

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT  
MATHEMATICS (MEI)**

Mechanics 3

**MONDAY 21 MAY 2007**

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Morning  
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet (8 pages)  
Graph paper  
MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.

**ADVICE TO CANDIDATES**

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- You are advised that an answer may receive **no marks** unless you show sufficient detail of the working to indicate that a correct method is being used.

- 1 (a) (i) Write down the dimensions of the following quantities.

Velocity

Acceleration

Force

Density (which is mass per unit volume)

Pressure (which is force per unit area) [5]

For a fluid with constant density  $\rho$ , the velocity  $v$ , pressure  $P$  and height  $h$  at points on a streamline are related by Bernoulli's equation

$$P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho gh = \text{constant},$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity.

- (ii) Show that the left-hand side of Bernoulli's equation is dimensionally consistent. [4]
- (b) In a wave tank, a float is performing simple harmonic motion with period 3.49 s in a vertical line. The height of the float above the bottom of the tank is  $h$  m at a time  $t$  s. When  $t = 0$ , the height has its maximum value. The value of  $h$  varies between 1.6 and 2.2.
- (i) Sketch a graph showing how  $h$  varies with  $t$ . [2]
- (ii) Express  $h$  in terms of  $t$ . [4]
- (iii) Find the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the float when  $h = 1.7$ . [3]

- 2 A fixed hollow sphere with centre  $O$  has an inside radius of 2.7 m. A particle  $P$  of mass 0.4 kg moves on the smooth inside surface of the sphere.

At first,  $P$  is moving in a horizontal circle with constant speed, and  $OP$  makes a constant angle of  $60^\circ$  with the vertical (see Fig. 2.1).

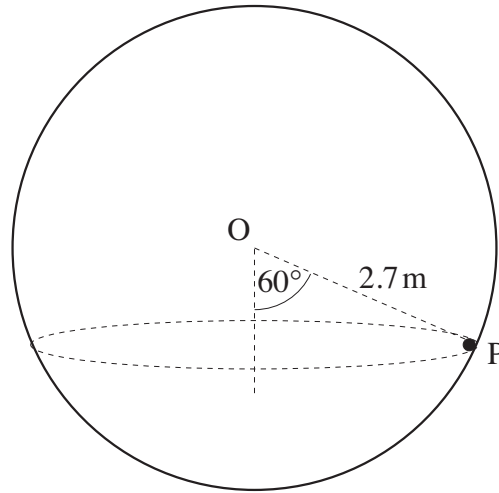


Fig. 2.1

- (i) Find the normal reaction acting on  $P$ . [2]
- (ii) Find the speed of  $P$ . [4]

The particle  $P$  is now placed at the lowest point of the sphere and is given an initial horizontal speed of  $9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ . It then moves in part of a vertical circle. When  $OP$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the upward vertical and  $P$  is still in contact with the sphere, the speed of  $P$  is  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and the normal reaction acting on  $P$  is  $R \text{ N}$  (see Fig. 2.2).

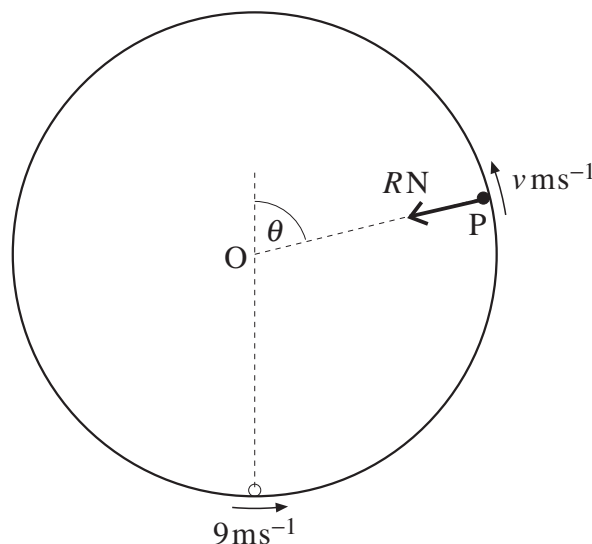


Fig. 2.2

- (iii) Find  $v^2$  in terms of  $\theta$ . [3]
- (iv) Show that  $R = 4.16 - 11.76 \cos \theta$ . [5]
- (v) Find the speed of  $P$  at the instant when it leaves the surface of the sphere. [4]

3 A light elastic string has natural length 1.2 m and stiffness  $637 \text{ N m}^{-1}$ .

- (i) The string is stretched to a length of 1.3 m. Find the tension in the string and the elastic energy stored in the string. [3]

One end of this string is attached to a fixed point A. The other end is attached to a heavy ring R which is free to move along a smooth vertical wire. The shortest distance from A to the wire is 1.2 m (see Fig. 3).

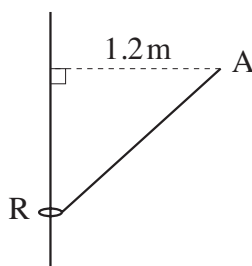


Fig. 3

The ring is in equilibrium when the length of the string AR is 1.3 m.

- (ii) Show that the mass of the ring is 2.5 kg. [4]

The ring is given an initial speed  $u \text{ m s}^{-1}$  vertically downwards from its equilibrium position. It first comes to rest, instantaneously, in the position where the length of AR is 1.5 m.

- (iii) Find  $u$ . [7]
- (iv) Determine whether the ring will rise above the level of A. [4]

- 4 (a) The region bounded by the curve  $y = x^3$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ , the  $x$ -axis and the line  $x = 2$ , is occupied by a uniform lamina. Find the coordinates of the centre of mass of this lamina. [8]
- (b) The region bounded by the circular arc  $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$  for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ , the  $x$ -axis and the line  $x = 1$ , is rotated through  $2\pi$  radians about the  $x$ -axis to form a uniform solid of revolution, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

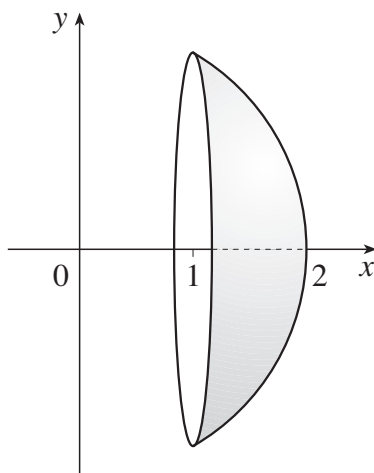


Fig. 4.1

- (i) Show that the  $x$ -coordinate of the centre of mass of this solid of revolution is 1.35. [6]

This solid is placed on a rough horizontal surface, with its flat face in a vertical plane. It is held in equilibrium by a light horizontal string attached to its highest point and perpendicular to its flat face, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

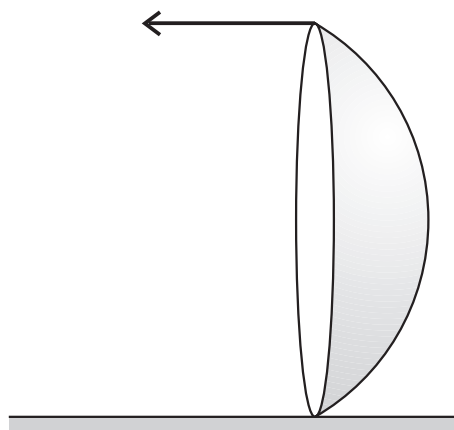


Fig. 4.2

- (ii) Find the least possible coefficient of friction between the solid and the horizontal surface. [4]

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