^2 l \sin \alpha}{g}$$

$$\omega \cdot l \sin \alpha = v$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{g \cot \alpha}{l \sin \alpha}$$

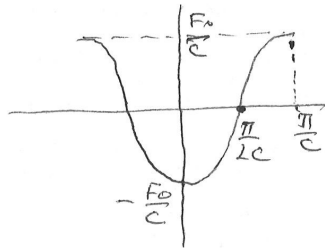
$$v^2 = \omega^2 l^2 \sin^2 \alpha = gl \cos \alpha$$

$$l = \frac{v^2}{g \cos \alpha}$$

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$$(a) \quad V(x) = + F_0 \int \sin(cx) dx = -\frac{F_0}{c} \cos(cx)$$

if we choose integration constant 0, then $V(0) = -\frac{F_0}{c}$



$$(b) \quad \frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{F_0}{c} = \frac{mv^2}{2} - \frac{F_0}{c} \cos(cx)$$

$$v = \left[v_0^2 + \frac{2F_0}{mc} (\cos cx - 1) \right]^{1/2}$$

(c) motion is confined if $E < \frac{F_0}{c}$

$$\frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{F_0}{c} < \frac{F_0}{c}$$

$$v_0^2 < \frac{4F_0}{mc} \quad \text{or} \quad v_0 < 2 \sqrt{\frac{F_0}{mc}}$$

turning points: $E = V(x)$

$$\frac{mv_0^2}{2} - \frac{F_0}{c} = -\frac{F_0}{c} \cos cx$$

$$x = \pm \frac{1}{c} \cos^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{cmv_0^2}{2F_0} \right)$$

$$(d) \quad F \propto -F_0 c x$$

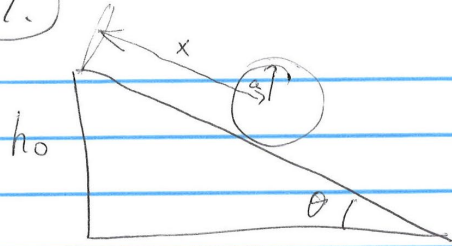
periodic motion with the force constant $k = F_0 c$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{F_0 c}{m}} \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{F_0 c}}$$

$$v_0 = A\omega_0 \rightarrow A = \frac{v_0}{\omega_0} = v_0 \sqrt{\frac{m}{F_0 c}}$$

Mech B2

7.



(a) $h = h_0 - x \sin \theta$ $V = mg(h_0 - x \sin \theta)$

$$T = \frac{m \dot{x}^2}{2} + \frac{I \dot{\omega}^2}{2} = \frac{m \dot{x}^2}{2} + \frac{I \dot{x}^2}{2a^2} \quad \dot{x} = a \dot{\omega}$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} m a^2$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left(m + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) \dot{x}^2 - mg(h_0 - x \sin \theta) \quad 10$$

(b) $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = \left(m + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) \dot{x} = \frac{3}{2} m \dot{x}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = mg \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{3}{2} m \ddot{x} - mg \sin \theta = 0 \quad (1) \quad 10$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{2}{3} g \sin \theta$$

(c) $p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = \frac{3}{2} m \dot{x}$

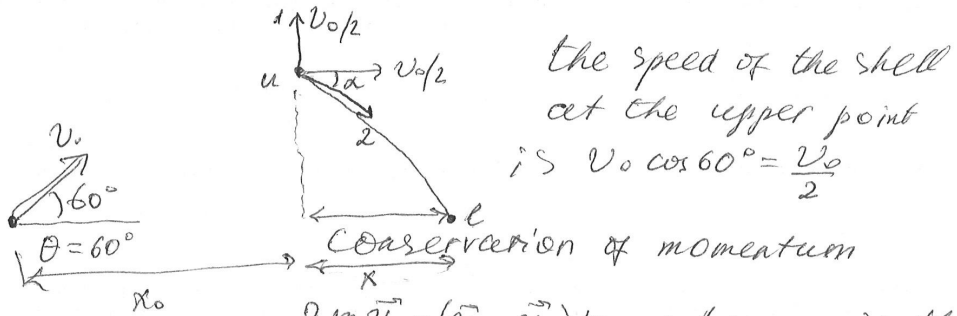
$$H = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} m \right) \dot{x}^2 + mg(h_0 - x \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{\frac{3}{2} m} + mg(h_0 - x \sin \theta)$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{p}{m} \quad 10$$

$$\dot{p} = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \rightarrow \dot{p} = mg \sin \theta$$

substituting $p = \frac{3}{2} m \dot{x}$, we obtain Eq. (1)

