

Solutions
Term Test #1

1.

- i) A field force is a fundamental force whose vector value is determined by position relative to the source. A contact force is a phenomenological force whose value is determined by how two objects interact with each other based on physical contact.
- ii) Linear velocity is the rate of change of the position vector. Angular velocity is the rate of change of the angular position.
- iii) An inertial frame of reference is an idealization whereby an object at rest in such a frame experiences no net forces.
- iv) A Galilean transformation relates the kinematic quantities (i.e., position, velocity, etc.) in one inertial frame of reference to those of another frame moving at constant relative velocity.
- v) The resonance frequency of a simple harmonic oscillator is the only frequency that a system that obeys Hooke's law will oscillate with if no other forces (e.g. damping, forcing) are applied.

b) Taking down to be the positive direction, the equation of motion is $m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - bv$

or defining $v' = v - mg/b$ we have $m \frac{dv'}{dt} = -bv'$. The general solution is $v' = Ae^{-bt/m}$ so $v = mg/b + Ae^{-bt/m}$. If the object starts from rest ($v = 0$) at $t = 0$, then $A = -mg/b$ and $v = \frac{mg}{b}(1 - e^{-bt/m})$. The terminal speed ($t = \infty$) is mg/b . If the object starts with speed v_0 , we have $v_0 = mg/b + Ae^{-b(0)/m}$ or $A = v_0 - mg/b$. Then $v = \frac{mg}{b} + (v_0 - mg/b)e^{-bt/m}$.

2.

- i) $\omega = \omega_i + \alpha t$. At 2 sec, $\omega = 0 + 4(2) = 8$ rad/s.
- ii) The tangential speed is $R\omega = (1)(8) = 8$ m/s. The acceleration (which can be derived from the basic definition of position vector on a circle) is $R\alpha\hat{\theta} - R\omega^2\hat{r} = (1)(4)\hat{\theta} - (1)8^2\hat{r} = 4\hat{\theta} - 64\hat{r}$ (m/s^2). Direction of unit vector is specified by angular position.
- iii) The angular position is given by $\theta = \theta_i + \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 = \theta = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(4)(4) = 9$ rad.

3)

i) The force along the incline is given by the component of the weight along the incline and the frictional force, or $F = -mg \sin \theta - \mu mg \cos \theta = -4.9 - 2.4\sqrt{3} = -9.1N$. The acceleration for the 1 kg block is therefore -9.1 m/s^2 .

ii) At top of incline $L = 2 / \cos 30^\circ = 2.3 \text{ m}$, and $v_{top}^2 - v_i^2 = 2aL$. (Or you can use the hint at end of test, find time and then find v_{top} from $v = v_{top} + at$.) Either way $v_{top} = 7.6 \text{ m/s}$.

iii) The time to reach the top of incline is found using hint, if necessary.

$L = 2.3 = L_0 + v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 = 0 + 10t + 4.55t^2$, This gives 0.2 s. At the moment the sled

leaves the incline it has a vertical component of speed $v_{top} \sin 30^\circ = 3.8 \text{ m/s}$. The time to reach maximum height is found from $v_y = 0 = v_{top} \sin 30^\circ - gt$ or $t = 0.4 \text{ s}$ after reaching top of incline. Therefore the time to reach the maximum height from launch is 0.6 s.

iv) The height above the incline is $h = v_{top} \sin 30^\circ t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$

$= 3.8(0.4) - \frac{1}{2} 9.8(0.4)^2 = 0.7 \text{ m}$. The horizontal distance from the top is

$L = v_{top} \cos 30^\circ t = 6.6(0.39) = 2.6 \text{ m}$. Therefore the distance from the top is

$\sqrt{2.6^2 + 0.7^2} = 2.7 \text{ m}$.

v) When object is back at original vertical height, relative to top of incline

$y = -1. = (v_{top}) \sin 30^\circ t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$. This gives time of 1 s and vertical component of speed =

$(v_{top}) \sin 30^\circ - gt = 3.8 - 9.8(1) = -6 \text{ m/s}$. Horizontal component is (always) 6.6 m/s.

Therefore speed is $\sqrt{6.6^2 + 6^2} = 8.9 \text{ m/s}$