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Marker 1.

PHY151 A1F : Midterm 2016.

There are MANY different ways of solving this.
 Solutions by J. Harlow -
 Keep careful notes of partial credit.

$$1. \quad a = 3t + (t+1)^{-3} \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x(1) = 0.25 \text{ m}$$

Find $v(0)$.

$$\text{Indefinite integral: } v = \int a \, dt + C_0$$

where $C_0 =$ an integration constant with units $[m/s]$

$$v = \int [3t + (t+1)^{-3}] \, dt + C_0$$

$$v = 3 \int t \, dt + \int (t+1)^{-3} \, dt + C_0$$

$$v = \frac{3t^2}{2} - \frac{(t+1)^{-2}}{2} + C_0 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Indefinite integral: } x = \int v \, dt + C_1$$

where $C_1 =$ an integration constant with units $[m]$

$$x = \int \left[\frac{3t^2}{2} - \frac{(t+1)^{-2}}{2} + C_0 \right] \, dt + C_1$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2} \int t^2 \, dt - \frac{1}{2} \int (t+1)^{-2} \, dt + \int C_0 \, dt + C_1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} t^3 + \frac{(t+1)^{-1}}{2} + C_0 t + C_1$$

Next, let's use the conditions $x(0) = 0$ and $x(1) = 0.25 \text{ m}$ to solve for C_0 and C_1 .

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1...continued

$$x(t=0) = 0 + \frac{1}{2} + 0 + C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C_1 = -0.5 \text{ m}}$$

$$x(t=1) = 0.25 \text{ m} = \frac{1}{2}(1)^3 + \frac{(2)^{-1}}{2} + C_0 + C_1$$

$$0.25 = 0.5 + 0.25 + C_0 - 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C_0 = 0 \text{ m/s}}$$

So, (*) becomes:

$$v = \frac{3t^2}{2} - \frac{(t+1)^{-2}}{2}$$

at $t=0$:

$$v_0 = 0 - \frac{(1)^{-2}}{2}$$

$$\boxed{v_0 = -0.5 \text{ m/s}}$$

↑
minus
sign.

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units

25 points
available

→ Integrate without caring about constants → 15/25

→ Forget 1 constant but analysis is correct → 20/25

→ " units and constant → 20/25

→ integration wrong → 5/25

→ Did everything good but made a 50-50 in the ^{constant} last → 23/25

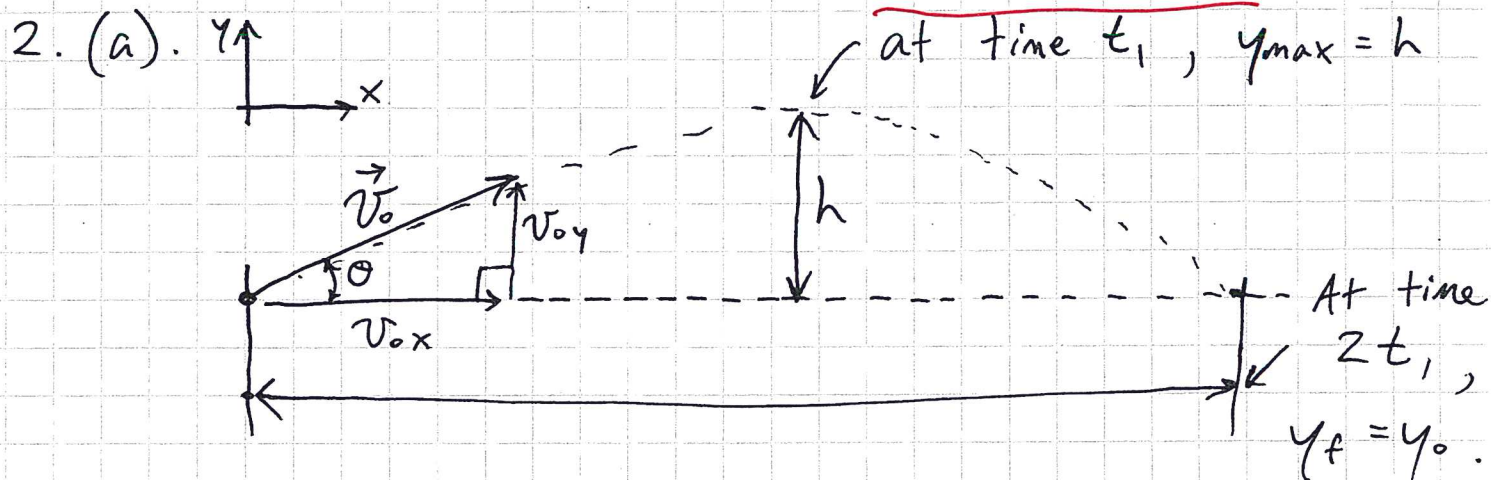
→ Made a mistake but analysis is correct ^{no units} → 20/25

→ wasn't careful with integration limits → 15/25

! ! Scheme

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Marker 2. = "..."



