

CSUC Spring Term 2020 Physics 204A Portfolio Problem for Week 9:
Due Monday, March 30 by Noon on our class Blackboard site: 202-PHYS204A-05-4569

Dear Class: This is the second midterm you would have taken! It is also, now, your first (and Week9) Portfolio Problem. This is an open book and unlimited time exercise – but now I’m looking for thorough understanding and creative solutions! Completeness and depth count!

- 1)
 - a) State Newton's laws clearly (in words and/or symbols) and in order.
 - b) A 2 kg mass moves in the x-y plane with a velocity vector given by $\vec{v} = (a - bt^2, ct)$. { a, b, c are constants where $a = 2.4 \text{ m/s}$, $b = 1.6 \text{ m/s}^3$, $c = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$ }
 What must be the force on the mass at $t = 2 \text{ seconds}$?

- 2) A wedge of mass m_2 is pushed along the floor by a horizontal force F while a mass m_1 sits on its sloping face but slips neither up nor down. If all surfaces are frictionless, what must F be ?
 - a) draw a complete free body diagram for the upper block m_1 .
 - b) draw a complete free body diagram for the wedge m_2 .
 - c) find the acceleration of the blocks.
 - d) find the force F .

- 3) A 50kg steel file-cabinet is in the back of a dump truck. There is a coefficient of static friction $\mu_s = 0.8$ and a coefficient of kinetic friction $\mu_k = 0.6$ between the cabinet and the truck bed. The truck bed is now tilted to 20° and the cabinet hasn't slipped yet.
 - a) Draw a free body diagram for the cabinet.
 - b) What is the frictional force at this angle?
 - c) At what angle does the cabinet finally slip ?
 - d) Once the cabinet finally slips, ... what will be its acceleration?

- 4) A conical pendulum is formed by attaching a mass $m = 1.5 \text{ kg}$ to a string of length $L = 3 \text{ m}$ and then allowing the mass to move in a horizontal circle of radius $r = .4 \text{ m}$ as shown below.
 - a) What is the tension in the string?
 - b) What is the ball's angular speed?
 - c) What would be the minimum (nonzero!) angular speed possible if we were now to change the radius of circular motion and allow the radius r to become smaller but remain non-zero ?

- 5) Two blocks are connected by an ideal string that runs over an ideal frictionless pulley as shown below. The coefficient of kinetic friction between each pair of surfaces is $\mu_k = 0.25$.
 - a) Draw a free body diagram for each block.
 - b) Find the acceleration of the lower block.
 - c) Find the tension in the connecting string.



