

Circular Motion

Exercise Solutions

Solution 1:

Distance between the earth and the moon = Radius of Revolution = $R = 385 \times 10^5 \text{ m}$

Angular frequency, $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi/T$

Time taken by moon to complete one revolution = $T = 273 \text{ days} = 273 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ secs}$
 $= 23587200 \text{ secs}$

Acceleration of the moon = $\omega^2 R = (2\pi/T)^2 R = 4\pi^2 R/T^2$

Substituting the values, we have

Acceleration of the moon = $2.73 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m/s}^2$

Solution 2:

Radius of earth = $R = \text{half of diameter} = \text{Diameter of earth}/2 = 12800/2 \text{ km} = 6400 \text{ km} = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

Time taken for one rotation = $T = 24 \text{ hours} = 24 \times 60 \times 60 \text{ sec} = 86400 \text{ secs}$

Angular velocity of the particle, $\omega = 2\pi/T$

Therefore, acceleration of the particle = $R\omega^2$

Substituting the values, we have

acceleration of the particle = 0.0338 m/s^2

Solution 3:

$V = 2t$ and Radius $= r = 1.0 \text{ cm}$

(a) At $t = 1\text{s}$

Velocity of the particle, $u = 2.0 t = 2.0 \times 1 = 2.0 \text{ cm/s}$

Radial acceleration of the particle at $t = 1$ is $v^2/r = (2.0)^2/1 = 4 \text{ cm/s}^2$

(b)

We know, $a = dv/dt = d/dt(2t) = 2 \text{ cm/s}^2$

Tangential acceleration at $t=1$ is 2 cm/s^2

(c) Magnitude of acceleration at $t = 1\text{sec}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Magnitude of acceleration} &= \sqrt{(\text{Radial acceleration})^2 + (\text{Tangential acceleration})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \text{ cm/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4:

Mass of the scooter $= M = 150 \text{ kg}$

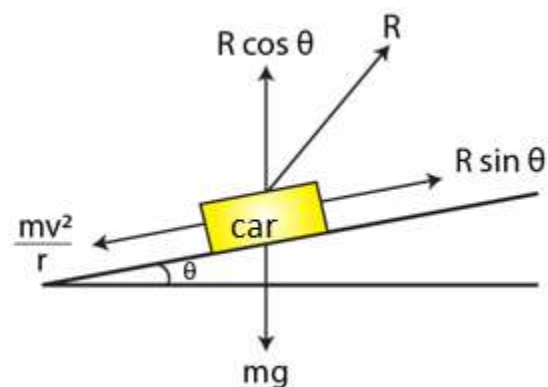
Velocity $= v = 36 \text{ km/hr} = 36 \times 5/18 \text{ m/s} = 10 \text{ m/s}$

and Radius $= r = 30 \text{ m}$

Horizontal force required = centripetal force $= Mv^2/r$

$$= 150 \times 10 \times 10 / 30$$

$$= 500 \text{ N}$$

Solution 5:

Velocity of the car = $v = 10\text{m/s}$

Radius = $r = 30\text{m}$

Consider,

mass of the car = m , acceleration due to gravity = g , Angle of banking = θ and Normal reaction = R

From the diagram,

$$R \cos\theta = mg$$

$$R \sin\theta = mv^2/r$$

Now,

$$\tan\theta = v^2/rg$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \tan^{-1}(v^2/rg)$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \tan^{-1}(10 \times 10 / 30)$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \tan^{-1}(1/3): \text{Angle of banking}$$

Solution 6:

Given:

Average speed = $v = 18\text{km/hr}$ or 5 m/s

Radius of park = $r = 10\text{ m}$

Acceleration due to gravity = $g = 10\text{m/s}^2$

We know, angle of banking, $\theta = \tan^{-1}(v^2/rg)$

$$= \tan^{-1}(1/4)$$

Solution 7:

The road is horizontal (no banking)

$$mv^2/R = \mu N \text{ and } N = mg$$

$$\text{So, } mv^2/R = \mu mg$$

$$\Rightarrow 25/10 = \mu g$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 25/100 = 0.25$$

Solution 8:

We know that, $\tan\theta = v^2/rg$

Radius of the circular path = $r = 50 \text{ m}$

Acceleration due to gravity = $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$

Angle of banking = $\theta = 30^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 30^\circ = v^2/(50 \times 10)$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 17 \text{ m/s}$$

Vehicle should go with a speed of 17 m/s .

