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Physics – 2023 Edition

Answers

Theme A – Space, time and motion

A.1 – Kinematics

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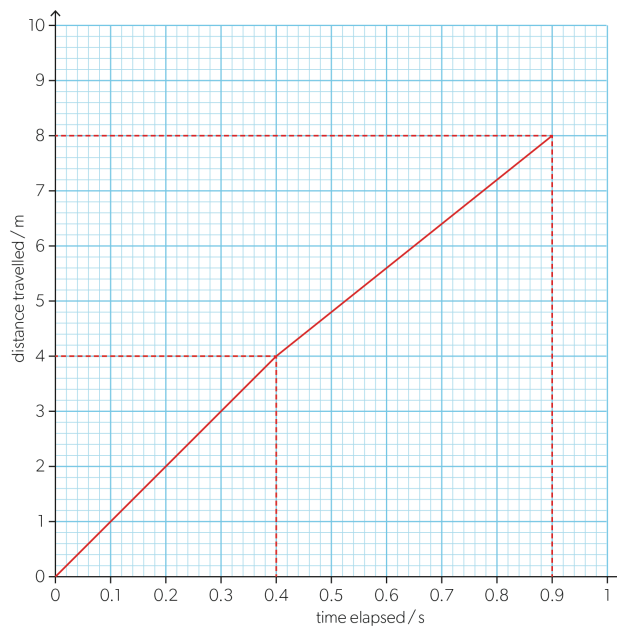
- 1
 - a. 6.3 km
 - b. 4.5 km
 - c. 33°
- 2
 - a. distance = 24 cm, displacement = 21 cm
 - b. distance = 47 cm, displacement = 30 cm

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- 3 15 km h⁻¹
- 4 8.7 light years

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- 5
 - a. 45 km h⁻¹
 - b. 800 m
 - c. 48 km h⁻¹
- 6
 - a.
 - i. 0.40 s
 - ii. 8.0 m s⁻¹
 - b.

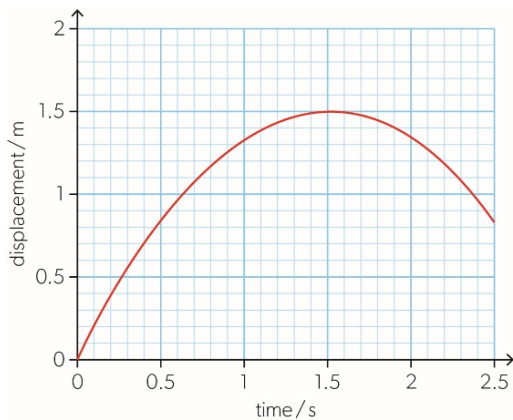


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- 7 a. i. approximately 6 m s^{-1}
ii. approximately 2 m s^{-1}
b. 1.9 m s^{-1}
- 8 a. 4.1 m s^{-1}
b. 2.6 m s^{-1}

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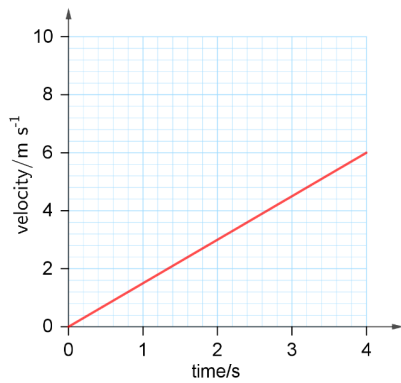
- 9 C
- 10 A
- 11 A
- 12 B
- 13 a. Decelerates from 0 to 1.5 s, changes the direction of motion at 1.5 s and accelerates in the opposite direction from 1.5 s to 2.5 s
- b. i. -1.3 m s^{-2}
ii. 1.5 m
iii. Answer between 0.80 m and 0.85 m
- c.

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- 14 a. 3.3 s
b. 2.5 m
- 15 a. 1.7 m s^{-2}
b. 1400 m
- 16 19 m s^{-1}
- 17 a. 31 m s^{-1} (110 km h^{-1})
b. 47 s

18 a. D

b.



