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Physics 12 M. Lam

Circular Motion

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- 1. A 61 kg skater cuts a circle of radius 4.0 m on the ice. If her speed is 4.00 m/s, what is the centripetal force? What exerts this force?
- 2. A body of mass 5.0 kg, lying on a smooth horizontal surface, is whirled at a constant speed of 2.0 m/s on the end of a string of length 35 cm, the other end of the string being fixed.
 - a) What is the centripetal acceleration?
 - b) What is the tension in the string?
 - c) What is the period of the motion?
- 3. A body is whirled in a horizontal circle on the end of a string of length 40. cm, the other end of the string being tied to a peg. The body has a mass of 0.50 kg and makes 3.0 rev/s.
 - a) What is the acceleration of the body?
 - b) What is the tension in the string?
 - c) What is the magnitude and direction of the force which the string exerts on the peg.
- 4. Body X has mass *m* and moves at constant speed in a circular path of radius *r*. Body Y has mass 2*m* and moves at constant speed in a circular path of radius 2*r*. If X and Y have the same period of rotation, find the values of the ratios:
 - a) a_{cX} : a_{cY} (b) F_{cX} : F_{cY} (c) v_X : v_Y
- 5. A body of mass 3.0 kg is whirled on the end of a string in a vertical circle of radius 1.5 m at a constant speed of 20. m/s. Find the tension in the string when:
 - a) the body is at the lowest point in its path
 - b) the body is at the highest point in its path
- 6. A bicycle rider has a mass of 70. kg. He passes over a semi-circular hump with a radius of 5.0 m at a speed of 5.0 m/s.
 - a) Find the force which the seat exerts on the cyclist, as the bicycle reaches the top of the hump.
 - b) If the same rider experiences no force from the seat as he passes over the top of the hump, find the speed at which he must be travelling.
- 7. Tarzan is swinging on a vine that will break if the force exceeds 2.0 x 10³ N. If the length of the vine is 5.0 m and Tarzan's mass is 1.00 x 10² kg, what is the highest speed he can safely travel while swinging on the vine?
- 8. A 1200 kg car rounds a curve of radius 50.0 m at a speed of 80.0 km/h.
 - a) What is the centripetal acceleration of the car?
 - b) How much centripetal force is needed to cause this acceleration?
 - c) If the coefficient of friction is 0.25 on a slippery road, will the force of friction between the road and the wheels of the car be enough to keep the car from skidding?

- 9. A vehicle of mass 1.0 x 10³ kg moves around a horizontal circular track of radius 40. m at a speed of 48 km/h.
 - a) Find the lateral force exerted on the wheels.
 - b) If the same vehicle moves at the same speed around a circular track of radius 40. m, but this second track is banked, find the angle of banking if the track exerts only a normal reaction on the vehicle (i.e., no friction is required for the vehicle to negotiate the turn).
- 10. A highway curve is designed to handle vehicles travelling 50 km/h safely. Assuming the coefficient of kinetic friction between the rubber tires and the road is 0.60, what is the minimum radius of curvature allowable for the section of road?