Solution 9:

Centripetal force is provided by coulomb attraction.

Mass of electron, $m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Radius of the circular path, $r = 5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$

$$k = 1/(4\pi\epsilon_0) = 9 \times 10^9$$

$q_1 = \text{charge on an electron} = q_2 = \text{charge on the proton} = q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

We know, $v^2 = kq^2/mr$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = [9 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}] / [9.31 \times 10^{-31} \times 5.3 \times 10^{-11}]$$

$$\text{or } v = 2.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s (approx)}$$

Which is the speed of the electron in ground state.

Solution 10:

At the highest point of a vertical circle.

$$mv^2/R = mg$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{Rg}$$

Solution 11:

Diameter = $d = 120 \text{ cm} = 1.2 \text{ m}$

Radius = $r = d/2 = 0.6 \text{ m}$

Frequency = $f = 1500 \text{ rpm} = 1500/60 \text{ rps} = 25 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Now,

Angular frequency, $\omega = 2\pi f = 157.14 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

[putting value of f]

Again,

Mass of the particle, $m = 1 \text{ g} = 0.001 \text{ kg}$

Force on the particle on the blade = $mr\omega^2$

$$= 0.001 \times 0.6 \times 157.14 \times 157.14$$

$$= 14.81 \text{ N}$$

The fan runs at the full speed in circular path. This exerts the force on the particle.

Force exerted by the particle on the blade = Force exerted on the particle = 14.81 N

Solution 12:

A mosquito is sitting on an L.P. record disc rotating on a turn table at $33\frac{1}{3}$ revolutions per minute. (given)

say, $n = 33\frac{1}{3} \text{ rpm} = 100/(3 \times 60) \text{ rps}$

we know, $\omega = 2\pi n = 10\pi/9 \text{ rad/sec}$

Also, we are given with

radius = $r = 10 \text{ cm}$ or 0.1 m

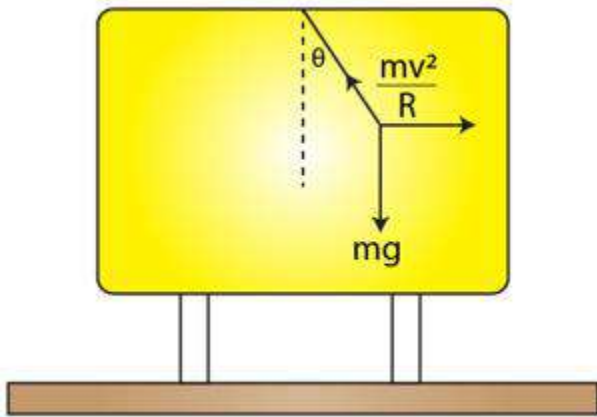
and $g = 10 \text{ m/sec}^2$

$$\mu mg \geq mr\omega^2 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{r\omega^2}{g} \geq \frac{0.1 \times \left(\frac{10\pi}{9}\right)^2}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \geq \frac{\pi^2}{81}$$

Solution 13:

Radius = $r = 10$ m, speed = $v = 36$ km/h and $g = 10$ m/s²



The speed of the car is not changing. So, there is no force acting in the tangential direction of motion.

From the figure:

$$T \sin \theta = mv^2/r \dots(1)$$

$$\text{and } T \cos \theta = mg \dots(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = v^2/rg$$

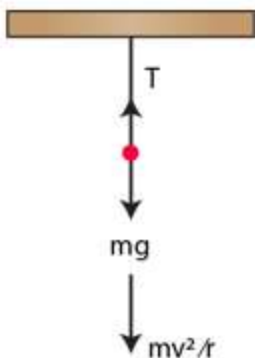
$$\text{or } \theta = \tan^{-1}(v^2/rg)$$

After substituting and solving the above equation, we have

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

Solution 14:

A simple pendulum always constitutes some velocity at the lowest point. This proves that there exists a non-zero central force in the system. This central force will contribute to increase tension.