Mech B3



the speed of the shell at the upper point is $v_0 \cos 60^\circ = \frac{v_0}{2}$

Conservation of momentum
 $2m\vec{v} = (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)m$ where m is the mass of each fragment

for x and y components we have

$$\vec{v} = \left(\frac{v_0}{2}, 0\right) \quad \vec{v}_1 = \left(0, \frac{v_0}{2}\right)$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = 2\vec{v} - \vec{v}_1 = \left(v_0, -\frac{v_0}{2}\right)$$

$$|\vec{v}_2| = v_0 \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2} = 1.118 v_0$$

$$\tan \alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \alpha = -26.6^\circ$$

Solve for the distance x between the upper point u and point l

$$y = x \tan \alpha - \frac{g x^2}{2v_2^2 \cos^2 \alpha} = -h \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } h = \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 60^\circ}{2g} = \frac{10^4 \cdot \frac{3}{4}}{20} = 375 \text{ m} \quad (g \approx 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})$$

$$\text{Substitute into (1)} \quad \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} = 1 + \tan^2 \alpha = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$-\frac{x}{2} - \frac{5x^2}{10^4} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = -375$$

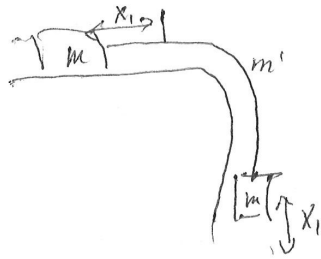
$$25x^2 + 2 \times 10^4 x - 15 \times 10^6 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = 471 \text{ m}$$

The distance between the landing point and the upper point is $\frac{v_0^2 \sin^2(2 \cdot 60^\circ)}{2g} = \frac{10^4 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{20} = 433 \text{ m}$

total horizontal distance $471 + 433 = 904 \text{ m}$

Mech B4



Choosing the generalised coordinate x_1 , we have for the potential energy

$$V = -mgx_1 - \frac{m'}{l} x_1 g \frac{x_1}{2}$$

Since x_1 is the part of the cord which has become vertical

Therefore the Lagrangian is

$$L = \left(m + \frac{m'}{2}\right) \dot{x}_1^2 + mgx_1 + \frac{m'}{2l} g \frac{x_1^2}{2}$$

(b) Lagr equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}_1} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_1} = 0$$

$$(2m + m') \ddot{x}_1 - mg - \frac{m'g}{l} x_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}_1 = \frac{mg}{2m + m'} + \frac{m'g}{(2m + m')l} x_1$$

general solution

$$x_1 = C_1 \sinh \omega t + C_2 \cosh \omega t - \frac{lm}{m'}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{m'g}{2m + m'}}$$

with the initial conditions

$$x_1(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_1(0) = 0$$

$$0 = C_2 - \frac{lm}{m'}, \quad 0 = C_1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{lm}{m'} (\cosh \omega t - 1)$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = \omega l \frac{m}{m'} \sinh \omega t$$

exponential form

$$x_1 = \frac{lm}{m'} \left[\frac{e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}}{2} - 1 \right]$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = \omega l \frac{m}{m'} \frac{e^{\omega t} - e^{-\omega t}}{2}$$

Note: add l in the denominator in the expression for ω

Preliminary Thermal – May 2024

Easy Problems:

1. In a vacuum tube of pressure 2×10^{-3} Pa, at 27°C , calculate:

- number of gas particles per m^3 ,
- volume occupied per particle,
- mean free path of the particle (assuming the particle has a radius of 155 pm).

Hint: You need to calculate the scattering cross-section and scattering volume. There is a factor of $\sqrt{2}$ when considering the relative motion between particles.

Solution:

- Using $PV=nRT$ or $PV = Nk_B T$, one can calculate the particle density $N/V = P/k_B T = 4.83 \times 10^{17}/\text{m}^3$.
- Volume occupied per particle is: $V/N = 2.07 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}^3$.
- Scattering cross-section is $4\pi r^2$

Average scattering volume is $4\pi r^2 \lambda = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}N}$. Here the mean free path is reduced by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$ compared to the static case due to the relative motion between two particles $|\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2| = (|\vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2|^2)^{1/2} = (|\vec{v}_1|^2 - 2|\vec{v}_1||\vec{v}_2| + |\vec{v}_2|^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}|\vec{v}|$.

Mean free path is $\lambda = \frac{V}{4\pi\sqrt{2}r^2N} = 4.85 \text{ m}$.

