

Problem 1A

The Figure 1 depicts acceleration as a function of time for a short run.

- a) Find the velocities at $t = 10, 30,$ and 50 seconds assuming that $v(t = 0s) = 0$.
- b) Draw the corresponding $v - t$ graph.
- c) Find the total displacement in the 33 second run (B: 37 second run).
- d) Find the average velocity for the 33 second run (B: 37 second run).

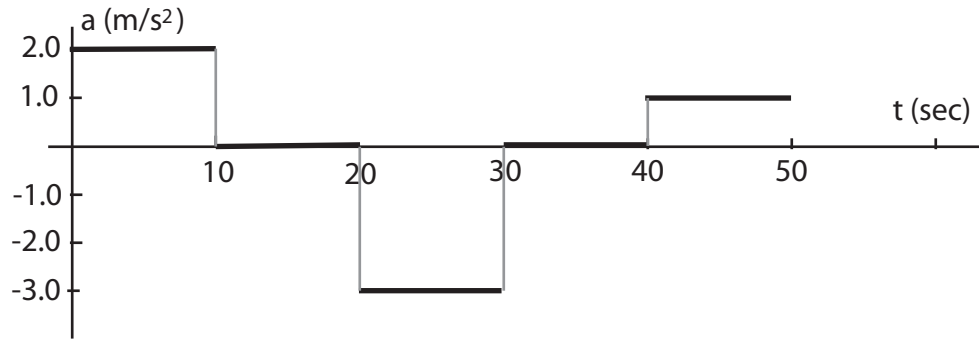


Figure 1: $a - t$ graph

Solution

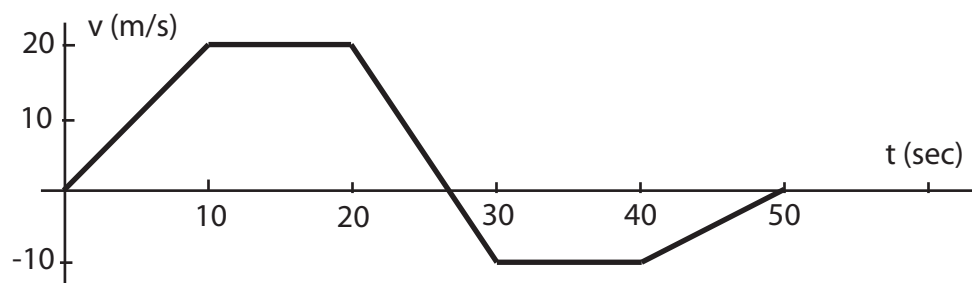
a) (7 points)

$$v(t = 10s) = 0 + 2.0 \cdot 10 = 20m/s,$$

$$v(t = 30s) = 20 + (-3.0) \cdot 10 = -10m/s,$$

$$v(t = 50s) = -10 + 1.0 \cdot 10 = 0m/s.$$

b) (8 points) $v - t$ graph



c) (10 points) The area under $v - t$ graph

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}10 \cdot 20 + 10 \cdot 20 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{20}{3}20 - \frac{1}{2}\frac{10}{3}10 - 3 \cdot 10 = 320m \quad (B : 280m)$$

d) (5 points)

$$v_{av} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{320m}{33s} \approx 9.7m/s \quad (B : 7.6m/s)$$

Problem 2A

A projectile is fired from the edge of the cliff with initial velocity $v_0 = 105m/s$ (B: $95m/s$) at the angle 45^0 with horizontal. The projectile rises, then falls into the sea at the pont P in 20 seconds. Find:

- a) The maximal height of the projectile's trajectory (relative to the cliff).
- b) The height of the cliff.
- c) The horizontal distance from the cliff to the point P .