First half of trajectory $t=0$ to t_1 :

Initial y -component of velocity = $v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta$

Final y -component of velocity = $v_{01} = 0$

Average y -component of velocity, assuming constant acceleration..

$$\bar{v}_y = \frac{v_{0y} + v_{01}}{2} = \frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{2}$$

Not many students will use this trick.

$$\bar{v}_y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{h}{t_1}$$

$$\frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{2} = \frac{h}{t_1}$$

$$t_1 = \frac{2h}{v_0 \sin \theta}$$

(Eq. 2.1)

Whole trajectory $t=0$ to $2t_1$:

Constant x -component of velocity = $v_x = v_0 \cos \theta$

$$v_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{L}{2t_1} = v_0 \cos \theta$$

$$t_1 = \frac{L}{2v_0 \cos \theta}$$

(Eq. 2.2).

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2(a) ... continued.

Combine Eqs 2.1 & 2.2.

$$t_1 = t_1$$

$$\frac{2h}{v_0 \sin \theta} = \frac{L}{2v_0 \cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{\sin \theta}{4 \cos \theta}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{h}{L} = \frac{1}{4} \tan \theta}$$

15 points

2 (b) Same.

10
points

brief, correct justification

Note, $\frac{h}{L} = \frac{1}{4} \tan \theta$ depends on initial launch angle only. It does not depend on g . So if you change g (by going to the moon), $\frac{h}{L}$ remains the same!

- a/ find V_y or time to reach h_i or h : 5
 find V_x or time to reach L_i or L : 5
 final ratio and convert to just θ : 5

5 points total
 if they did something
 with by formula
 given in exam

- good logic but bad answer: 3/5

- good answer but bad logic: 2/5

- only take point off once, if they use bad answer to get final ratio, that's fine

- good idea but bad setup: 2/5

2 points if they just wrote it down
 2 if they did stuff, but used $\Delta y = h, \Delta x = L$

b/ good answer: 5

good reasoning: 5 (give credit for partial answer)

- gave them 5/10 if they justified a wrong answer with the formula they got (assuming they got it so wrong that it actually supported the arg.)

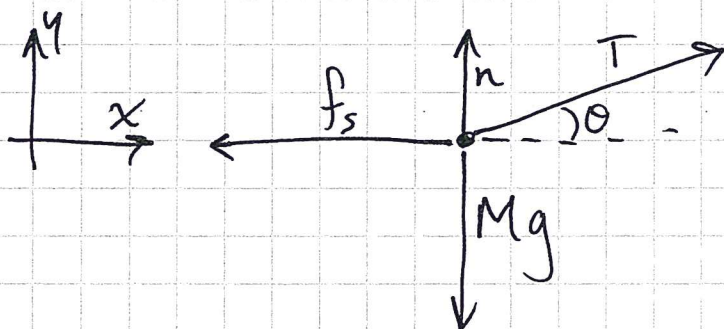
- was very rare

gave them 6 if they wrote formulas for h and L , then wrote down $\frac{h}{L}$

5.

Marker 3

3 (a). Free-body diagram of box.



n = normal force

If $T=0$, then the box does not move.

$$\Rightarrow T_{\min} = 0.$$

T can be increased until $f_s = f_{s, \max} = \mu_s n$

$(F_{\text{net}})_y = 0$ in equilibrium (no movement),

$$\Rightarrow n + T \sin \theta - Mg = 0, \text{ solve for } n.$$

$$n = Mg - T \sin \theta$$

$(F_{\text{net}})_x = 0$ in equilibrium (no movement),

$$T \cos \theta - f_s = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_s = T \cos \theta$$

$$\text{When } T = T_{\max}, f_s = f_{s, \max}: \mu_s [Mg - T_{\max} \sin \theta] = \frac{T_{\max}}{\cos \theta}$$

solve for T_{\max} :