2. Find the thermal expansion coefficient $\alpha = (\partial V / \partial T)_P / V$, isothermal compressibility $K_T = -(\partial V / \partial P)_T / V$ for ideal gas.

Solution:

For ideal gas, $V = nRT/P$.

$$\text{So, } \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P = \frac{nR}{P}, \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\frac{nRT}{P^2}.$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P = \frac{nR}{PV} = \frac{1}{T}, \quad K_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(-\frac{nRT}{P^2}\right) = \frac{1}{P}.$$

3. A material's density is ρ_s and ρ_l for solid and liquid phase respectively. Given that the latent heat for the solid \rightarrow liquid transition is L/kg at pressure P , find the change of internal energy during the transition per kg.

Solution:

According to the first law, $\Delta U = Q - W$.

The work done by the material during the solid \rightarrow liquid transition is:

$$W = \int P dV = P \int dV = P \Delta V = P(1/\rho_1 - 1/\rho_2).$$

$$\Delta U = Q - W = L - P(1/\rho_1 - 1/\rho_2).$$

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pb # 6 : Thermodynamics (easy)

a) at constant temperature T_0 , the work is

$$W = \int_A^B p dV = RT_0 \int_{V_0}^{2V_0} \frac{dV}{V} = \underline{\underline{RT_0 \ln 2}}$$

As the change of the internal energy is zero,
the heat absorbed by the gas

$$\underline{\underline{Q = W = RT_0 \ln 2}}$$

b) At constant pressure P , the work is

$$W = \int_{V_0}^{2V_0} p dV = P V_0 = \underline{\underline{RT_0}}$$

the increase of the internal energy is

$$\Delta U = C_v \Delta T = \frac{3}{2} R \Delta T = \frac{3}{2} P \Delta V = \frac{3}{2} P V_0 = \frac{3}{2} RT_0$$

Thus the heat absorbed by the gas is

$$\underline{\underline{Q = \Delta U + W = \frac{5}{2} RT_0}}$$

Hard Problems:

1. A rigid adiabatic container is divided into two parts containing n_1 and n_2 mole of ideal gases respectively, by a movable and thermally conducting wall. Their pressure and volume are P_1, V_1 for part 1 and P_2, V_2 for part 2 respectively. Find the final pressure P and temperature T after the two gas reaches equilibrium. Assuming the constant volume specific heats of the two gas are the same.

Solution:

For the initial state $T_1 = P_1 V_1 / n_1 R, T_2 = P_2 V_2 / n_2 R$.

After the two gas reaches equilibrium, their volumes can be assumed as V'_1 and V'_2 .

Since the internal energy does not change:

$$C_v n_1 (T - T_1) = C_v n_2 (T_2 - T)$$

$$\text{So, } T = (n_1 T_1 + n_2 T_2) / (n_1 + n_2) = (P_1 V_1 / R + P_2 V_2 / R) / (n_1 + n_2)$$

The pressure of the two gas are the same. Therefore,

$$P = n_1 R T / V'_1 = n_2 R T / V'_2$$

$$\text{Hence, } P = (n_2 + n_1) R T / (V'_1 + V'_2)$$

$$\text{Since } V_1 + V_2 = V'_1 + V'_2$$

one has

$$\begin{aligned} P &= (n_2 + n_1) R T / (V_1 + V_2) = (n_2 + n_1) R / (V_1 + V_2) (P_1 V_1 / R + P_2 V_2 / R) / (n_1 + n_2) \\ &= (P_1 V_1 + P_2 V_2) / (V_1 + V_2) \end{aligned}$$

2. In a throttling process, the Joule-Thompson coefficient is defined as $\mu = (\partial T / \partial P)_H$.
- a. Given the relation $(\partial H / \partial P)_T = V - T (\partial V / \partial T)_P$, show that $\mu = V(T\alpha - 1) / C_p$, where $\alpha = (\partial V / \partial T)_P / V$. (Hint, use the cyclic rule)
- b. Show that for ideal gas, $\mu = 0$.