Solution

We choose the positive y axis in the upward direction with $y = 0$ being the coordinate of the cliff. Components of the initial velocity are

$$\begin{aligned}v_{0x} &= v_0 \cos(45^0) \approx 74.2m/s & (B : 67.2m/s), \\v_{0y} &= v_0 \sin(45^0) \approx 74.2m/s & (B : 67.2m/s).\end{aligned}$$

a) (10 points)

The maximal height is reached at t_{max} such that $v_{0y} - gt_{max} = 0$. $t_{max} = v_{0y}/g$. This height is

$$y_{max} = v_{0y} t_{max} - \frac{gt_{max}^2}{2} = \frac{v_{0y}^2}{2g} = \frac{74.2^2}{2 \cdot 9.8} \approx 281m \quad (B : 230m).$$

b) (10 points)

The y - coordinate of the projectile at the moment when it falls into the sea is given by

$$y_P = v_{0y} t - \frac{gt^2}{2} = 74.2 \cdot 20 - \frac{9.8 \cdot 20^2}{2} \approx -475m \quad (B : 616m).$$

Therefore, the height of the cliff

$$h \approx 475m \quad (B : 616m).$$

c) (10 points)

$$L = v_{0x} t = 74.2 \cdot 20 \approx 1485m \approx 1.48km \quad (B : 1344m \approx 1.34km).$$

Problem 3

Two blocks of masses M and m are connected by a massless rope, which passes over a light frictionless pulley, as shown in Figure 2. The horizontal surface is rough. The coefficient of kinetic friction is μ_k . Find:

- a) The acceleration of each block.
- b) The tension of the rope.

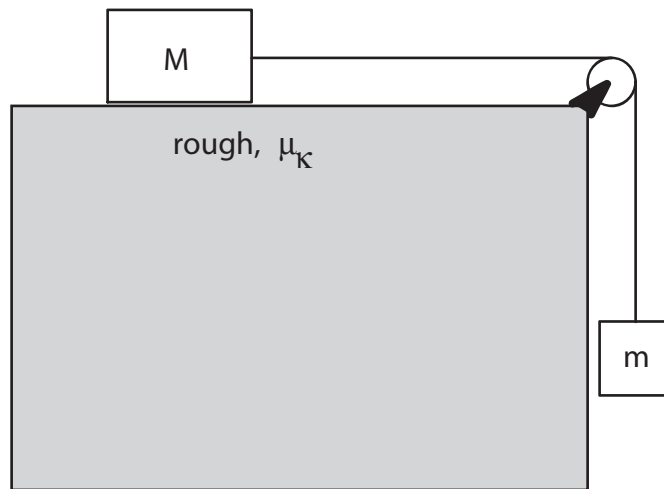
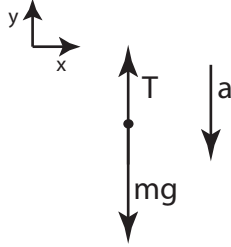


Figure 2: To problem 3.

Solution

There are two cases: blocks moving to the right or to the left. We assume that they move to the right.

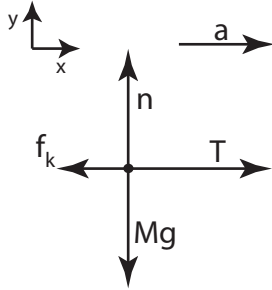
Free body diagram for block m :



Equations for block m (only y component is nontrivial)

$$mg - T = ma. \quad (5 \text{ points}) \quad (1)$$

Free body diagram for block M :



Equations for block m

$$T - f_k = Ma, \quad (5 \text{ points}) \quad (2)$$

$$n - Mg = 0, \quad (5 \text{ points}) \quad (3)$$

where for kinetic friction we can use

$$f_k = \mu_k n. \quad (5 \text{ points}) \quad (4)$$

Solving the system of equations (1-4) we obtain

$$a = \frac{m - \mu_k M}{m + M} g, \quad (5 \text{ points})$$

$$T = \frac{mM}{m + M} g(1 + \mu_k). \quad (5 \text{ points}) \quad (5)$$