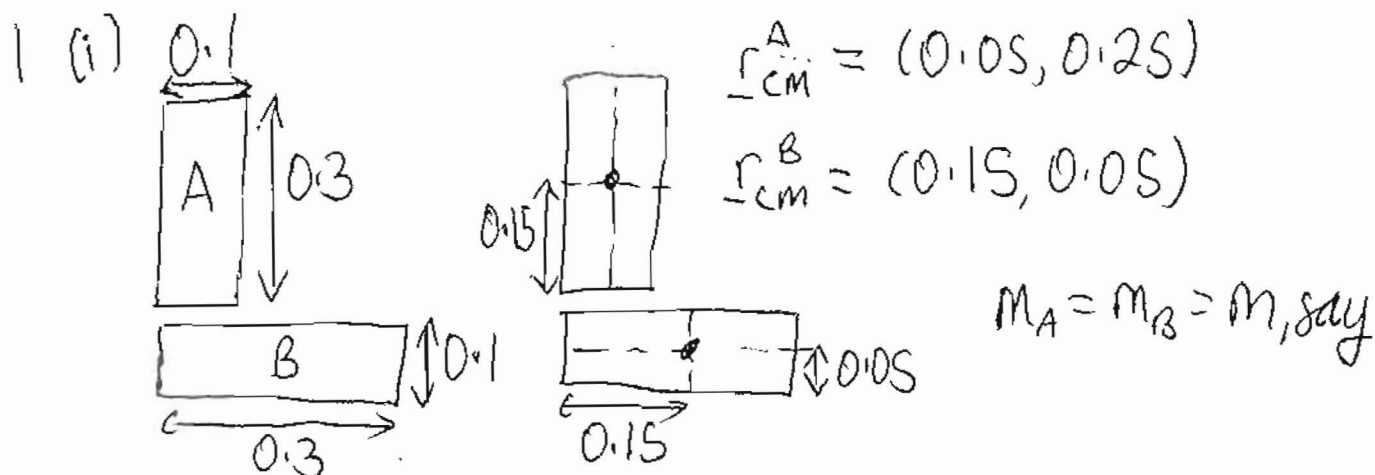


# MECHANICS PROBLEM SHEETS, ANSWERS



CoM of the L is at CoM of those 2 parts

$$x_{cm} = \frac{m x_{cm}^A + m x_{cm}^B}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} (0.05 + 0.15) = 0.1$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{1}{2} (0.25 + 0.05) = 0.15$$

(ii) A = the disc with hole (centre at origin)

B = the disc radius 0.5m without hole (centre at origin)

C = disc of radius 0.25m [centre at (0.25, 0)]

$$B = A + C \text{ i.e. } r_{cm}^B = \frac{m_A r_{cm}^A + m_C r_{cm}^C}{m_A + m_C}$$

But  $r_{cm}^B = 0$ ,  $m_B = \left(\frac{0.5}{0.25}\right)^2 m_C = 4m_C$ ,  $m_A = m_B - m_C = 3m_C$

$$\therefore 3m_C r_{cm}^A + m_C r_{cm}^C = 0 \quad \therefore r_{cm}^A = -\frac{1}{3} r_{cm}^C$$

$\therefore$  Coord's of CoM are  $(-0.083, 0)$

(iii) Taking origin at centre of sun

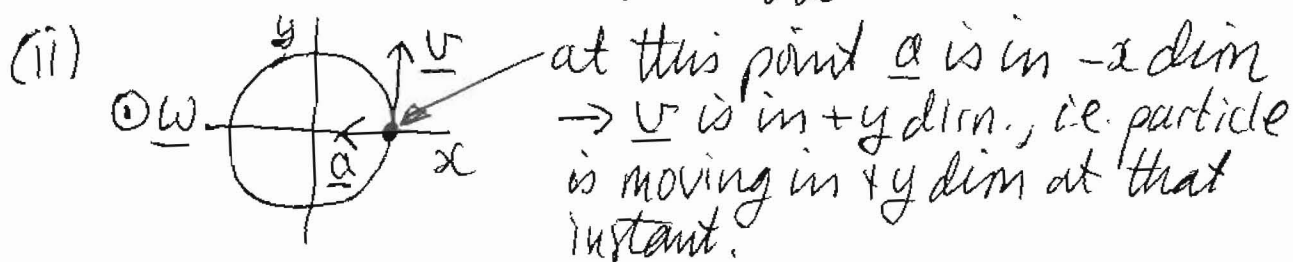
$$r_{cm}^{\text{Sun-Earth}} = \frac{m_{\text{sun}} r_{\text{sun}} + m_{\text{earth}} r_{\text{earth}}}{m_{\text{sun}} + m_{\text{earth}}}$$