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19 B

20 D

21 D

22 C

23 a. 8.8 m s^{-1}

b. 20 m s^{-1}

c. 26°

d. 4.0 m

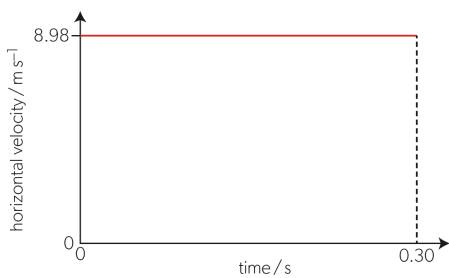
24 19.8 m s^{-1}

25 a. $-0.25 = 9.0 \sin 4.0^\circ \times t - \frac{1}{2} \times 9.8 t^2 \Rightarrow t = 0.299 \text{ s}$

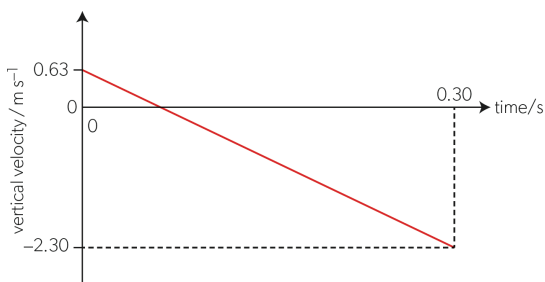
b. i. 2.7 m

ii. 9.3 m s^{-1}

c. i.



ii.



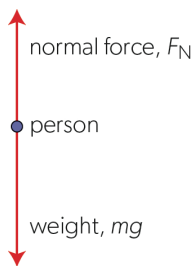
A.2 – Forces and momentum

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- 1 D
- 2 C
- 3 87 N
- 4 a. 11 kN
b. 1.0 s
- 5 a. 0.29 m s^{-1}
b. 1.2 m
- 6 a. The force acts vertically so it only changes the vertical component of the velocity
b. i. 3.4 cm
ii. 15°

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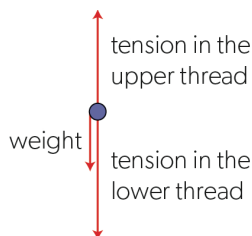


- a. 740 N
- b. 890 N

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- 8 a. 38 N
b. The vertical component of tension is unchanged (is equal to half the weight of the object) and the horizontal component must increase if the overall force is to make a greater angle with the vertical. Tension in each thread increases so the threads are more likely to break.

9 a.



- b. Upper thread: $3Mg$, lower thread: $2Mg$
- 10 a. i. 0.42 N
ii. 0.65 N
b. Moves away from the wall with a constant acceleration, in a straight line along the original direction of the thread.

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- 11 A
12 D

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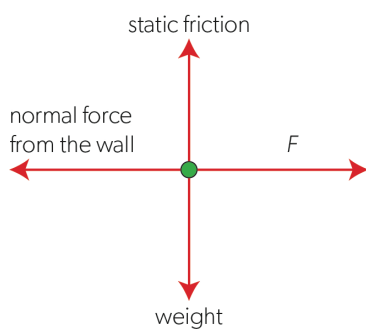
- 13 A
14 a. 1.25 kg
b. The maximum mass of extra load that can be placed in the container is 5 kg, so the container will not sink.

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- 15 0.21 kg m^{-3}
16 a. $1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$
b. Increases by 8%

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- 17 a. 3.9 m s^{-2}
b. The maximum acceleration of the box that the static friction force can provide is $0.45g = 4.4 \text{ m s}^{-2}$. This is greater than the actual acceleration so the box does not slide.
18 5.7 m s^{-1}
19 a. 0.069 m s^{-2}
b. 5.1 N
c. 2.8 N
d. 0.15
20 a. 16 N
b.



- c. 4.9 m s^{-2}

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- 21 B
22 C
23 A

- 24 a. Buoyancy and weight remain constant but the drag force in the oil increases with speed, at terminal velocity the net force is zero so the ball no longer accelerates
- b. i. $2.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$ ii. $3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N}$
- c. 0.73 m s^{-1}

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- 25 a. 300 m s^{-2}
- b. 120 N
- 26 a. i. 0.36 N s
- ii. $4.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}$
- b. 4.3 cm
- c. It assumes that the force on the pellet is constant which in reality may not be the case.

