

EXAM-2

PHYS 201 (Spring 2008), 03/24/08

Name: Solution Key

Lab-Sect. no.:

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Duration: 50 minutes

Show all your work for full/partial credit!

Include the correct units in your final answers for full credit!

Unless otherwise stated, quote your results in SI units!

students: 46+1+1

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1.) Multiple Choice

(25 pts.)

For each statement below, circle the correct answer (TRUE or FALSE, no reasoning required).

- (a) If a car takes a turn on a road without sliding, the static friction force between tires and road acts as a centripetal force.

TRUE

FALSE

- (b) Since work depends on force and displacement, it is a vector quantity.

TRUE

FALSE

- (c) The normal force is a nonconservative force.

TRUE

FALSE

- (d) The acceleration of an object in simple harmonic motion is largest when the object's speed is zero.

TRUE

FALSE

- (e) When a tennis ball is thrown at a wall and bounces back with the same speed, the impulse on that ball by the wall is zero.

TRUE

FALSE

No.	Points
1	SD
2	SD
3	KD
4	HQ
5	RR
Sum	

2.) Circular Motion

(15 pts.)

Assume the Moon (mass $M_M = 7.35 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ kg}$) to be in a circular orbit around Earth (mass $M_E = 6 \cdot 10^{24} \text{ kg}$) at a distance of 384000 km . Calculate the period of the Moon's revolution around Earth (in days).

$$F_G = F_c$$

$$G \frac{M_E M_M}{r^2} = \frac{M_M v^2}{r} \quad v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$G \frac{M_E}{r} = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} \Rightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{G M_E}} = 27 \text{ days}$$

$$\frac{T^2}{r^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{G \cdot M_E}$$

3.) Mechanical Energy and Nonconservative Work

(20 pts.)

A skier (mass 80 kg) starts from the top of a 8 m high hill. With an initial speed of 1.5 m/s he glides down the frictionless slope to the bottom.

- (a) What is the skier's speed at the bottom?
- (b) At the bottom, he encounters a rough horizontal ice patch of length 12 m . The friction coefficient between the rough ice and the skis is 0.25 . What is the speed of the skier after passing the ice patch?

(a) $E_i = E_f$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 + 2gh}} = \boxed{12.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

(b) $W_{nc} = \Delta E = \Delta K = K_f - K_i = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$

$$W_{nc} = -f_k s = -\mu_k F_N s = -\mu_k mgs$$

$$-\mu_k mgs = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_f = \sqrt{v_i^2 - 2\mu_k gs}} = \boxed{10.0 \text{ m/s}}$$

4.) Gravitation and Simple Harmonic Motion

(20 pts.)

Consider a simple pendulum on the Moon's surface. The Moon's radius and mass are $R_M = 1740 \text{ km}$
 $M_M = 7.35 \cdot 10^{22} \text{ kg}$.

- (a) Using Newton's Law of gravitation, calculate the acceleration due to gravity on the Moon's surface, g_M .
- (b) What should be the length of a simple pendulum which has a period of 1s on the Moon's surface?

$$(a) \quad g_M = G \frac{M_M}{r_M^2} = 1.62 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

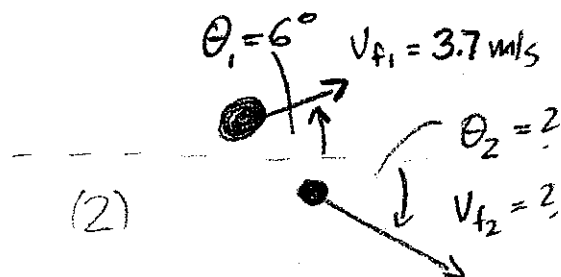
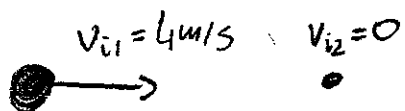
$$(b) \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{T^2}{4\pi^2} g_M = 0.041 \text{ m} = 4.1 \text{ cm}$$

5.) 2-D Inelastic Collision

(20 pts.)

An incoming bowling ball ($m_1 = 5\text{ kg}$, $v_{i1} = 4\text{ m/s}$ due East) collides with a billiard ball ($m_2 = 0.8\text{ kg}$) initially at rest. After the collision, the bowling ball is deflected by 6 degrees North of East, with a final speed of 3.7 m/s. Calculate the speed and direction of motion (the angle South of East) of the billiard ball after the collision.



Momentum conservation:

$$\vec{P}_i = \vec{P}_f$$

(2)

X-comp.

$$m_1 v_{i1x} = m_1 v_{f1x} + m_2 v_{f2x}$$

(5)

$$\Rightarrow v_{f2x} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_{i1x} - v_{f1x}) = 6.25 (4 - 3.7 \cos(6^\circ)) = 2.00 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Y-comp.

$$0 = m_1 v_{f1y} + m_2 v_{f2y}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{f2y} = -\frac{m_1}{m_2} v_{f1y} = -6.25 \times 3.7 \sin(6^\circ) = -2.42 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

(5)

$$v_{f2} = \sqrt{v_{f2x}^2 + v_{f2y}^2} = 3.14 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

(3)

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{v_{f2y}}{v_{f2x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{v_{f2y}}{v_{f2x}} \right) = 50.4^\circ$$

(3)