$$= \frac{5.98 \times 10^{24} \times 1.49 \times 10^{11}}{1.99 \times 10^{30} + 5.98 \times 10^{24}} = 4.48 \times 10^5 \text{ m} \approx 450 \text{ km}$$

[About the distance from London to Lands End]

2. As it rolls "up" the incline its CoM gets lower

3 (i)  $\omega = \text{ang speed} = 2\pi/T = 2\pi/5 = 1.26 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$   
 $v = \text{speed} = r\omega = 0.2 \times 1.26 = 0.25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
 $|\underline{a}| = \text{mag of accel} = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{0.25^2}{0.2} = 0.32 \text{ ms}^{-2}$



4  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{v} = m \underline{a} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$  since  $\underline{a}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\underline{v}$

5 (i) Momentum cons

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{x-comp: } m u_A = m v_A \cos \alpha + m v_B \cos \beta \\ \text{y-comp: } 0 = m v_A \sin \alpha - m v_B \sin \beta \end{array} \right\} \text{cancel } m\text{'s}$$

ke cons:  $\frac{1}{2} m u_A^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_B^2$

(ii)  $u_A^2 = v_A^2 + v_B^2 \rightarrow u_A = \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5} \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
y comp of mom cons:  $\sin \beta = (v_A/v_B) \sin \alpha = 2 \sin \alpha$   
x comp of mom cons:  $\cos \beta = \frac{u_A - v_A \cos \alpha}{v_B} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 2 \cos \alpha}{2}$   
 $\therefore \sin^2 \beta = 4 \sin^2 \alpha$  &  $\cos^2 \beta = 5 - 4\sqrt{5} \cos \alpha + 4 \cos^2 \alpha$   
 $\therefore \underbrace{\sin^2 \beta + \cos^2 \beta}_1 = 5 - 4\sqrt{5} \cos \alpha + \underbrace{4 \cos^2 \alpha + 4 \sin^2 \alpha}_4$   
 $\therefore 4\sqrt{5} \cos \alpha = 8 \rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \rightarrow \alpha = 26.6^\circ$

$$\sin \beta = 2 \sin \alpha = 0.894 \rightarrow \beta = 63.4^\circ$$

(iii) Square the comp's of mom cons

$$v_A^2 \cos^2 \alpha + 2v_A v_B \cos \alpha \cos \beta + v_B^2 \cos^2 \beta = u_A^2$$

$$v_A^2 \sin^2 \alpha - 2v_A v_B \sin \alpha \sin \beta + v_B^2 \sin^2 \beta = 0$$

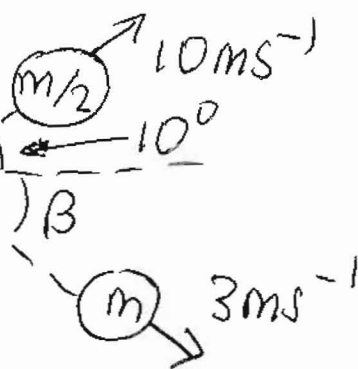
Add & use  $\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$  &  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha + \beta)$   
 $\rightarrow v_A^2 + 2v_A v_B \cos(\alpha + \beta) + v_B^2 = u_A^2 = v_A^2 + v_B^2$  (ke cons)

$\therefore 2v_A v_B \cos(\alpha + \beta) = 0$  Assuming neither  $v_A$  nor  $v_B$  are zero  $\rightarrow \cos(\alpha + \beta) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 90^\circ$

(iv) before  $(m) \rightarrow u_A$

after  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
 $(m/2)$

Momentum still conserved.