$$T_{\max} (\mu_s \sin \theta + \cos \theta) = \mu_s Mg$$

$$T_{\max} = \frac{\mu_s Mg}{\mu_s \sin \theta + \cos \theta}$$

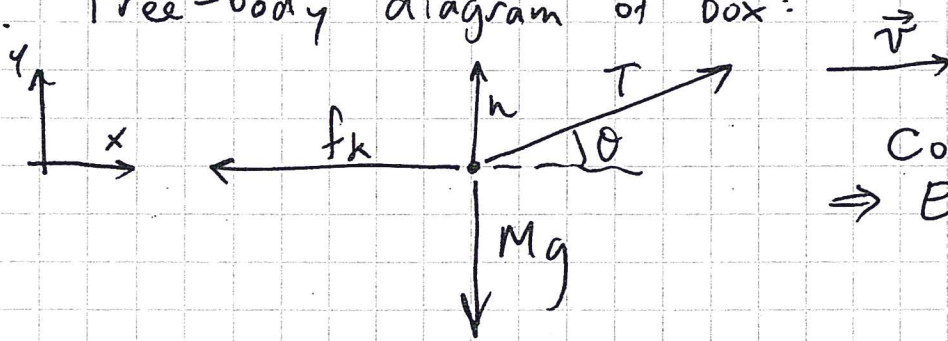
Range:

$$0 < T < \frac{\mu_s Mg}{\mu_s \sin \theta + \cos \theta}$$

10 points

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3 (b). Free-body diagram of box:



Constant speed
⇒ Equilibrium.
↓ (zero acceleration)

Math is similar to Part (a).

$$\begin{aligned} (F_{\text{net}})_y = 0 &\Rightarrow n = Mg - T \sin \theta \\ (F_{\text{net}})_x = 0 &\Rightarrow f_k = T \cos \theta \quad , \quad f_k = \mu_k n \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_k (Mg - T \sin \theta) = T \cos \theta, \quad \text{solve for } T$$

$$T = \frac{\mu_k Mg}{\mu_k \sin \theta - \cos \theta}$$

15 points

← apply this tension to keep a steady speed.

Question 3.

$\cos\theta \rightarrow \sin\theta$ -5 (for the whole Question)
+ \rightarrow - -1
result (small mistake) -2 } each
not get a final result -4
include T -3

if take $N=mg$ get 6 at most.

part (a). if the final result not include $T > 0$ -1

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Marker 4

4 (a). Define inertial frame S . Two events in this frame have coordinates $(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2)$.

Define $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$
 $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$

$$\Delta s^2 = \Delta x^2 - c^2 \Delta t^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 4.1})$$

Define inertial frame S' , moving in the $+x$ direction at speed v , relative to S .

Lorentz Transform the two events.

$$x_1' = \gamma (x_1 - vt_1) \quad x_2' = \gamma (x_2 - vt_2)$$

$$t_1' = \gamma (t_1 - \frac{vx_1}{c^2}) \quad t_2' = \gamma (t_2 - \frac{vx_2}{c^2})$$

In Frame S' :

$$(\Delta s^2)' = (x_2' - x_1')^2 - c^2 (t_2' - t_1')^2$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 \left[(x_2 - vt_2) - (x_1 - vt_1) \right]^2$$

$$- c^2 \gamma^2 \left[\left(t_2 - \frac{vx_2}{c^2} \right) - \left(t_1 - \frac{vx_1}{c^2} \right) \right]^2$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 \left[x_2 - x_1 - v(t_2 - t_1) \right]^2 - c^2 \gamma^2 \left[t_2 - t_1 - \frac{v}{c^2} (x_2 - x_1) \right]^2$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 (\Delta x - v \Delta t)^2 - c^2 \gamma^2 \left(\Delta t - \frac{v \Delta x}{c^2} \right)^2$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 (\Delta x^2 - 2v \Delta x \Delta t + v^2 \Delta t^2) - c^2 \gamma^2 \left(\Delta t^2 - \frac{2v \Delta x \Delta t}{c^2} \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{v^2 \Delta x^2}{c^4} \right)$$

... cont

if $x_2 = \gamma(x_1 - vt_1)$

if nearly 0

if not wrong

if + instead of -

if and 58/10

$v = \beta c$

8.

