

# Hooke's Law 1

Q1.

A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.3\text{ kg}$  is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.9\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $18\text{ N}$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$  which is  $3\text{ m}$  above the ground.

- (i) Find the extension of the string when  $P$  is in the equilibrium position. [2]

$P$  is projected vertically downwards from the equilibrium position with initial speed  $6\text{ m s}^{-1}$ . At the instant when the tension in the string is  $12\text{ N}$  the string breaks.  $P$  continues to descend vertically.

- (ii) (a) Calculate the height of  $P$  above the ground at the instant when the string breaks. [2]  
(b) Find the speed of  $P$  immediately before it strikes the ground. [4]
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Q2.

One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.5\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $30\text{ N}$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle  $P$  which hangs in equilibrium vertically below  $O$ , with  $OP = 0.8\text{ m}$ .

- (i) Show that the mass of  $P$  is  $1.8\text{ kg}$ . [2]

The particle is pulled vertically downwards and released from rest from the point where  $OP = 1.2\text{ m}$ .

- (ii) Find the speed of  $P$  at the instant when the string first becomes slack. [3]
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Q3.

One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.4\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $20\text{ N}$  is attached to a fixed point  $A$  on a smooth plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. The other end of the string is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass  $0.5\text{ kg}$  which rests in equilibrium on the plane.

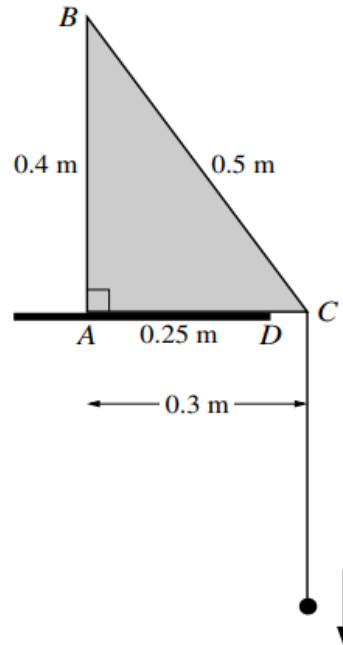
- (i) Calculate the extension of the string. [2]

$P$  is projected down the plane from the equilibrium position with speed  $5\text{ m s}^{-1}$ . The extension of the string is  $e\text{ m}$  when the speed of the particle is  $2\text{ m s}^{-1}$  for the first time.

- (ii) Find  $e$ . [4]
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Q4.



A uniform triangular prism of weight 20 N rests on a horizontal table.  $ABC$  is the cross-section through the centre of mass of the prism, where  $BC = 0.5$  m,  $AB = 0.4$  m,  $AC = 0.3$  m and angle  $BAC = 90^\circ$ . The vertical plane  $ABC$  is perpendicular to the edge of the table. The point  $D$  on  $AC$  is at the edge of the table, and  $AD = 0.25$  m. One end of a light elastic string of natural length 0.6 m and modulus of elasticity 48 N is attached to  $C$  and a particle of mass 2.5 kg is attached to the other end of the string. The particle is released from rest at  $C$  and falls vertically (see diagram).

- (i) Show that the tension in the string is 60 N at the instant when the prism topples. [3]
- (ii) Calculate the speed of the particle at the instant when the prism topples. [5]

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Q5.

A particle  $P$  of mass 0.2 kg is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length 0.75 m and modulus of elasticity 21 N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $A$  which is 0.8 m vertically above a smooth horizontal surface.  $P$  rests in equilibrium on the surface.

- (i) Find the magnitude of the force exerted on  $P$  by the surface. [2]

$P$  is now projected horizontally along the surface with speed  $3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Calculate the extension of the string at the instant when  $P$  leaves the surface. [3]
  - (iii) Hence find the speed of  $P$  at the instant when it leaves the surface. [3]
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Q6.

A particle  $P$  of mass  $M$  kg is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.8$  m and modulus of elasticity  $12.5$  N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $A$ . The particle is released from rest at  $A$  and falls vertically until it comes to instantaneous rest at the point  $B$ . The greatest speed of  $P$  during its descent is  $4.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  when the extension of the string is  $e$  m.

- (i) Show that  $e = 0.64M$ . [2]
  - (ii) Find a second equation in  $e$  and  $M$ , and hence find  $M$ . [6]
  - (iii) Calculate the distance  $AB$ . [3]
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Q7.

A particle  $P$  of mass  $0.6$  kg is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.8$  m and modulus of elasticity  $24$  N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $A$ , and  $P$  hangs in equilibrium.

- (i) Calculate the extension of the string. [2]

$P$  is projected vertically downwards from the equilibrium position with speed  $4.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Find the distance  $AP$  when the speed of  $P$  is  $3.5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and  $P$  is below the equilibrium position. [4]
  - (iii) Calculate the speed of  $P$  when it is  $0.5$  m above the equilibrium position. [3]
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Q8.

A particle  $P$  is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $1.2$  m and modulus of elasticity  $12$  N. The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a smooth plane inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal.  $P$  rests in equilibrium on the plane,  $1.6$  m from  $O$ .

- (i) Calculate the mass of  $P$ . [2]

A particle  $Q$ , with mass equal to the mass of  $P$ , is projected up the plane along a line of greatest slope. When  $Q$  strikes  $P$  the two particles coalesce. The combined particle remains attached to the string and moves up the plane, coming to instantaneous rest after moving  $0.2$  m.

- (ii) Show that the initial kinetic energy of the combined particle is  $1$  J. [4]

The combined particle subsequently moves down the plane.

- (iii) Calculate the greatest speed of the combined particle in the subsequent motion. [5]
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Q9.

One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.4\text{ m}$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of weight  $5\text{ N}$  which hangs in equilibrium  $0.6\text{ m}$  vertically below  $O$ .

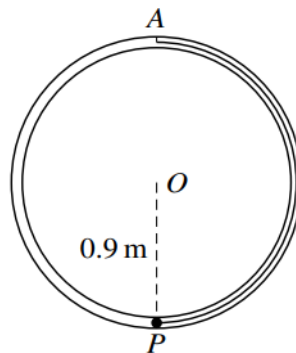
- (i) Find the modulus of elasticity of the string. [2]

The particle is projected vertically upwards from the equilibrium position and comes to instantaneous rest after travelling  $0.3\text{ m}$  upwards.

- (ii) Calculate the speed of projection of the particle. [3]

- (iii) Calculate the greatest extension of the string in the subsequent motion. [3]
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Q10.



The diagram shows a smooth narrow tube formed into a fixed vertical circle with centre  $O$  and radius  $0.9\text{ m}$ . A light elastic string with modulus of elasticity  $8\text{ N}$  and natural length  $1.2\text{ m}$  has one end attached to the highest point  $A$  on the inside of the tube. The other end of the string is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass  $0.2\text{ kg}$ . The particle is released from rest at the lowest point on the inside of the tube. By considering energy, calculate

- (i) the speed of  $P$  when it is at the same horizontal level as  $O$ , [4]

- (ii) the speed of  $P$  at the instant when the string becomes slack. [3]
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