

Q 1 (a) [2]

$$\downarrow mg (\underline{E}_x \sin \alpha - \underline{E}_y \cos \alpha)$$

① point: only force is weight  $mg$

② point: direction of weight in terms of  $\underline{E}_x$ ,  $\underline{E}_y$  &  $\alpha$

$$(b) [5] \underline{r} = x \underline{E}_x + y \underline{E}_y$$

$$\underline{\ddot{r}} = \underline{g}$$

$$\underline{F} = m \underline{g}$$

$$\rightarrow mg (\underline{E}_x \sin \alpha - \underline{E}_y \cos \alpha) = m \ddot{x} \underline{E}_x + m \ddot{y} \underline{E}_y \quad (2)$$

Impact at  $t = T$ :  $y(T) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\ddot{y} = -g \cos \alpha$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = \dot{y}(0) + \int_0^t -g \cos \alpha \, d\tau$$

$$= v_{0y} - g t \cos \alpha$$

$$y(t) = y(0) + \int_0^t \dot{y}(\tau) \, d\tau$$

$$= 0 + v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \cos \alpha$$

② correct & formal integration

$$y(T) = 0 \Rightarrow v_{0y} T - \frac{1}{2} g T^2 \cos \alpha = 0, T > 0$$

$$\rightarrow T = \frac{2 v_{0y}}{g \cos \alpha}$$

① point for argument

(c) [3] Coordinates  $\underline{r}(t) = x(t) \underline{E}_x + 0 \underline{E}_y$

$$\dot{x}(t) = \dot{x}(0) + g \sin \alpha t \quad x(t) = x(0) + \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \sin \alpha$$

② for integrating to  $x(t)$

$$x(T) = \frac{g}{2} \frac{2^2 v_{0y}^2}{g^2 \cos^2 \alpha} \sin \alpha = \frac{2 v_{0y}^2}{g \cos^2 \alpha} \sin \alpha$$

① for answer

Q2

(a) [5]

$$\underline{r} = x \underline{e}_x - x^2 \underline{e}_y$$

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d}{dt} \underline{r} = \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{d}{dx} \underline{r} = \dot{x} (\underline{e}_x - 2x \underline{e}_y) \quad (2)$$

$$v = \|\underline{v}\| = |\dot{x}| \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} \quad (2)$$

Must have abs. value for  $\dot{x}$ , or  $\sqrt{\dot{x}^2}$

But, we know  $\dot{x} > 0$  (left-to-right) (1)

↳ Must be explicit about why we drop abs. val.

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}}$$

Max horizontal speed:  $\frac{d\dot{x}}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} (1 + 4x^2)^{-3/2} (8x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

(b)

We use the observation

$$\frac{d}{ds} = \frac{dx}{ds} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}$$

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$$= \frac{\dot{x}}{v} \frac{d}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{e}_t = \frac{d}{ds} \underline{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \frac{d}{dx} (x \underline{e}_x - x^2 \underline{e}_y) \quad (2)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (\underline{e}_x - 2x \underline{e}_y)$$

$$\underline{e}_n = \frac{d}{ds} \underline{e}_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (\underline{e}_x - 2x \underline{e}_y) \right) \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (1 + 4x^2)^{-3/2} \cdot 8x (\underline{e}_x - 2x \underline{e}_y) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (-2 \underline{e}_y) \right] \quad (1)$$

product rule

$$= \frac{1}{(1 + 4x^2)^2} \left( -4x \underline{e}_x + 8x^2 \underline{e}_y - 2 \underline{e}_y - 8x^2 \underline{e}_y \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{(1 + 4x^2)^2} (-2x \underline{e}_x - \underline{e}_y)$$

Need  $\|\underline{e}_n\| = 1$ , and we note  $1 + 4x^2 > 0$  (1)

$$\Rightarrow \underline{e}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (-2x \underline{e}_x - \underline{e}_y)$$

Note if use  $\underline{e}_t \cdot \underline{e}_n = 0$  (1)

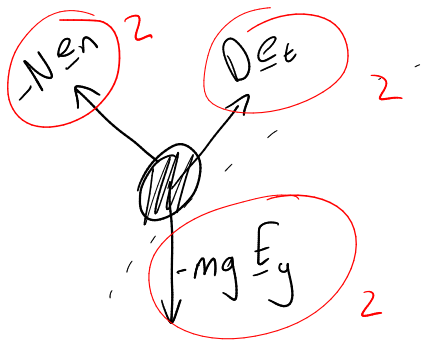
$$\text{the } \underline{e}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (2x \underline{e}_x + \underline{e}_y) \quad (1)$$

To get sign:  $\underline{e}_n$  must point to center of tangent circle  
Need negative along  $\underline{e}_y$  (2)

$$\Rightarrow \underline{e}_n = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}} (2x \underline{e}_x + \underline{e}_y)$$

Must explain choice of sign for full credit.

(c)(c) [6]



N: normal  
 D: drive/wheel force  
 mg: weight

Each force must have a clear direction

Must have a tangential force, can call it friction or anything else  
 D & N can have signs flipped.

(ii)

$$\underline{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \underline{e}_t + k v^2 \underline{e}_n$$

$$\underline{F} = m \underline{a} \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{F} \cdot \underline{e}_n = m \underline{a} \cdot \underline{e}_n \Rightarrow -N - mg \underline{e}_n \cdot \underline{E}_y = m k v^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{e}_n \cdot \underline{E}_n = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4x^2}} \Rightarrow N = +m \left( \frac{g}{\sqrt{1+4x^2}} - \frac{2v^2}{(1+4x^2)^{3/2}} \right)$$

(1)

$$|N| = \frac{m}{\sqrt{1+4x^2}} \left| g - \frac{2v^2}{(1+4x^2)} \right|$$

OK if N has opposite sign, as long as it's also flipped in FBD

(iii) [6]

At a position  $x$ , let  $v_c(x)$  be the speed so that  $|N| = 0$

$$|N| = 0 \Rightarrow g = \frac{2v_c(x)^2}{1+4x^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$v_c(x) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}(1+4x^2)} \quad (2)$$

$v_{c,min}$  is the lowest such speed

By inspection:  $v_{c,min}$  occurs at  $x^* = 0$  (min of  $1+4x^2$ ) (2)

$$\text{OR: } \frac{\partial v_c}{\partial x} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 = 2v_c \cdot \frac{\partial v_c}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2}(8x) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$v_c > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial v_c}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{OR: } v_c = \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}(1+4x^2)}$$

$$\text{Compute } \frac{\partial v_c}{\partial x} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow x^* = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$v_{c,min} = v_c(x^*) = v_c(0) = \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}} \quad (2)$$