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PHYS2107: Physics for Engineering I - Test 1

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Full Mark: 40 points	Answer all questions
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Time: 5:15 – 6:45 pm

1. A particle moves along the x axis according to the equation:

$$x = -50t + 2t^2$$

where x is in meters and t in seconds.

Find:

- a) The position of the particle when it momentarily stops.
- b) The acceleration of the particle when it momentarily stops.
- c) The velocity of the particle when it returns to its initial position.
- d) The average velocity in the time interval $t = 10$ s and $t = 15$ s.
- e) The average speed in the time interval $t = 10$ s and $t = 15$ s.

(10 marks)

2. Two vectors **a** and **b** are given by:

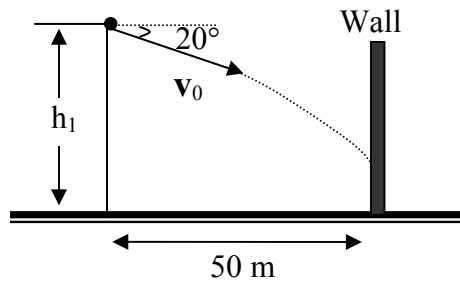
$$\mathbf{a} = (4.0\text{m})\mathbf{i} - (3.0\text{m})\mathbf{j} + (2.0\text{m})\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = (-2.0\text{m})\mathbf{i} + (4.0\text{m})\mathbf{j} - (3.0\text{m})\mathbf{k}$$

In unit-vector notation, find:

- a) The vector $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$
- b) The vector $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$
- c) The angle between the vector \mathbf{a} and z-axis.
- d) The magnitude of a vector \mathbf{c} such that: $\mathbf{c} = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$

(10 marks)

3. A ball is thrown from the edge of a building of height $h_1 = 100$ m with an initial speed of 20 m/s at an angle of 20° below the horizontal (as shown in the figure). The wall is 50 m from the release point of the ball, as shown in the figure.

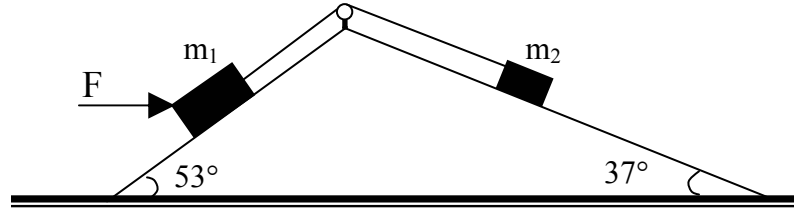


Find:

- The velocity of the ball as it hits the wall (in unit-vector notation and magnitude-direction notation)
- The horizontal distance traveled by the ball when the line tangent to its path makes an angle of 37° with the horizontal.
- The vector displacement $\Delta \mathbf{r}$ between $t = 1$ s and $t = 2$ s.

(10 marks)

4. Two blocks of masses $m_1 = 10 \text{ kg}$ and $m_2 = 4 \text{ kg}$ are connected by a cord over a massless and frictionless pulley. The block m_1 is on 53° - inclined plane whereas block m_2 is on 37° - inclined plane. Both inclined planes are frictionless. A horizontal force F of magnitude 25 N is applied on block m_1 as shown in the figure.



- a) What is the acceleration of the blocks and the tension in the cord?
b) What is the velocity of m_1 when it has traveled a distance of 5 m down the 53° - inclined plane?

(10 marks)