

**TEST I**  
**PHYSICS 1301, SPRING 2015**  
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**MULTIPLE CHOICE.** Choose the right answer and bubble it on the attached scantron.  
Bubble your name and UH ID # on the scantron as well.

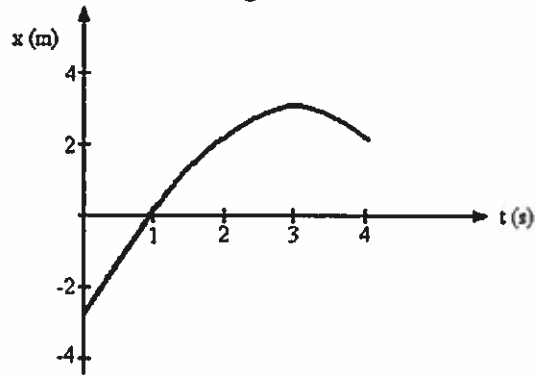
1) A runner runs around a track which is 400 m long. She completes one lap in 100 seconds.  
What is her average velocity?

- A) 2.5 m/s
- B) 5.0 m/s
- C) 10 m/s
- D) 0 m/s
- E) 1.3 m/s

Average velocity  $v_{AV} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x_f - x_i}{\Delta t}$

Since  $x_f = x_i$ ,  $v_{AV} = 0$

Figure 1



2) Figure 1 represents the position of a particle as it travels along the x-axis. At what value of  $t$  is the speed of the particle equal to zero?

- A) 0 s
- B) 1 s
- C) 2 s
- ~~D) 3 s~~
- E) 4 s

The speed is the magnitude of the slope of the Tangent to the curve:  
the tangent is horizontal (slope=0) at  $t = 3s$ .

3) A car is traveling at 26.0 m/s when the driver suddenly applies the brakes, giving the car a constant deceleration. The car comes to a stop in a distance of 120.0 m. How fast was the car moving when it was 60.0 m past the point where the brakes were applied?

- A) 22.5 m/s
- ~~B) 18.4 m/s~~
- C) 15.0 m/s
- D) 12.1 m/s
- E) 9.20 m/s

We can find the (negative) acceleration through:  
 $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$   
 $\rightarrow 0 = (26.0 \frac{m}{s})^2 + 2a \cdot (120 m) \rightarrow a = -2.8 \frac{m}{s^2}$

Now we can solve the problem using the same formula:

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x \rightarrow v = \sqrt{(26.0 \frac{m}{s})^2 - 2(2.8 \frac{m}{s^2}) 60.0 m} = 18.4 m/s$$

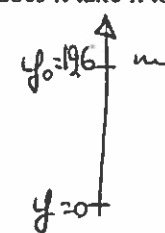
4) A drop of water falls from the top of a 19.6 m-tall building. How long does it take it to reach the ground?

- A) 4.2 s
- B) 3.8 s
- C) 2.8 s
- D) 1.0 s
- ~~E) 2.0 s~~

$$y = y_0 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$y - y_0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$-19.6 m = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 9.81 \frac{m}{s^2} \cdot t^2$$

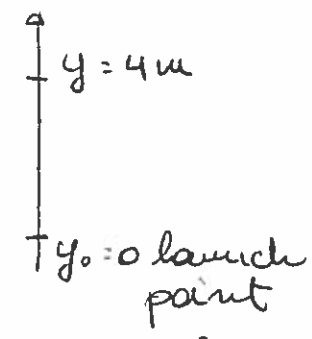
$$\rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 19.6 m}{9.81 m/s^2}} = 2.0 s$$


5) An object is thrown upwards with a speed of 13m/s. How long does it take it to reach a height of 4.0 m above the launch point while descending?

- A) 0.42 s
- B) 1.2 s
- ~~C) 2.3 s~~
- D) 3.1 s
- E) 4.2 s

$$y = y_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$y - y_0 - v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{v_0 \pm \sqrt{v_0^2 - 2g(y - y_0)}}{g}$$


Since we want to find the time when descending we pick the solution with the  $-$ :  $t = 2.3 s$ .

6) An object is dropped from a bridge. A second object is thrown downwards 1.00 s later. They both reach the water 20.0 m below at the same instant. What was the initial speed of the second object?