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- 27 B
- 28 D
- 29 a. i. 1.5 N
- ii. 4.9 m s^{-1}
- b. 13 N

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- 30 a. i. 10 kN
- ii. 0.25 m s^{-2}
- b. The thrust force is constant but the mass of the spacecraft decreases so the acceleration increases.
- c. 420 m s^{-1}
- d. 18 kg s^{-1}

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- 31 a. C
- b. D
- 32 A
- 33 a. 8.0 m s^{-1}
- b. 12 J
- 34 a. 210 m s^{-1}
- b. i. $4.0 \times 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ ii. 800 N
- 35 a. 3.0 m s^{-1}
- b. K.E. before collision = K.E. after collision = 36 kJ

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- 36 a. 0.89 m s^{-1} , at 27° to the horizontal
- b. KE decreases, inelastic collision
- 37 a. 60 m s^{-1}
- b. 41.4°

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- 38 a. 0.97 m s^{-1}
b. 1.6 kg m s^{-1} per second
c. The momentum of the water changes so a force is exerted on the water by the hose. From Newton's third law, an equal by opposite force is exerted by the exiting water on the hose. To keep the hose stationary, an external force has to be applied to balance the force exerted by the water.

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- 39 a. 29 kN
b. The volume of air passing the blades per second is Av so the mass per second is ρAv
c. 16 m s^{-1}
d. 17 m s^{-1}
- 40 a. 0.13 s
b. 0.8 m

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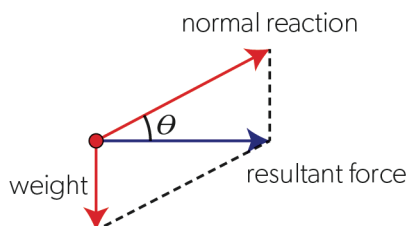
- 41 a. $1.99 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
b. 29.9 km s^{-1}
- 42 a. 70 rad s^{-1}
b. 11 m s^{-1}

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- 43 C
- 44 a. 310 km s^{-1}
b. $9.9 \times 10^6 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
- 45 a. 0.21 rad s^{-1}
b. 14 m
c. 0.63 m s^{-2}

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- 46 a. 4.8 rad s^{-1}
b. 1.3 s
- 47 890 m
- 48 a.



- b. $\frac{mg}{ma} = \tan\theta \Rightarrow a = \frac{g}{\tan\theta}$
- c. i. 12 cm
ii. $6.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}$

- d. The centripetal acceleration is constant:

$$\omega^2 r = \frac{g}{\tan \theta} = \text{const}$$

Decreasing the radius implies that the angular speed ω will be increasing.

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- 49 a. Lowest point, the tension here has a maximum value of:

$$m \frac{v^2}{r} + mg$$

- b. i. 2.8 m s^{-1}
ii. 4.9 m s^{-1}

50 a.
$$N = m \left(g - \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

- b. i. 9.2 kN
ii. 83 km h^{-1}

A.3 – Work, energy and power

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- 1 a. 0.75 J
b. 0
c. -1.4 J
- 2 a. 830 m
b. 230 N
c. -190 kJ

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- 3 a. $1.28 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$
b. i. 0.75 m s^{-2}
ii. -0.25 m s^{-2}
- 4 a. -15 J
b. 6.25 m

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- 5 D
- 6 D
- 7 a. 4.5 kN
b. i. $5.6 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$
ii. $5.6 \times 10^4 \text{ W}$
c. The driving force is constant but the speed increases, from $P = Fv$ the power must increase

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- 8 a. 160 kJ
b. 13.9 m s^{-1}
- 9 a. -2.2 J
b. 1.9 m s^{-1}
c. 2.1 m

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- 10 C
- 11 C
- 12 a. i. $1.44 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$
ii. $1.28 \times 10^6 \text{ J}$
b. The lift force is greater than weight so the helicopter accelerates.
The difference between parts i. and ii. represents the change in the kinetic energy of the helicopter.
c. 11 m s^{-1}
- 13 10.4 cm
- 14 a. Final KE = initial KE + loss of GPE, but the loss of GPE only depends on the height travelled and not on the initial angle.
b. 21.2 m s^{-1}

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- 15 C
- 16 B
- 17 a. i. 2.0 kN m^{-1}
ii. 0.90 J
b. 4.0 cm
- 18 a. i. 1.2 J
ii. 0.30 J
iii. 0.90 J
b. 690 N m^{-1}
c. 49 m s^{-2} , upwards

