

PHYS 101 Midterm examination #2 (vers. 2C)

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Time: 50 minutes

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For questions 2 and 3, please show complete solutions and explain your reasoning, stating any principles that you have used.

1 (10 marks). For each of the following five questions, please circle one answer only.

- (i) A solid cylinder is rolling without slipping. What fraction of its kinetic energy is rotational?

- (a) ☒ a. 1/3
b. 2/3
c. 1/2
d. 3/4
e. 2/7

$$K_T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 \quad K_R = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} m r^2, \quad \omega = \frac{v}{r} \quad K_R = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \omega^2 = \frac{1}{4} m v^2$$

$$\therefore K_T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{4} m v^2 = \frac{3}{4} m v^2 \quad K_R / K_T = \frac{1/4}{3/4} = 1/3$$

- (ii) A 5.0-m radius playground merry-go-round with a moment of inertia of 2000 kg·m² is rotating freely with an angular speed of 1.0 rad/s. Two people, each having a mass of 40 kg are standing right outside the edge of the merry-go-round and step on it with negligible speed. What is the angular speed of the merry-go-round right after the two people have stepped on?

- a. 0.40 rad/s
b. 0.60 rad/s
c. 0.80 rad/s
d. 0.67 rad/s
(e) ☒ e. 0.50 rad/s

$$L_f = L_i$$

$$I_f = I_i + 2 m r^2 = 2000 + (2)(40)(5)^2 = 4000 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

$$I_f \omega_f = I_i \omega_i$$

$$\omega_f = \frac{I_i}{I_f} \omega_i = \frac{2000}{4000} \omega_i = \frac{1}{2} \omega_i = 0.50 \text{ rad/s}$$

- (iii) In simple harmonic motion, the acceleration is proportional to

- a. the velocity
b. the frequency
c. the amplitude

$$a = -\omega^2 x$$

- (d) ☒ d. the displacement
e. the period

- (iv) The vertical displacement of a string is given by $y(x,t) = 0.006 \cos(3.25x - 7.22t)$, where all quantities are measured in SI units. What is the speed of the wave?

- a. 0.450 m/s
b. 1.41 m/s
(c) ☒ c. 2.22 m/s
d. 0.870 m/s
e. 1.93 m/s

$$y(x,t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t) = A \cos[k(x - vt)]$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{7.22}{3.25} = 2.22 \text{ m/s}$$

- (v) By what amount does the intensity level increase when you triple the intensity of a source of sound?

- a. 9.5 dB
(b) ☒ b. 4.8 dB
c. 6.0 dB
d. 3.0 dB
e. 4.0 dB

$$\beta = \log_{10} \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\text{Now } I_2 = 3 I_1$$

$$\beta_1 = \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\Delta \beta = 10 \log_{10}(3) = 4.8 \text{ dB}$$

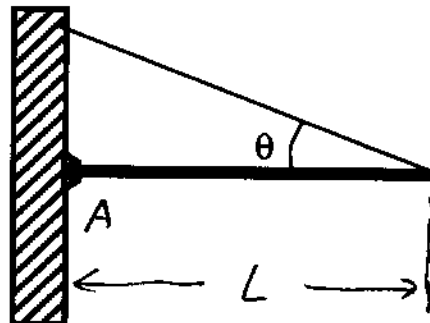
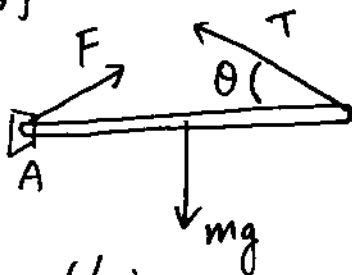
$$\beta_2 = \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_2}{I_0} \right)$$

$$\Delta \beta = \beta_2 - \beta_1 = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1} \right)$$

2(6 marks). A uniform steel rod, with a mass of 20.0 kg and 3.00 m long, is supported by a loose bolt attached to the wall at one end and by a wire at the other end. The wire makes an angle of $\theta=25^\circ$ with the horizontal as shown in the figure below.

- (a). What is the magnitude of the force exerted by the bolt on the rod?
 (b). If the wire breaks, what is the angular acceleration of the rod?

[solution]



static equilibrium:

$$\sum \vec{F}_i = 0 : F_x - T \cos \theta = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$F_y + T \sin \theta - mg = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = 0 \text{ (About point A)} : T \cdot L \cdot \sin \theta - mg \frac{L}{2} = 0 \quad (3)$$

Solve (3) for T: $T = \frac{mg}{2 \sin \theta} = \frac{(20)(9.8)}{2 \sin 25^\circ} = 232 \text{ N}$

Solve (1) for F_x : $F_x = T \cos \theta = 232 \cdot \cos 25^\circ = 210 \text{ N}$

Solve (2) (3) for F_y : $F_y = \frac{mg}{2} = 98 \text{ N}$

(a): $F = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2} = \sqrt{(210)^2 + (98)^2} = 232 \text{ N}$

(b). if the wire breaks } $\tau = -mgL/2$:
 $T = 0$

$$I = \frac{1}{3} mL^2 \quad \left(\text{Moment of inertia of the rod about A} \right)$$

angular acceleration: $\alpha = \frac{\tau}{I}$

$$\alpha = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}mgL}{\frac{1}{3}mL^2} = -\frac{3g}{2L} = -\frac{3(9.8)}{2(3)} = 4.9 \text{ rad/s}^2 \text{ clockwise.}$$

3 (4 marks)

A policeman in a stationary car measures the speed of approaching cars by means of an ultrasonic device that emits a sound with a frequency of 39.6 kHz. A car is approaching him at a speed of 35.0 m/s. The wave is reflected by the car and interferes with the emitted sound producing beats. What is the frequency of the beats? The speed of sound in air is 343 m/s.

[Solution]:

When the wave is on

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its way to the car,

the car is a moving observer:

$$f' = f(1 + u/v) \quad [\text{approaching}]$$

When the wave is reflected and going towards the policeman,

the car is a moving source: [approaching]

$$f'' = f' / (1 - u/v) = f \frac{1 + u/v}{1 - u/v}$$

The frequency of the beat:

$$f_B = f'' - f = f \left[\frac{1 + u/v}{1 - u/v} - 1 \right]$$

$$= f \frac{2u/v}{1 - u/v} = f \frac{2u}{v - u}$$

$$= 3.96 \times 10^4 \frac{2(35)}{343 - 35}$$

$$= 9.0 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

$$= 9 \text{ kHz}$$