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**Q1** i) dimensions of force  $[F] = \frac{[M][L]}{[T]^2}$  and of density  $[\rho] = \frac{[M]}{[L]^3}$

ii) The viscosity  $\eta$  is defined by  $F = \frac{\eta A(v_2 - v_1)}{d}$  where

$F$  is a force,  $d$  is a distance, dimension  $[L]$  and

$v$  is a velocity, dimension  $[v] = \frac{[L]}{[T]}$  and Area  $A$  has  $[L]^2$ .

Hence we have  $\frac{[M][L]}{[T]^2} = \frac{[\eta][L]^2}{[L]} \frac{[L]}{[T]} = \frac{[\eta][L]^2}{[T]}$  and for both sides to be

dimensionally consistent we need  $\boxed{[\eta] = [M][L]^{-1}[T]^{-1}}$

iii)

We are given  $v = \frac{2a^2 \rho g}{9\eta}$  where  $a$  is radius,  $[L]$ . Hence we require that RHS has

dimensions of  $[L][T]^{-1}$ .  $[\text{RHS}] = \frac{[L]^2 [M][L]^{-3} [L][T]^{-2}}{[M][L]^{-1}[T]^{-1}} = \frac{[T]^{-1}}{[L]^{-1}} = [L][T]^{-1}$  as required

iv) If  $R = \rho w^\alpha v^\beta \eta^\gamma$ , is dimensionless then we need  $[\rho][w]^\alpha [v]^\beta [\eta]^\gamma$  to be also dimensionless, with  $w$  a length  $[L]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [\rho][w]^\alpha [v]^\beta [\eta]^\gamma &= [M][L]^{-3} [L]^\alpha ([L][T]^{-1})^\beta ([M][L]^{-1}[T]^{-1})^\gamma \\ \text{Now} \quad &= [M]^{\gamma+1} [L]^{-3+\alpha+\beta-\gamma} [T]^{-\beta-\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma+1 &= 0 & \gamma &= -1 \\ \text{Hence we require } -3+\alpha+\beta-\gamma &= 0 & \text{which gives } \beta &= 1 \\ -\beta-\gamma &= 0 & \alpha &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

v)

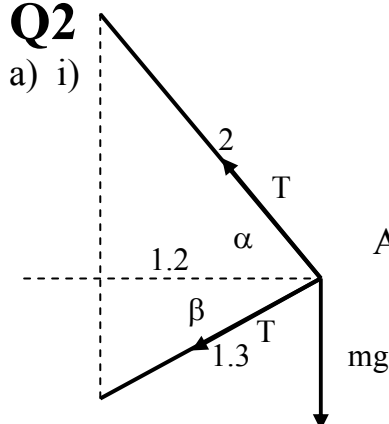
Calculate the Reynolds number for real case gives  $R=9.375 \times 10^7$

Use this value with new input keeping  $v$  the velocity as unknown. Gives  $v=260$  m/s

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**Q2**

a) i)



Note: Tension is the same everywhere in the string.

Also from diagram

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1.2}{2} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{1.2}{1.3} = \frac{12}{13}$$

Hence

$$\sin \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\sin \beta = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2} = \frac{5}{13}$$

avoid using calculator!

Equations of motions Radial direction  $-T \cos \alpha - T \cos \beta = -ma_r$  (1)

Vertical direction  $T \sin \alpha - T \sin \beta - mg = 0$  (2)

i) From (2) we find  $T = \frac{mg}{(\sin \alpha - \sin \beta)} = 6.37 \text{ N}$

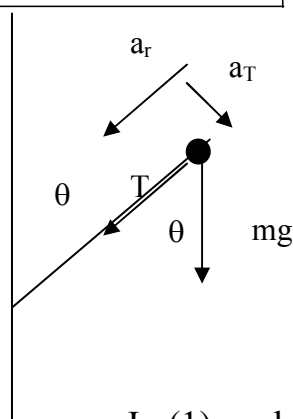
From in (1)  $\frac{T(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)}{m} = a_r$  and using  $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r}$  we get

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{a_r}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{T(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)}{m}}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{rT(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta)}{m}} = 6.57 \text{ m/s}$$

b) i) At highest position we require that  $mg = ma_r$ , hence as  $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r}$  we get

$$v = \sqrt{rg} = \sqrt{12.25} = 3.5 \text{ m/s}$$

ii)



Eq of motion

Radial  $T + mg \cos 60 = ma_r$  (1)

Transverse  $mg \sin 60 = ma_T$  (2)

From (2) we get  $g \sin 60 = a_T \Rightarrow a_T = 8.49 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

In (1) we have two unknowns so we need to obtain extra information.