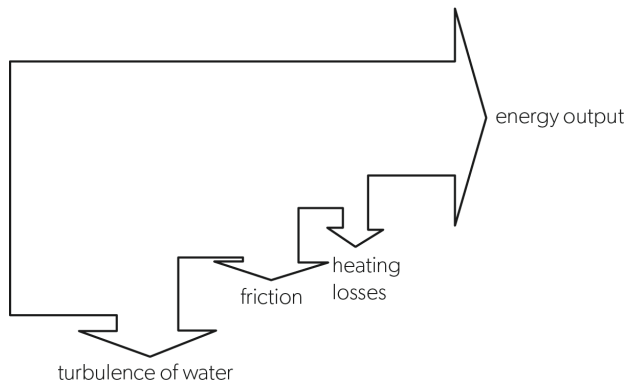
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- 19 77%
- 20 $2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ J}$

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21 a. 53%

b.



A.4 – Rigid body mechanics

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1 a. 0.50 rad s^{-2}

b. 32 revolutions

2 a. 900 revolutions per minute

b. 150 revolutions

3 a. 1900 rad s^{-2}

b. 0.33 s

4 a. 9.5 rad s^{-2}

b. i. 4.2 s

ii. 2.7 s

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5 a. Ball A

b. Ball B

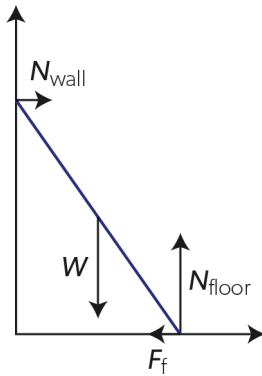
6 A

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7 a. 1.2 kg

b. 26 N

8 a.



b. 41 N

c. 0.35

9 a. 98 N

b. The vertical component of the tension is less than the weight of the rod hence the force from the wall must have a vertical component to hold the rod in translational equilibrium.

10 D

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11 B

12 a. 75 rad s^{-2}

b. 69 rad s^{-1}

c. 0.92 s

13 a. 15 N m

b. 110 N

14 a. 0.024 kg m^2

b. 21 revolutions

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15 a. 6.5 J

b. 5.4 m s^{-1}

16 $9.5 \times 10^5 \text{ N m}$

17 a. $2.6 \times 10^{29} \text{ J}$

b. The assumption in part a. overestimates the moment of inertia hence the actual rotational energy is less than the answer in part a.

18 a. 170 J

b. 34 W

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19 B

20 a. 22 rad s^{-1}

b. -82 J

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- 21 a. 4.0 N m s
b. 4800 rpm
- 22 a. 6.5×10^{-4} N m s
b. 4.4×10^{-2} N m
- 23 a. 25 rad s⁻¹
b. The torque is zero so the turntable is in rotational equilibrium
c. 28 revolutions
d. The impulse applied between 8 and 10 s is equal but opposite to the impulse applied between 0 and 1 s.

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- 24 B
- 25 a. 0.43 m s⁻²
b. See worked example 23
c. 3.5°
- 26 a. Tension in the thread
b. Hint: consider Newton's second law in the translational and rotational form
c. 1.63 m s⁻²
d. 1.96 J
- 27 a. 2.4×10^5 J
b. 0.040. Exactly 4% of the total KE of the car is the rotational energy of the wheels.

A.5 – Galilean and special relativity**Practice questions – Page 174**

- 1 a. $x' = 12.1$ km, $t' = 0.131$ ms
b. $x' = 40.4$ km, $t' = 0.183$ ms
- 2 $x = 610$ km, $ct = 690$ m (2 s.f.)

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- 3 a. 0.9 m
b. 3.8 ns
4. a. Hint: (distance according to spacecraft) = (relative speed) × (5.0 years)
b. 0.66c

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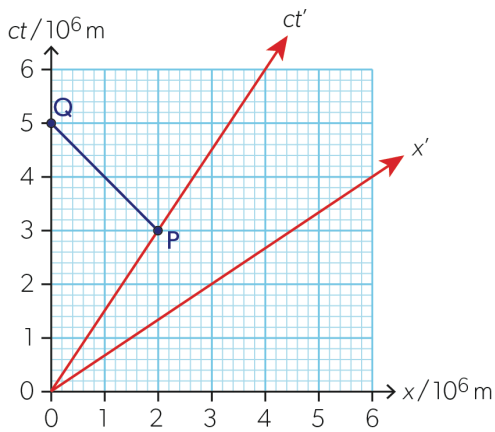
- 5 a. 0.25c
b. 0.27c
- 6 a. 0.40c
b. 0.81c

