

1. (SB3) Given: $f = 3.00 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $A = 5.00 \text{ cm}$

(a) total distance moved $= 4A = 20.0 \text{ cm}$ #

(b) max. speed $= \omega A = (2\pi f)A = 94.2 \text{ cm/s} = 0.942 \text{ m/s}$ #

This occurs when the particle passes through the equilibrium position.

(c) max. acceleration $= \omega^2 A = (2\pi f)^2 A = 17.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ #

This occurs at maximum excursion from the equilibrium position.

2. (SB11) From $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$, we have

$$k = m\omega^2$$

$$= m \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2$$

$$= (7.00 \text{ kg}) \left(\frac{2\pi}{2.60 \text{ s}} \right)^2$$

$$= 40.9 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$$
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3. (SB30) The Quick and Dirty way:

period of simple pendulum: $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$

We shall substitute g in the above formula by the "effective" gravity "feels" by the pendulum, hence

let a be the magnitude of the acceleration of the elevator

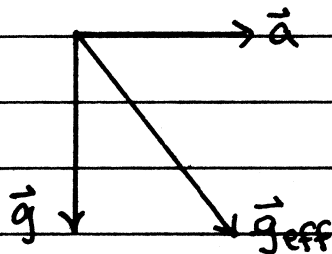
(a) $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g+a}}$ #

(b) $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g-a}}$ #

(c) let a be the magnitude of the acceleration of the truck

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{(g^2 + a^2)^{1/2}}}$$

Note $\vec{f}$



P.S. For a rigorous derivation of the answer in (c), see the Appendix.

A(SB41) The motion of the pendulum is given by

$$\theta(t) = A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L} - \left(\frac{b}{2m}\right)^2}$$

We define the amplitude of a damped harmonic oscillator $\theta_m(t)$ as

$$\theta_m(t) = A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t}$$

It is given that $\theta_m(t=1000s) = 5.50^\circ$.

Rigorously speaking, we are also given $\theta(0) = 15.0^\circ$ (NOT $\theta_m(0)$), $\therefore A \cos \phi = 15.0^\circ$. This makes the problem very difficult to solve, so we make the following approximation:

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = -A e^{-\frac{b}{2m}t} \left[\omega \sin(\omega t + \phi) + \frac{b}{2m} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \right]$$

$$\dot{\theta}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \phi = -\frac{b}{2m\omega} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b}{2m} \ll \omega \Rightarrow \phi \text{ is small} \\ \Rightarrow |\cos \phi| \approx 1$$

$$\therefore \theta_m(0) \approx \theta(0)$$

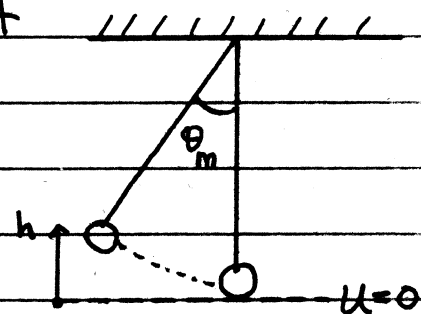
$$\text{Then, } \frac{\theta_m(0)}{\theta_m(1000)} = e^{\frac{b}{2m}(1000)} = \frac{15.0^\circ}{5.50^\circ} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{2m} = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \#$$

NOTE: I think the question should be re-phrased as: the amplitude at $t=0s$ is 15.0° and then it is reduced to 5.50° at $t=1000s$.

5. (SB 63) (a) $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} = 3.00 \text{ s} \#$

(b) $\because$ the total energy is constant we consider the pendulum at $t=0$,

let the potential energy $U=0$ when the pendulum is in its equilibrium position



$$\therefore E = \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 \quad (v_i = \text{initial speed})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (6.74 \text{ kg}) (2.06 \text{ ms}^{-1})^2$$