- A) 4.91 m/s
- B) 14.6 m/s
- C) 9.90 m/s
- D) 19.6 m/s
- E) 21.3 m/s

The first object is dropped:  $v_0 = 0$   
 Let us find how long it takes for the first object to reach the water:

$$y - y_0 = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2(y - y_0)}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot (20\text{ m})}{9.81\text{ m/s}^2}} = 2.02\text{ s}$$

The second object takes 1 s less to reach the water.

$$y - y_0 = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow v_0 = \frac{y - y_0}{t} + \frac{1}{2}gt = \frac{20\text{ m}}{1.02\text{ s}} + \frac{1}{2}(9.81 \cdot 2.02)\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 14.6\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

7) Person A walks 6.0 m at an angle of  $30^\circ$  north of east. Person B walks 7.0 m at an angle of  $42^\circ$  west of north. How does the component of the displacement of person A along the north direction compare with the component of the displacement of person B along the north direction?

- A) It is larger.
- B) It is smaller.
- C) They are equal.
- D) There is not sufficient information to tell.

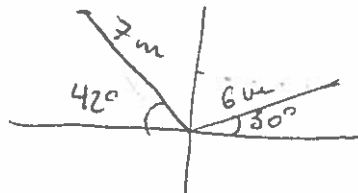
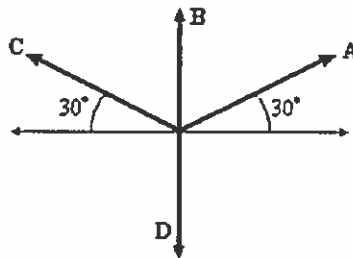


Figure 2



8) The magnitudes of the four vectors shown in Figure 2 are given as follows:  $|A| = 10.0\text{ m}$ ,  $|B| = 8.0\text{ m}$ ,  $|C| = 6.0\text{ m}$ , and  $|D| = 2.0\text{ m}$ . The components of the vector sum of these four vectors are

The vectors with components along x are A and C:

$$A_x = A \cos 30^\circ = 10\text{ m} \cdot \cos 30^\circ = 8.66\text{ m}$$

$$C_x = -C \cos 30^\circ = -6\text{ m} \cdot \cos 30^\circ = -5.19\text{ m}$$

$$A_x + C_x = 3.5\text{ m}$$

Choice	x-component	y-component
1	1.5 m	6.0 m
2	13.5 m	20.0 m
3	3.5 m	14.0 m
4	-2.9 m	-14.0 m
5	18.1 m	-5.0 m

- A) Choice 1
- B) Choice 2
- C) Choice 3
- D) Choice 4
- E) Choice 5

9) A car moves from the point  $(3.0 \text{ m})\hat{x} + (5.0 \text{ m})\hat{y}$  to the point  $(8.0 \text{ m})\hat{x} - (7.0 \text{ m})\hat{y}$  in 2.0s. What is the direction of the average velocity of the car?

- A)  $67^\circ$  from the x-axis
- B)  $-67^\circ$  from the x-axis
- C)  $33^\circ$  from the x-axis
- D)  $-33^\circ$  from the x-axis
- E)  $52^\circ$  from the x-axis

The average velocity of the car has the same direction as the displacement.

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i = 8.0 \text{ m} - 3.0 \text{ m} = 5.0 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta y = y_f - y_i = -7.0 \text{ m} - 5.0 \text{ m} = -12.0 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan^{-1}(2.4) = -67^\circ$$

10) A ball rolls over the edge of a table with a horizontal velocity  $v$  m/s. The height of the table is 1.6 m and the horizontal range of the ball from the base of the table is 20 m. What is the initial speed of the ball?

- A) 9.8 m/s
- B) 20 m/s
- C) 35 m/s
- D) 4.9 m/s
- E) 70 m/s

How long does it take the ball to hit the ground?

$$y = y_0 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow t = \sqrt{\frac{2(y-y_0)}{g}} = 0.57 \text{ s}$$

The initial speed is in the x direction (motion with constant speed):

$$v = \frac{x}{t} = \frac{20 \text{ m}}{0.57 \text{ s}} = 35 \text{ m/s}$$

11) A bullet is fired from ground level with a speed of 150 m/s at an angle  $30.0^\circ$  above the horizontal. What is the horizontal component of its velocity after 4 seconds?