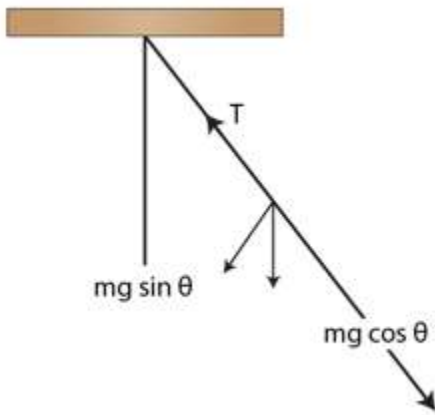
At the lowest point:

$$T = mg + v^2/r$$

Here $m = 100\text{g}$ or $1/10\text{ kg}$, $r = 1\text{m}$ and $v = 1.4\text{ m/s}$

$$T = 1/10 \times 9.8 \times (1.4)^2/10 = 1.2\text{ N}$$

Solution 15:



The bob has a velocity 1.4 m/s , when the string makes an angle of 0.2 radian.

Here $m = 100\text{g}$ or 0.1 kg and $r = 1\text{m}$ and $v = 1.4\text{ m/s}$

From figure,

$$T - mg \cos \theta = mv^2/r$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 0.196 + 9.8(1-0.04/2)$$

$$[\cos \theta = 1 - \theta^2/2 \text{ for small } \theta]$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 0.196 + (0.98)(0.98)$$

$$= 1.16\text{N (approx)}$$

Solution 16:

When a simple pendulum reaches the extreme position, velocity of the pendulum is zero.

$\Rightarrow$ no centrifugal force.

$$\Rightarrow T = mg \cos \theta_0$$

Solution 17:

(a) As person is standing at one position, he is in an equilibrium with the reaction force.

Net force on the spring balance:

$$R = mg - m\omega^2 r$$

The actual weight of the body,

$$W = mg$$

So, the decrement will be,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{R - W}{W} &= \frac{mg - mg + m\omega^2 R}{mg} \\ &= \frac{\omega^2 R}{g}\end{aligned}$$

and, Angular speed of earth, $\omega = 2\pi/(24 \times 60^2)$ Hz

So, it will decrease at a rate,

$$\frac{\left\{ \left(\frac{2\pi}{24 \times 60 \times 60} \right)^2 \times 6400 \times 10^3 \right\}}{10}$$

$$= 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

(b) When the balance reading is half the true weight

$$mg - m\omega^2 R = 1/2 \, mg$$

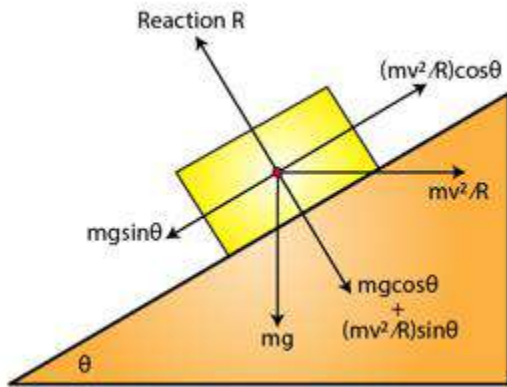
$$(1/2) \, g = \omega^2 R$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\left(\frac{g}{2R} \right)}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{T} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{g}{2R} \right)}$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{2R}{g} \right)}$$

$$= 7105 \text{ sec or } 2 \text{ hrs (approx)}$$

Solution 18:

Let θ be the path has an inclination. There is no movement in vertical direction. So,

$$R = mg \cos \theta + mv^2/R \sin \theta$$

If the vehicle is not to be slide up then the friction must reinforce the overall force. Condition must be

$$\mu R = mg \sin \theta - mv^2/R \cos \theta$$

From above equations, we have

$$\mu \left(mg \cos \theta + \frac{mv^2}{R} \sin \theta \right) = mg \sin \theta - \frac{mv^2}{R} \cos \theta$$

$$\mu \left(g \cos \theta + \frac{v^2}{R} \sin \theta \right) = g \sin \theta - \frac{v^2}{R} \cos \theta$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{(-\mu \cos \theta + \sin \theta) g R}{\cos \theta + \mu \sin \theta}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{(-\mu + \tan \theta) g R}{1 + \mu \tan \theta}}$$