$$= 14.3 \text{ J} \#$$

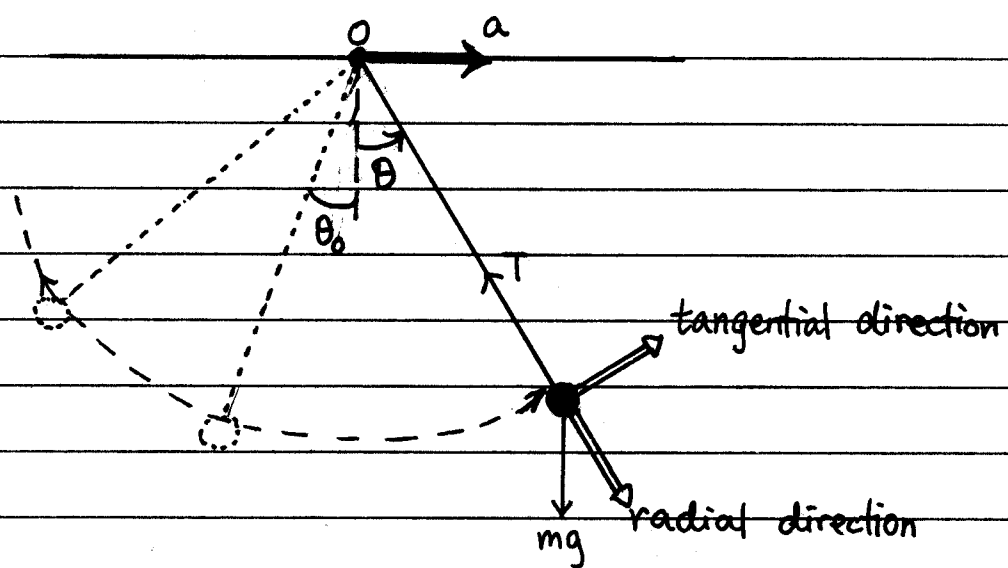
NOTE: asking for the total energy without defining the reference level for the gravitational potential energy is in fact ambiguous, anyway, we define it ourselves.

(c) at maximum angular displacement, $KE=0$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 = mgh = mgL(1 - \cos \theta_m)$$

$$\cos \theta_m = 1 - \frac{v_i^2}{2gL} \Rightarrow \theta_m = 25.5^\circ \#$$

Appendix



- the coordinate system we use are shown above, it is attached to the pendulum, thus accelerating to left as the pendulum does
- Newton's Laws only apply to inertial frame. Accelerating coordinate systems are not inertial frames $\Rightarrow$ need a "modified" Newton's 2nd law
- the equilibrium position of the pendulum is NOT $\theta = 0^\circ$, but $\theta = \theta_0$, so when the pendulum is not swinging, it is tilted at an angle θ_0 from the vertical, when it swings, it oscillates about $\theta = \theta_0$ instead of the vertical ($\theta = 0^\circ$)

let us first determine the equilibrium position θ_0 .
with pendulum at rest, resolve forces into vertical and horizontal direction, in a fixed frame:

$$-T \sin \theta_0 = ma$$

$$T \cos \theta_0 = mg$$

$$\theta_0 = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{g}\right)$$

now we turn to our moving coordinate system, in this system, we observe that the tangential force acting on the pendulum is $-mg\sin\theta$ and the tangential acceleration is $L\ddot{\theta}$, if we apply Newton's 2nd law naively, we have

$$-mg\sin\theta = mL\ddot{\theta}$$

which is not right. The correct equation of motion in a moving coordinate system is:

$$F' - f = ma'$$

where F' and a' are forces and acceleration observed from the moving frame and f , called a pseudoforce, equals ma where a is the acceleration of the moving frame with respect to a fixed frame.

Therefore,
$$-mg\sin\theta - \underbrace{ma\cos\theta}_{\text{pseudoforce}} = mL\ddot{\theta} \quad (\text{tangential})$$

$$L\ddot{\theta} = -g\sin\theta - a\cos\theta$$

Next, assuming amplitude of oscillation is small i.e. $(\theta - \theta_0)$ is small, we expand $\sin\theta$ and $\cos\theta$ about $\theta = \theta_0$ (NOT $\theta = 0^\circ$):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin\theta &\approx \sin\theta_0 + (\theta - \theta_0)\cos\theta_0 \\ \cos\theta &\approx \cos\theta_0 - (\theta - \theta_0)\sin\theta_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Taylor series} \\ \text{expansion} \end{array}$$

Using the above approximations together with the relation : $a = -g \tan \theta_0$, we get

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{L \cos \theta_0} (\theta - \theta_0)$$

$$\tan \theta_0 = -\frac{a}{g} \Rightarrow \cos \theta_0 = \frac{g}{\sqrt{a^2 + g^2}}$$

Hence,
$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + g^2}}{L} (\theta - \theta_0)$$

To make it look more like the equation for simple harmonic motion, define

$$\theta' = \theta - \theta_0$$

$$\ddot{\theta}' = -\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + g^2}}{L} \theta'$$

$$\ddot{\theta}' = -\omega^2 \theta' \quad \text{with} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + g^2}}{L}$$

Therefore, $\theta(t)$ oscillate about θ_0 with period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{\sqrt{a^2 + g^2}}}$$

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