- A) 150 m/s
- B) 35 m/s
- C) 130 m/s
- D) 75.0 m/s
- E) 37.5 m/s

The horizontal component of the velocity stays the same all the time, and it is equal to the initial one:

$$v_x = v \cos 30^\circ = 130 \text{ m/s}$$

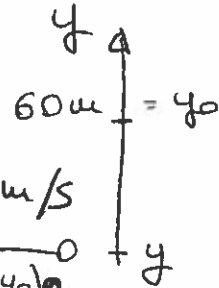
12) A projectile is shot from the edge of a vertical cliff 60.0 m above the ocean. It has a speed of 100 m/s and is fired at an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  above the horizontal. How far from the foot of the vertical cliff does the projectile hit the water?

- A) 126 m
- B) 312 m
- C) 684 m
- D) 1040 m
- E) 540 m

Motion along y:

$$y = y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_{0y} = v_0 \cdot \sin 35^\circ = 57.4 \text{ m/s}$$



We solve for t:  $t = \frac{+v_{0y} \pm \sqrt{v_{0y}^2 - 2(y - y_0)g}}{g} = 12.7 \text{ s}$

Along x we have:

$$x = v_{0x}t = v_0 \cos 35^\circ \cdot (12.7 \text{ s}) = 1040 \text{ m}$$

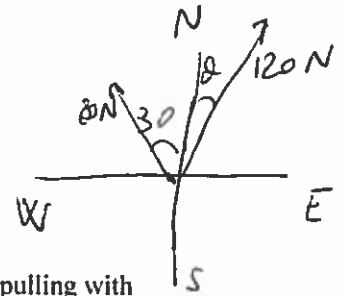
13) A boy kicks a football from ground level with a certain initial velocity  $v_0$  at an angle  $30.0^\circ$  above the horizontal. In 2.00 seconds the ball completes its trajectory and hits the ground. What is the value of  $v_0$ ?

- A) 9.80 m/s
- B) 4.90 m/s
- C) 39.2 m/s
- D) 19.6 m/s
- E) 78.4 m/s

$$y = y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad y_0 = y = 0$$

$$v_{0y} = \frac{1}{2}gt = 9.81 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_0 = \frac{v_{0y}}{\sin 30^\circ} = 19.6 \text{ m/s}$$



14) A 1000-kg barge is being towed by means of two horizontal cables. One cable is pulling with a force of 80.0 N in a direction 30.0° west of north. In what direction should the second cable pull so that the barge will accelerate northward, if the force exerted by the cable is 120 N?

- A) 19.5° east of north
- B) 21.1° east of north
- C) 39.0° east of north
- D) 47.5° east of north
- E) 54.7° east of north

The horizontal components of the two forces have to cancel each other:

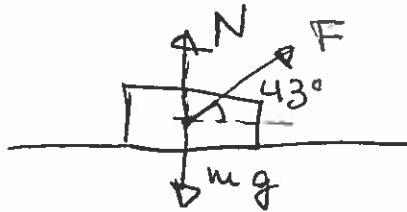
$$80.0 \text{ N} \cdot \sin 30^\circ = 120 \text{ N} \sin \theta$$

$$40 \text{ N} = 120 \text{ N} \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \theta = 19.5^\circ \text{ E of N.}$$

15) A 40.0-kg suitcase is being pulled along the ground by means of a strap which exerts a force of 10.0 N at an angle of 43.0° above the horizontal. What is the normal force exerted by the ground?

- A) 17.1 N
- B) 15.7 N
- C) 386 N
- D) 272 N
- E) 398 N



$$N + F \sin 43^\circ - mg = 0$$

$$N = mg - F \sin 43^\circ = 386 \text{ N}$$

16) An object rests on an inclined surface. If the inclination of the surface is made steeper, what does the normal force on the object do?

- A) increase
- B) decrease
- C) stays the same
- D) The normal force is zero N.
- E) Cannot be determined without additional information.

17) An elevator is moving downwards with an acceleration of  $-1 \text{ m/s}^2$ . What is the apparent weight of an 80-kg man standing in the elevator?

- A) 785 N
- B) 1000 N
- C) 650 N
- D) 705 N
- E) 865 N

$$W = m(g - a) = 80 \text{ kg} \cdot 8.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 705 \text{ N}$$