Solution:

a. Using the cyclic rule, $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_H \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial H}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_P = -1$.

$$\text{Therefore, } \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_H = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial H}\right)_T \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_P} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial H}\right)_T}{\left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_P}$$

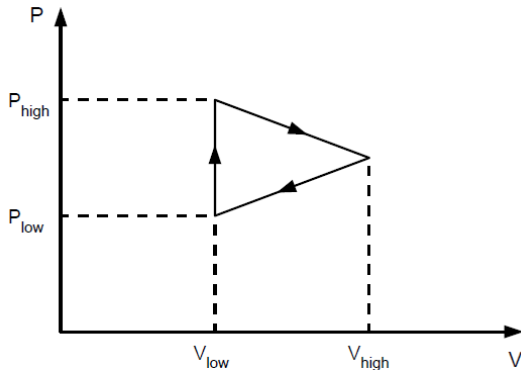
$$\text{Since } \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial T}\right)_P = C_p \text{ and } \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial P}\right)_T = V - T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P,$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_H = \frac{V - T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P}{C_p} = \frac{V}{C_p} \left(1 - \frac{T}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P\right) = \frac{V}{C_p} (1 - T\alpha),$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P.$$

b. For ideal gas, $\alpha = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P = \frac{1}{T}$. So, $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_H = \frac{V}{C_p} \left(1 - \frac{T}{T}\right) = 0$

3. The cycle of a hypothetical engine is illustrated below. Let $P_{\text{low}} = 1 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$, $P_{\text{high}} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$, $V_{\text{low}} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$, and $V_{\text{high}} = 25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$. If the energy absorbed by heating the engine is $5 \times 10^4 \text{ J}$, what is the efficiency of the engine? Calculate the highest and lowest temperature (T_h and T_c) in the cycle and calculate $1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h}$, assume that the pressure of the V_{high} point is $(P_{\text{low}} + P_{\text{high}})/2$.



Solution:

We construct the table:

	ΔU	$Q = \Delta U + W$	W
1 \rightarrow 2	$\frac{3}{2}(P_0V_h - P_hV_l) > 0$	> 0	$\frac{(P_h + P_0)(V_h - V_l)}{2} > 0$
2 \rightarrow 3	$\frac{3}{2}(P_lV_l - P_0V_h) < 0$	< 0	$-\frac{(P_l + P_0)(V_h - V_l)}{2} < 0$
3 \rightarrow 1	$\frac{3}{2}(P_hV_l - P_lV_l) > 0$	> 0	0
Cycle			$\frac{(P_h - P_l)(V_h - V_l)}{2}$

Assuming ideal gas law, the temperatures are:

$$T_1 = \frac{P_h V_l}{nR}, T_2 = \frac{P_0 V_h}{nR}, T_3 = \frac{P_l V_l}{nR}$$

The heat in to the system:

$$Q_{in} = Q_{12} + Q_{31} = \frac{3}{2}(P_0 V_h - P_l V_l) + \frac{(P_h + P_0)(V_h - V_l)}{2} = 50 \text{ kJ}$$

Therefore, $P_0 = 1 \text{ E}6 \text{ Pa} = P_l$. So $T_2 > T_1 > T_3$

$$\text{The total work: } W = \frac{(P_h - P_l)(V_h - V_l)}{2} = 20 \text{ E} - 3 * \frac{1 \text{ E}6}{2} = 10 \text{ kJ},$$

$$\text{Efficiency: } \eta = \frac{W}{Q_{in}} = \frac{10}{50} = 0.2$$

$$\text{In comparison: } 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_h} = 1 - \frac{T_3}{T_2} = 1 - \frac{P_l V_l}{P_0 V_h} = 0.8$$

Thermo B4

According to Stefan-Boltzmann law, power radiated by sun per unit solid angle is

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \sigma T_s^4 \frac{4\pi R_s^2}{4\pi} \quad \text{where } R_s \text{ is the sun's radius}$$

power absorbed by earth is

$$P_{\text{abs}} = P_{\text{rad}} \frac{\pi R_e^2}{d^2} \quad \text{where } R_e \text{ is the earth's radius}$$

$$P_{\text{abs}} = \sigma T_s^4 \frac{\pi R_e^2 R_s^2}{d^2}$$

power radiated by earth

$$P_{\text{rad}}' = \sigma T_e^4 \cdot 4\pi R_e^2 \quad \text{where } T_e \text{ is earth's temperature}$$

according to the blackbody radiation law

$$P_{\text{abs}} = P_{\text{rad}}'$$

$$\sigma T_s^4 \frac{\pi R_e^2 R_s^2}{d^2} = \sigma T_e^4 \frac{4\pi R_e^2}{4}$$

$$T_e^4 = \frac{R_s^2}{4d^2} T_s^4$$

$$T_e = T_s \sqrt{\frac{R_s}{2d}} = 6 \times 10^3 \sqrt{\frac{6.96 \times 10^5}{3 \times 10^8}} = 288 \text{ K} \\ = 15^\circ \text{C}$$