



Prob. 4

1. A block of mass *m* is observed accelerating from rest down an incline that has coefficient of friction  $\mu$  and is at angle  $\theta$  from the horizontal. (a) How far will it travel in time *t*? use Newton second law (x(t) = ?). (b) Use principle of work and energy to find its speed *v* when it reaches the bottom of the slope, a distance *d* from its starting point *O*.

2. A ball is thrown with initial speed  $v_0$  up an inclined plane. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\phi$  above the horizontal, and the ball's initial velocity is at an angle  $\theta$  above the plane. Choose axes with x measured up the slope, y normal to the slope. (a) Write down Newton's second law using these axes, and (b) find the ball's position as a function of time. (c) Show that the ball lands a distance  $R = 2v_0^2 \sin\theta \cos(\theta + \phi)/(g \cos^2 \phi)$  from its launch point. Show that for given  $v_0$  and  $\phi$ , the maximum possible range up the inclined plane is:

 $R_{max} = v_0^2 / [g(1 + \sin\phi)].$ 

3. A shell traveling with velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1$  explodes into three pieces of equal masses. Just after the explosion, one piece has velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_0$  and the other two have velocities  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  that are equal in magnitude ( $v_2 = v_3$ ) but mutually perpendicular. Find  $\mathbf{v}_2$  and  $\mathbf{v}_3$  and sketch the three velocities.

4. A uniform rigid cylinder of radius R rolls without slipping down a sloping track as shown in the figure. Use energy conservation to find its speed v when it reaches a vertical height h below its point of release, where  $I = 1/2 M R^2$ .

5. If a particle's potential energy is  $U(\mathbf{r}) = k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ , where k is a constant, what is the force on the particle?

6. The maximum displacement of a mass oscillating about its equilibrium position is 0.3 m, and its maximum speed is 1.8 m/s. What is the period of its oscillations?



7. A bottle is floating upright in a large bucket of water as shown in the figure. In equilibrium it is submerged to a depth  $d_0$  below the surface of the water. Show that if it is pushed down to a depth d and released, it will execute harmonic motion, and find the frequency of its oscillations. If  $d_0 = 0.4$  m, what is the period of the oscillations?

8. Find the path y = y(x) for which the integral  $(\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{x} \sqrt{1 + y^2} dx)$  is stationary.

9. The figure shows a crude model of a yoyo. A massless string is suspended vertically from a fixed point and the other end is wrapped several times around a uniform cylinder of mass m and radius R. When the cylinder is released it moves vertically down, rotating as the string unwinds. Write down the Lagrangian, using the distance x as your generalized coordinate. Find the Lagrange equation of motion and show that the cylinder accelerates downward with  $\ddot{x} = 2g/3$ .



10. Consider the Atwood machine, in which the two masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are suspended by an inextensible string (length *l*) which passes over a pulley with frictionless bearings, radius *R* and moment of inertia *I*. Write down the Lagrangian, using the distance *x* as generalized coordinate, find the Lagrange equation of motion, and solve it for the acceleration  $\ddot{x}$ . Compare your results with the Newtonian solution.

11. The figure shows a simple pendulum (mass *m*, length *l*) whose point of support *P* is attached to the edge of a wheel (center *O*, radius *R*) that is forced to rotate at a fixed angular velocity  $\omega$ . At t = 0, the point *P* is level with *O* on the right. Write down the Lagrangian and find the equation of motion for the angle  $\phi$ .