4 (a) ... continued:



$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 \left[\Delta x^2 - 2v \cancel{\Delta x \Delta t} + v^2 \Delta t^2 - c^2 \Delta t^2 + 2v \cancel{\Delta x \Delta t} - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \Delta x^2 \right]$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \right)^2 \left[(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}) \Delta x^2 + (v^2 - c^2) \Delta t^2 \right]$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})} \left[(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}) \Delta x^2 - (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}) c^2 \Delta t^2 \right]$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \Delta x^2 - c^2 \Delta t^2 \quad \text{Compare with Eq. 4.1:}$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \Delta s^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{same in both frames.}$$

4 (a): 10 points. *small algebra mistake → 8* ▣

~~4 (b). Define present day Mount Paektu to be the origin $(x, t) = (0, 0)$.~~

~~Define "Event 1" to be the Crab Nebula Supernova Explosion.~~

~~Let's use units of ly (light years) for distance, and units of yr (years) for time.~~

~~In these units, $c = 1$.~~

~~$(x_1, t_1) = (5000, -6000)$.~~

~~Define "Event 2" to be the volcanic eruption at Mt. Paektu.~~

~~$(x_2, t_2) = (0, -1070)$~~

~~We wish to find the speed v that a moving frame S' travels such that~~

~~$t_1' = t_2'$~~

cont...

⑧.

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4 (a) ... continued:

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \gamma^2 \left[\Delta x^2 - 2v \cancel{\Delta x \Delta t} + v^2 \Delta t^2 - c^2 \Delta t^2 + \cancel{2v \Delta x \Delta t} - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \cancel{\Delta x^2} \right]$$

$$(\Delta s^2)' = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \right)^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \Delta x^2 + (v^2 - c^2) \Delta t^2 \right]$$

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$$(\Delta s^2)' = \Delta x^2 - c^2 \Delta t^2$$

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cont...

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4 (b) continued Lorentz Transform the time coordinates:

$$t_1' = \gamma \left(t_1 - \frac{v x_1}{c^2} \right) = \frac{t_1 - v x_1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} \quad (\text{since } c=1)$$

Similarly: $t_2' = \frac{t_2 - v x_2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$

For the events to be simultaneous in this frame:

$$t_1' = t_2'$$

$$\frac{t_1 - v x_1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}} = \frac{t_2 - v x_2}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$$

$$t_1 - v x_1 = t_2 - v x_2$$

$$v (x_2 - x_1) = t_2 - t_1$$

$$v = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

← [Note: this equation looks really weird! But it's okay because $c=1$...]

$$v = \frac{-1070 - (-6000)}{0 - 5000} = \frac{-4930}{5000} = -0.986$$

So the speed is 0.986 light years per year:

$$\boxed{v = 0.986 c}, \text{ or } v = 2.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

4 (b)

↖ 15 points.

5. (a) $\bar{x} A : \sim 20$

$\bar{x} B : \sim 6$

$\bar{x} C : \sim 15$

$\bar{x} D : 10$

$A > C > D > B$

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(b) By inspection

$C > D > B > A$

(4)

(c) Recall from UM Module 2:

"The number of significant figures in an experimental uncertainty is 1 or 2, but never greater than this."

Solc: 12 points

So: 31.4 ± 0.2 (4)

or: 31.38 ± 0.19

} either answer is correct.

- (d)
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 2. Set time-step of numerical integration to be 0.1 seconds.
 3. Set the initial time to be 0 s.
 4. Set the initial height of the ball to be 3 m.
 5. Set the initial y-component of the velocity of the ball to be 0 m/s.
 6. Start a loop in which $y \geq 0$.
 7. Increment t by dt .

... cont

5. (a) $\bar{x}_A \approx 20$
 $\bar{x}_B \approx 6$
 $\bar{x}_C \approx 15$
 $\bar{x}_D \approx 10$

~~$A > C > D > B$~~

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✓ 6. Start a loop in which $y \geq 0$ - 1/2 marks if didn't mention loop

✓ 7. Increment t by dt .

... cont stated
"while y-position ≥ 0 "

took off 1 mark if units not mentioned (or values)

5. (d) ^{continued} 8. Add $(v_y \cdot dt)$ to ⁽¹¹⁾ the position.
9. Add $(a_y \cdot dt)$ to the y-comp. of the velocity.
10. Print t, y to the screen.
10 points.

(e) $(0.1, 3.0)$
 $(0.2, 2.902)$
 $(0.3, 2.706)$ } 3 points.

Sde: 13 points

→ 1/2 marks if one or the other is OK