Find $\tan \theta$:

$$\tan \theta = v^2/Rg$$

Putting, $v = (36 \times 1000)/(60 \times 60)$, $R = 20$ and $g = 10$, we have

$$\tan \theta = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 14.7 \text{ km/h}$$

The condition for not to skid down will be

$$\mu R = mv^2/R \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta$$

Solving above equation, we get

$$v = 54 \text{ km/h}$$

The possible speeds are between 14.7 km/h and 54 km/h.

Solution 19:

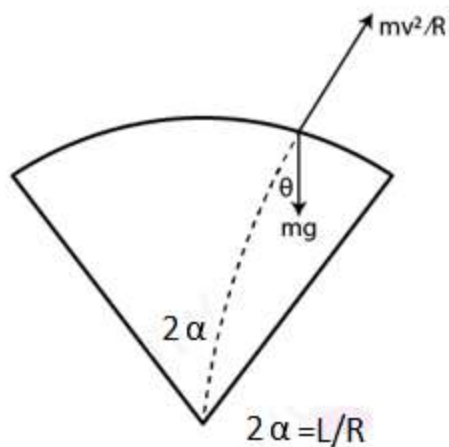
Let us consider, L be the total length of the over bridge and R be the radius of the bridge.

(a) At the highest point

$$mg = mv^2/R$$

$$\text{or } v = \sqrt{Rg}$$

(b) Distance $\pi R/3$ along the bridge from the highest point,



The condition for just flying off will be,

$$\frac{(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}mv)^2}{R} = mg \cos \theta$$

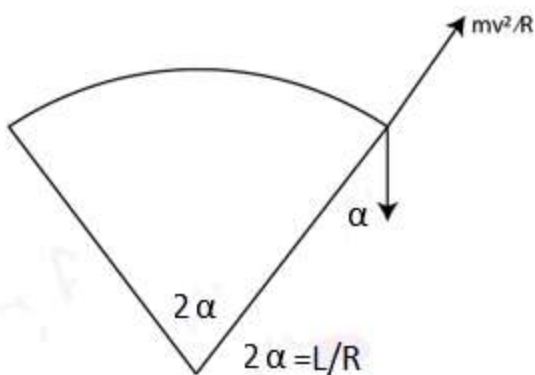
or $\cos \theta = 1/2$

or $\theta = \pi/3$

we can also write, $\theta = x/R$

or $x = \pi R/3$, is the distance where it lose the contact when it moves with $1/\sqrt{2}$ times the maximum.

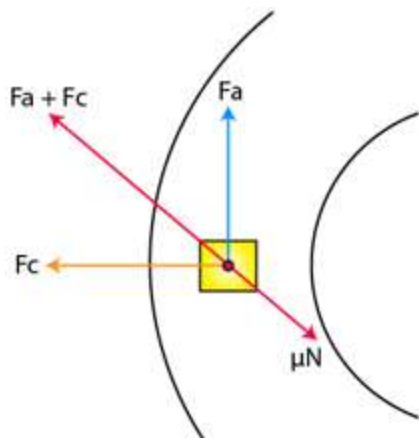
(c) The chances of losing contact is maximum at the end of the bridge for which $\alpha = L/2R$



$$\Rightarrow mg \cos \alpha = mv^2/R$$

$$v = \sqrt{Rg \cos \left(\frac{L}{2R} \right)}$$

Solution 20:



The body is experiencing a force in the tangential direction as there exists some an acceleration along this direction.

$$\text{friction force} = F = \mu N$$

As the path is circular the body will also experience centrifugal force in the radial direction.

$$F_c = mv^2/R$$

As there is no motion in vertical direction, normal reaction force will be mg
 $N = mg$

Magnitude of the tangential force:

$$F_a = m \, dv/dt$$

$$\Rightarrow F_a = ma$$

The car will skid when the friction will not be enough to reinforce $F_a + F_c$.