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- 7 5.0×10^{-11} s
8 a. $0.966c$
b. 29.0 m

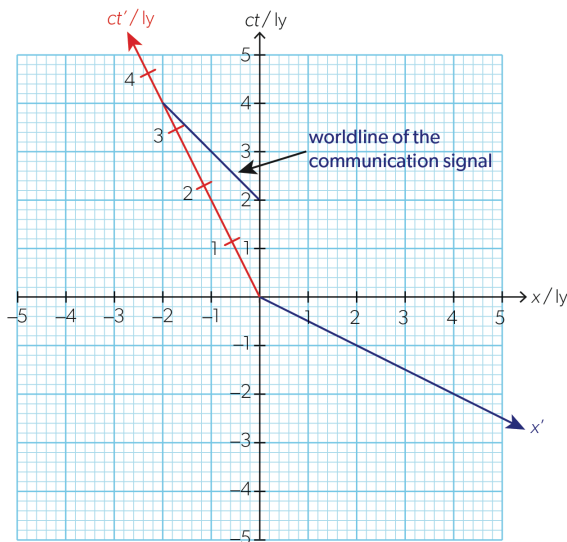
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- 9 a. i. A ii. B
b. i. B ii. A
10 C
11 D
12 a. $\frac{2}{3}c$
b.



- c. i. $\frac{2.24 \times 10^6 \text{ m}}{c} = 7.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}$
ii. $ct' = 6.71 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$, $x' = -4.47 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
d. i. $4.47 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
ii. $2.00 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

- 13 a.

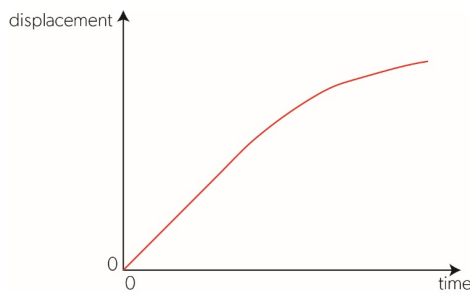


- b. i. approximately 3.5 years
- ii. 4 years
- c. $x' = 0$, $ct' = 3.46 \text{ ly}$

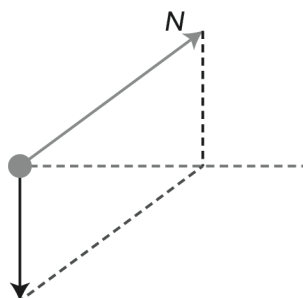
End-of-theme questions – Pages 194–195

- 1 a. i. 150 N
- ii. 4800 W
- b. i. 0.187 s
- ii. The height of the ball decreases by 1.63 m during 0.187 s so the height at the net is 1.2 m.
- iii. 64.4 m s^{-1}
- 2 a. i. Hint: elastic energy is the sum of the kinetic and gravitational potential energies of the ice block at C.
- ii. 4.9 m s^{-1}
- b. i. There is zero net force on the block, hence there is constant velocity.
- ii. There is a component of weight acting down the slope so the speed decreases.

c.



- d. 640 N
- 3 a. i. zero
- ii. the blades exert a downward force on the air, so the air exerts an equal and opposite force on the blades
- iii. 8.1 m s^{-1}
- b. 4.6 m s^{-2}
- 4 a. i. towards the centre of the circle (horizontally to the right)
- ii.



- iii. The horizontal component of N provides the centripetal force, so $F = N \cos \theta$.
In the vertical direction, $mg = F \sin \theta$. Combining the equations gives the result.
- b. 13 m s^{-1}
- c. No, because there is no force to balance the weight.
- d. 2.0 m



- 5 a. The torque is 100 N m so the acceleration $\alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = 0.22 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$
- b. i. 1.7 rad s^{-1}
ii. $750 \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$
- c. 1.3 rad s^{-1}
- d. i. moment of inertia will decrease and angular momentum will be constant, so the speed will increase ($L = I\omega$).
ii. 131 J
- 6 a. has the same value in all inertial frames
- b. i. 504 m^2
ii. $7.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$
- c. B measures the proper time, the time is dilated according to A due to its motion relative to B