$$y \text{ comp: } \frac{m}{2} \times 10 \times \sin 10^\circ = m \times 3 \times \sin \beta$$

$$\therefore \sin \beta = \frac{5}{3} \sin 10^\circ = 0.289 \rightarrow \beta = 16.8^\circ$$

$$x \text{ comp: } m u_A = -\frac{m}{2} \times 10 + \frac{m}{2} \times 10 \times \cos 10^\circ + m \times 3 \times \cos \beta$$

$$\therefore u_A = -5 + 5 \cos 10^\circ + 3 \cos 16.8^\circ = 2.8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore K_{\text{init}} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.17 \times (2.80)^2 = 0.66 \text{ J}$$

$$K_{\text{fin}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{0.17}{2}\right) \times 10^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{0.17}{2}\right) \times 10^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.17 \times 3^2 = 9.27 \text{ J}$$

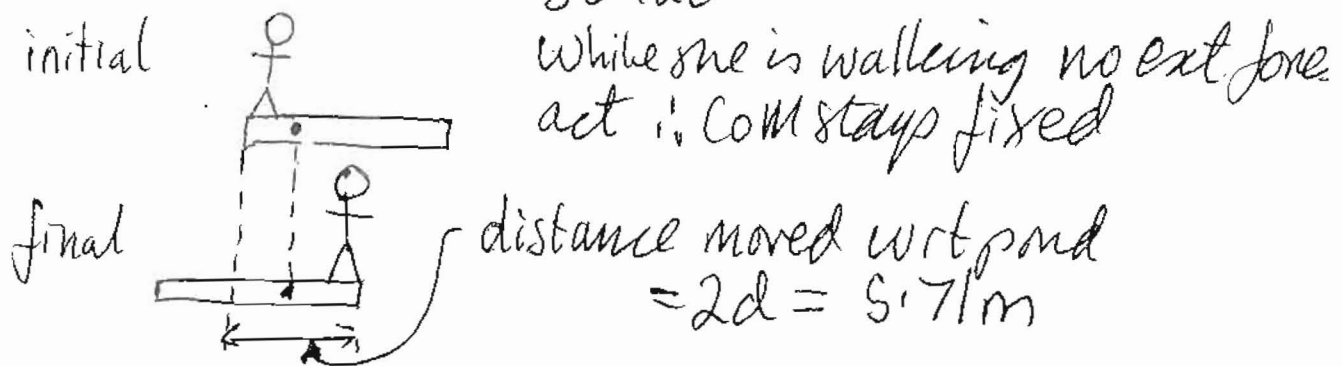
$$\therefore \Delta K = K_{\text{fin}} - K_{\text{init}} = 8.60 \text{ J} = \text{energy released}$$

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COM of plank/woman system

$$d = \frac{M_{\text{woman}} x_{\text{woman}} + M_{\text{plank}} x_{\text{centre plank}}}{M_{\text{woman}} + M_{\text{plank}}}$$

$$= \frac{50 \times 0 + 20 \times 10}{50 + 20} = \frac{200}{7} = 2.86 \text{ m}$$



7 (i)  $\underline{V} = \underline{V}_A - \underline{V}_B$

$$V^2 = (\underline{V}_A - \underline{V}_B) \cdot (\underline{V}_A - \underline{V}_B) = V_A^2 - 2\underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + V_B^2$$

(ii)  $\underline{V}_{\text{cm}} = \frac{M_A \underline{V}_A + M_B \underline{V}_B}{M}$

$$= \frac{1}{M^2} (M_A^2 V_A^2 + 2M_A M_B \underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + M_B^2 V_B^2)$$

(iii)  $K_{\text{tot}} + K_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{M_A M_B}{M} (V_A^2 - 2\underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + V_B^2)$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} M \frac{1}{M^2} (M_A^2 V_A^2 + 2M_A M_B \underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + M_B^2 V_B^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2M} \{ M_A M_B V_A^2 - 2M_A M_B \underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + M_A M_B V_B^2 + M_A^2 V_A^2 + 2M_A M_B \underline{V}_A \cdot \underline{V}_B + M_B^2 V_B^2 \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2M} \{ \underbrace{M_A (M_A + M_B)}_M V_A^2 + \underbrace{M_B (M_A + M_B)}_M V_B^2 \} = \frac{1}{2} M_A V_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_B V_B^2$$

8 (i) Gravity & normal contact force from bucket (both down)

(ii) At highest pt the accel of the bucket in its circular motion is downwards. If this accel  $> g$  the water stays in bucket.