Condition for just skidding:

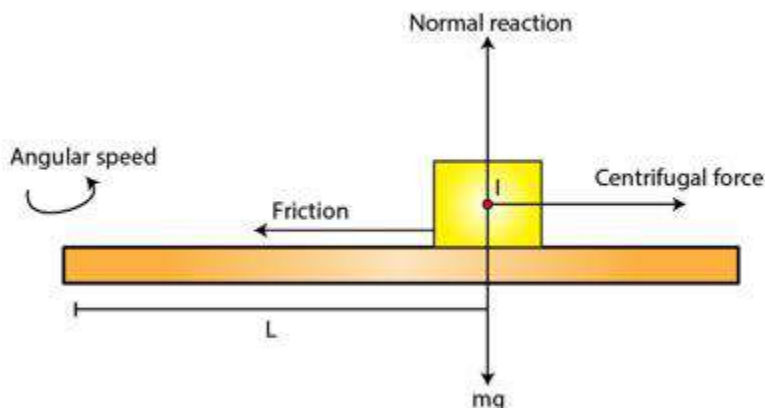
$$\mu N = \sqrt{F_a^2 + F_c^2}$$

$$\mu mg = m \sqrt{a^2 + \left(\frac{v^2}{R}\right)^2}$$

$$\mu^2 g^2 = a^2 + \left(\frac{v^2}{R}\right)^2$$

$$v = \sqrt[4]{\{R^2(\mu^2 g^2 - a^2)\}}$$

Solution 21:



(a)

When the system rotates the block will experience centrifugal force which will be balanced by friction.

Normal reaction will balance the force of gravitation.

$$N = mg$$

$$F_c = f$$

$$\Rightarrow m\omega^2 L = \mu mg$$

$$\text{or } \omega = \sqrt{(\mu g)/L}$$

(b)

When there comes some amount of acceleration, friction starts working in the opposite direction of motion.

Radial acceleration will be due to centrifugal force.

$$a_R = \omega^2 L$$

and tangential acceleration, $a_T = dv/dt$

$$= d/dt (L\omega)$$

$$= L d/dt (\omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_T = L\alpha$$

When friction reaches its maximum value, it will start slipping.

$$\mu g = \sqrt{(\omega^2 L)^2 + (L\alpha)^2}$$

$$(\mu g)^2 = (\omega^2 L)^2 + (L\alpha)^2$$

$$\omega = \left\{ \frac{\mu^2 g^2}{L^2} - \alpha^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Solution 22:

Radius of curve = $R = 100 \text{ m}$

Weight = $m = 100 \text{ kg}$

Velocity = $v = 18\text{km/h}$ or 5m/sec
and $g = 10\text{ m/s}^2$.

(a) At point B

$$mg - mv^2/R = N$$

on substituting the values.

$$\Rightarrow N = 975\text{N}$$

(b) At points B and D, the cycle has no tendency to slide.
So at these points friction of force is zero.

At Point C,
 $mg \sin \theta = F$

$$\Rightarrow F = 1000 \times 1/\sqrt{2} = 707\text{ N}$$

(c)

Before point C: $mg \cos \theta - N = mv^2/R$

$$\Rightarrow N = mg \cos \theta - mv^2/R = 707 - 25 = 683\text{N}$$

and

$$N - mg \cos \theta = mv^2/R$$

$$\Rightarrow N = mv^2/R + mg \cos \theta = 25 + 707 = 732\text{N}$$

(d) Consider a point just before C, where N is minimum.

$$\mu N = mg \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \times 682 = 707$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 1.037$$

Solution 23:

Radius= $R = \text{diameter}/2 = 3/2 = 1.5 \text{ m}$

where R is the distance from the centre to one of the kids

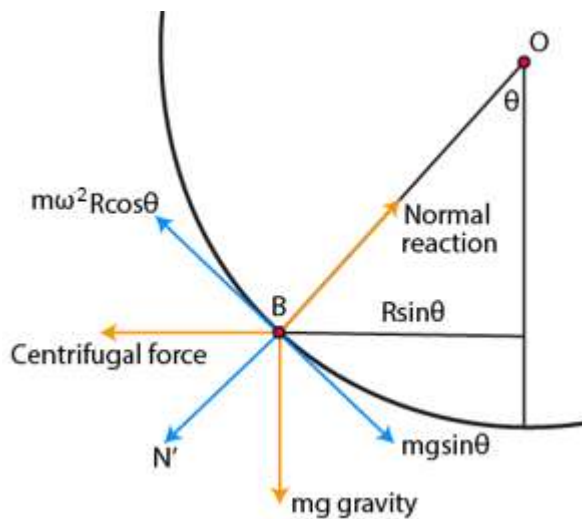
Here, $\omega = 2\pi R = 2\pi/3$

$m = 15 \text{ kg}$ (given)

Now, the frictional force on one of the kids = $F = mR\omega^2$

$$= 15 \times 1.5 \times (2\pi/3)^2$$

$$= 10 \pi^2$$

Solution 24:

Here gravity force and the centrifugal force are used.

Normal reaction force is balanced as,

$$N = mg \cos\theta + m\omega^2 R \sin^2\theta$$

Here two cases of friction arises, one is along $mg \sin\theta$ and the another in opposite direction as friction is a variable.

When friction is along $mg \sin\theta$

$$f = m\omega^2 R \cos\theta \sin\theta - mg \sin\theta$$

when friction is at its maximum limit, we have

$$f = \mu N$$

$$\mu(mg\cos\theta + m\omega^2 R\sin^2\theta) = -mg\sin\theta + m\omega^2 R\cos\theta\sin\theta$$

or

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g(\sin\theta + \mu\cos\theta)}{R\sin\theta(\cos\theta - \mu\sin\theta)}}$$

.....(1)

When Friction is in the opposite direction of $mg\sin\theta$

$$f = mg\sin\theta - m\omega^2 R\cos\theta\sin\theta$$

when friction is at its maximum limit, we have

$$f = \mu N$$

$$\mu(mg\cos\theta + m\omega^2 R\sin^2\theta) = mg\sin\theta - m\omega^2 R\cos\theta\sin\theta$$

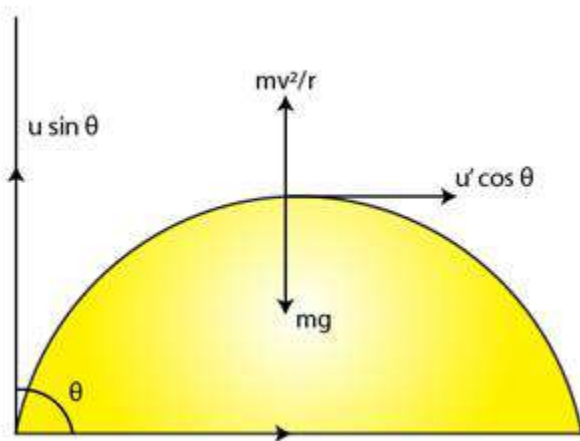
or

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g(\sin\theta - \mu\cos\theta)}{R\sin\theta(\cos\theta + \mu\sin\theta)}}$$

.....(2)

The angular speed is lies in the range from (2) to (1) then the block will not slip.

Solution 25:



A particle is projected with a speed u at an angle θ with the horizontal.
Vertical component of velocity is zero at the highest point.

consider at any point velocity is $u \cos \theta$

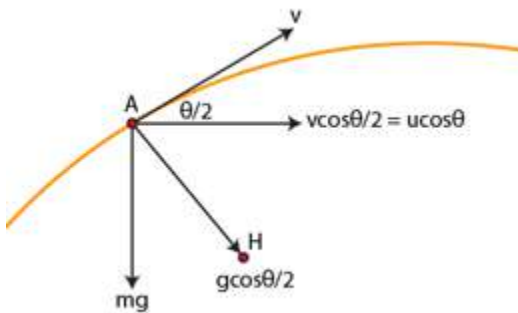
$$\text{Centripetal force} = mu^2 \cos^2 (\theta/2)$$

So, the radius of the circle at highest point is

$$mg = mv^2/r$$

$$\Rightarrow r = (u^2 \cos^2 \theta)/g$$

Solution 26:



Here g is in downwards direction. Hence, some component to g will act as central force which will be changing at each point depending upon θ .