We know that E is conserved, i.e.  $\Delta KE + \Delta PE = 0$ , between the positions at the top  $\theta=0$  and at  $\theta=60^\circ$ .

$$\Delta KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}m3.5^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta PE = mgr \cos 60 - mgr = mgr(\cos 60 - 1) = -0.5mgr$$

$$\Delta KE + \Delta PE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}m3.5^2 - 0.5mgr = 0$$

So

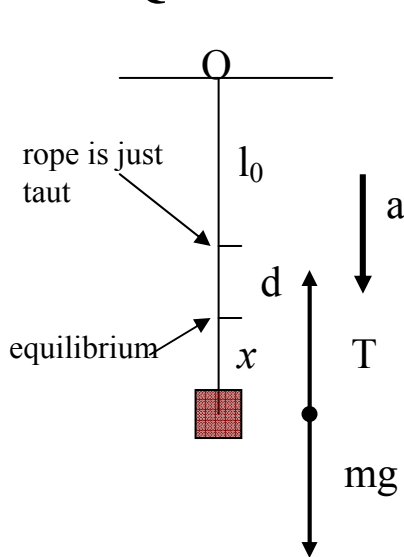
$$v^2 = gr + 3.5^2$$

and as  $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r} \Rightarrow a_r = \frac{gr + 3.5^2}{r} \Rightarrow a_r = 19.6$

We can now put  $a_r$  into (1) to get  $T = 2.94 \text{ N}$

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## Q3



We know  $l_0 = 25m$   $k = \frac{\lambda}{l_0} = \frac{980}{25} = 38.2 Nm^{-1}$

i) Now in eq. we have  $F = kd = mg \Rightarrow d = \frac{mg}{k} = 1.25$

$T - mg = -m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$  and as  $T = k(d + x)$

ii)  $k(d + x) - mg = -m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$  and as  $kd = mg$

$-\frac{kx}{m} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \Rightarrow -\frac{38.2x}{5} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{-7.84x = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}}$

iii) The general solution for SHO is  $x = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$  (1) with  $\omega^2 = 7.84 \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = 2.8}$  and the velocity is  $v = -A\omega \sin(\omega t) + B\omega \cos(\omega t)$  (2)

The initial conditions are  $t = 0$   $x = -1.25m$   $v = 8.4m/s$   
into (1) & (2) gives  $A = -1.25, B = 3$

Hence  $x = -1.25 \cos(2.8t) + 3 \sin(2.8t)$  and  $v = 1.25 \times 2.8 \sin(2.8t) + 3 \times 2.8 \cos(2.8t)$

and using compound angle formula  $R = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$

e.g for  $v$   $R = \sqrt{(-1.25)^2 + (3)^2} = 3.25$  and  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(3/1.25) = 1.176$

gives  $x = -3.25 \cos(2.8t + 1.176)$  and differentiate for  $v = 9.1 \sin(2.8t + 1.176)$

Hence max  $x$  and  $v$  are when the cos terms are equal to one, i.e. the amplitudes.