Horizontal component of velocity will not change due to absence of force.

$$v_H = u \cos \theta$$

or

$$v_H = v \cos(\theta/2)$$

$$\text{or } v = u \cos \theta / \cos(\theta/2)$$

We know, central force = $F_c = mv^2/R$

$$\Rightarrow m g \cos(\theta/2) = mv^2/R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = (\mu u^2 \cos^2 \theta) / (g \cos^3(\theta/2))$$

Solution 27:

(a) When normal reaction will be balancing the centrifugal force.

$$F_c = mv^2/R$$

and normal reaction, $N = mv^2/R$

(b) Friction force is at maximum as the body is moving,

$$\text{Force of friction} = f = \mu N = \mu mv^2/R$$

(c)

The force changing the velocity will be friction.

$$f = \mu mv^2/R$$

$$\text{mass} \times \text{acceleration} = \mu mv^2/R$$

$$\text{or acceleration} = -\mu v^2/R$$

$$(d) \, dv/dt = v \, dv/ds$$

$$\Rightarrow v(dv/ds) = -\mu v^2/R$$

$$\Rightarrow dv/v = -\mu/R \, ds$$

for one complete revolution, $s = 2\pi R$

$$(\ln v) \left(\frac{v}{v_0} \right) = -\frac{\mu}{R} s$$

$$v = v_0 e^{-\frac{\mu}{R} s}$$

$$v = v_0 e^{-\frac{\mu}{R} 2\pi R}$$

$$v = v_0 e^{-2\pi \mu}$$

Solution 28:

The cabin rotates with angular velocity ω and radius R .

The particle experience a force $mR\omega^2$.

The component of $mR\omega^2$ along groove provides the required force to the particle to move along AB.

$$mR\omega^2 \cos\theta = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow a = R\omega^2 \cos\theta$$

If length of groove be L then

$$L = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} R \omega^2 \cos\theta t^2$$

$$t^2 = \frac{2L}{\omega^2 R \cos\theta}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2L}{\omega^2 R \cos\theta}}$$

Solution 29:

(a) The speed in MKS = $v = 10\text{m/s}$

The normal force will be balancing the centrifugal force.

$$F_c = N$$

$$N = mv^2/R$$

$$N = 0.2 \text{ N}$$

(b) The plate is turned so the angle between normal to the plate and the radius of the road slowly increases.

$$N = mv^2/R \cos\theta \dots(1)$$

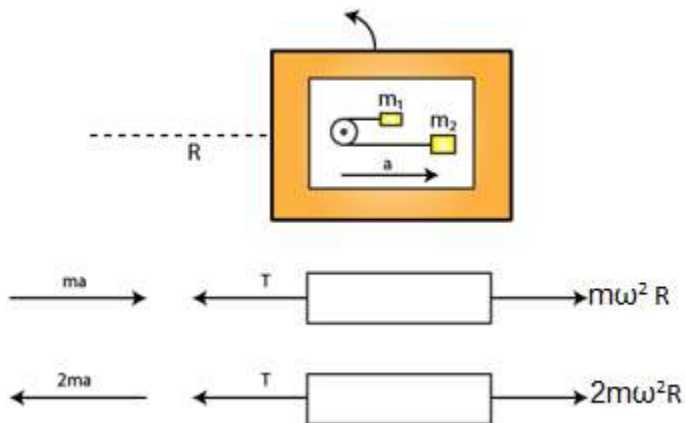
$$\mu N = mv^2/R \sin\theta \dots(2)$$

Solving (1) and (2), we have

$$\mu = \tan\theta$$

μ = friction coefficient between plate and body = 0.58 (given)

$$\text{or } \theta = \tan^{-1}(0.58) = 30^\circ$$

Solution 30:

From the free body diagrams,

$$T + 2ma - 2m\omega^2 R = 0 \dots (2)$$

on subtracting (2) from (1)

$$\Rightarrow 3ma = m\omega^2 R$$

$$\Rightarrow a = m\omega^2 R / 3$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow T = 4/3 m\omega^2 R$$