$x_{\max} = -3.25m$  iv)  $v_{\max} = 9.1m/s$

v) When the rope becomes taut we know that  $v = 8.4 m/s$ , given in question, and  $t = 0$

When the mass is at rest need to solve

$0 = 9.1 \sin(2.8t + 1.176) \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}(0) = 0, \pi, \dots$

$\sin^{-1}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 2.8t + 1.176 \Rightarrow t = -0.42$

$\sin^{-1}(0) = \pi \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi - 1.176}{2.8} = 0.702$

we need first time it gets to zero, i.e first positive value.  $t = 0.702$

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## Q4

$$a) \quad A\bar{y} = \int_{-a}^a \frac{y^2}{2} dx = \int_{-a}^a \frac{(a^2 - x^2)}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ a^2 x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( a^3 - \frac{a^3}{3} \right) - \left( -a^3 - \frac{-a^3}{3} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2a^3 - \frac{2a^3}{3} \right) = \frac{2a^2}{3}$$

$$\text{and as } A = \frac{1}{2} \pi a^2 \quad \text{we have } \bar{y} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} a^3}{\frac{1}{2} \pi a^2} = \boxed{\frac{4a}{3\pi}}$$

$$b) \quad i) \text{First we need volume } V = \pi \int_0^h y^2 dx = \pi \int_0^h (mx)^2 dx = \pi m^2 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^h = \frac{\pi m^2 h^3}{3}$$

$$\text{We now need to evaluate } \pi \int_0^h xy^2 dx = \pi \int_0^h x(mx)^2 dx = \pi m^2 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^h = \frac{\pi m^2 h^4}{4} \text{ and now we can find}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\pi \int_0^h xy^2 dx}{\pi \int_0^h y^2 dx} = \frac{\frac{\pi m^2 h^4}{4}}{\frac{\pi m^2 h^3}{3}} = \frac{3h}{4}$$

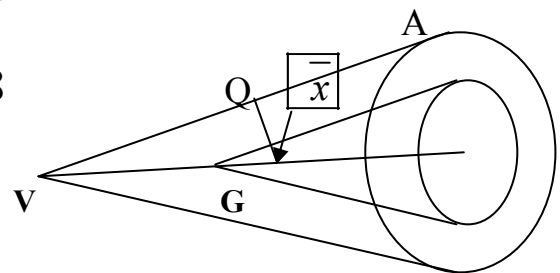
NOTE HOW THIS IS INDEPENDENT OF m

ii) Now using the result of part i) We refer to large cone as 1, small cone as 2

$\bar{x}_2 = \frac{3h_2}{4} = 0.825$  but this is from top G of small cone ( $h=1.1$ ), which is at 1.3 ( $2.4-1.1$ ) from top V of large cone. So if we choose top of large cone ( $h=2.4$ ) as our zero

$$\bar{x}_2 = 1.3 + 0.825 = 2.125 \quad \text{and } \bar{x}_1 = 1.8$$

$$\text{Using } M_2 \bar{x}_2 + M \bar{x} = M_1 \bar{x}_1$$



with  $M = M_1 - M_2$ , i.e. mass cut = mass of large cone minus mass of small one.

Now the cones are uniform, hence mass is proportional to volume and we can use these instead.

$$\text{So that } \bar{x} = \frac{M_1 \bar{x}_1 - M_2 \bar{x}_2}{M} = \frac{V_1 \bar{x}_1 - V_2 \bar{x}_2}{V_1 - V_2}. \quad \text{The volumes are given by } V = \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3}, \text{ hence}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\frac{\pi r_1^2 h_1}{3} \bar{x}_1 - \frac{\pi r_2^2 h_2}{3} \bar{x}_2}{\frac{\pi r_1^2 h_1}{3} - \frac{\pi r_2^2 h_2}{3}} = \frac{r_1^2 h_1 \bar{x}_1 - r_2^2 h_2 \bar{x}_2}{r_1^2 h_1 - r_2^2 h_2} = \frac{0.7^2 \times 2.4 \times 1.8 - 0.4^2 \times 1.1 \times 2.125}{0.7^2 \times 2.4 - 0.4^2 \times 1.1} = \boxed{1.74m}$$

iii) If the cone hangs in equilibrium from Q the line  $Q\bar{x}$  is perpendicular to VA.

$$\text{The angle } \angle QV\bar{x} \text{ is given by } \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{radius of large cone}}{\text{height of large cone}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{0.7}{2.4} \right) = 0.2838$$

$$\text{And } VQ = \bar{x} \cos(0.2828) = 1.67$$