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Hook's Law  
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Hook's Law:

- The tension in an elastic spring (or string) is proportional to the extension 'e' produced.

$$T \propto e$$

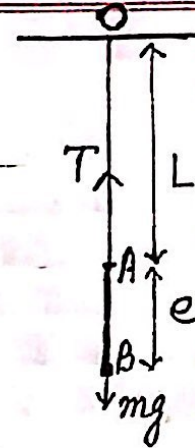
$$\text{or } T = \frac{\lambda e}{L}$$

where:

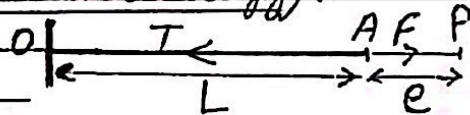
' $\lambda$ ' is the modulus of elasticity of the string, its unit is Newton 'N'

'e' is the extension produced.

'L' is the natural length of the string.



- Work done (or EPE - Elastic Potential Energy):

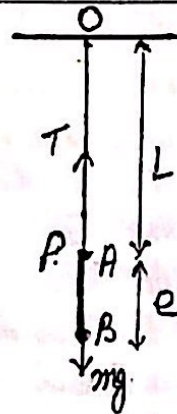


$$EPE = \frac{\lambda \cdot e^2}{2L}$$

- GPE - Gravitational Potential Energy:

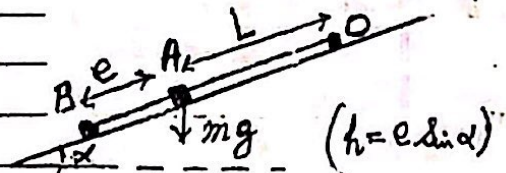
- (i) When the string moves from A to B producing an extension 'e'

The loss in GPE =  $mge$ .



- (ii) From A to B.

Loss in GPE =  $mge \sin \alpha$ .



1. One end of a light elastic spring, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $5mg$ , is attached to a fixed point A. The other end of the spring is attached to a particle P of mass  $m$ . The spring hangs with P vertically below A. The particle P is released from rest in the position where the extension of the spring is  $\frac{1}{2}a$ .

- (a) Show that the initial acceleration of P is  $\frac{3}{2}g$  upwards. --- [3]  
 (b) Find the speed of P when the spring first returns to its natural length. --- [4]

[S-20/31/Q3]

Solution (a)  $T - mg = ma$  --- (i) (Using Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion)

Using Hook's Law:

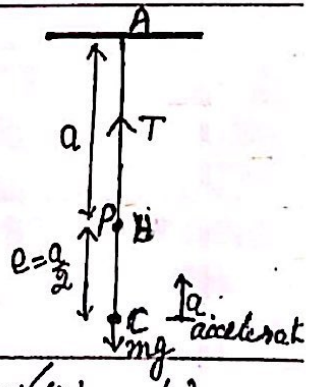
$$T = \frac{\lambda e^2}{L} = \frac{5mg \times \frac{1}{2}a}{a} = \frac{5}{2}mg \text{ --- (ii)}$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{5}{2}mg - mg = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}mg = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Acceleration } a = \frac{3}{2}g \text{ (upwards)}$$



(b) Gain in K.E =  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$ ; Gain in G.P.E =  $mg \cdot (\frac{1}{2}a)$   
 Loss in E.P.E =  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda e^2}{L} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{5mg \cdot (\frac{a}{2})^2}{a}$

$$\text{Loss in E.P.E} = \frac{5}{8}mga$$

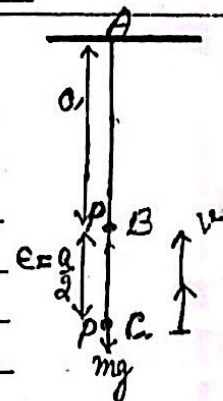
Now when P returns to C to B position:

$$\text{Gain in K.E} + \text{Gain in G.P.E} = \text{Loss in E.P.E}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}mga = \frac{5}{8}mga$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{1}{4}ga$$

$$v = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{ga}$$



2. A light elastic string has natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $24mg$ . One end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $A$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass  $2m$ .

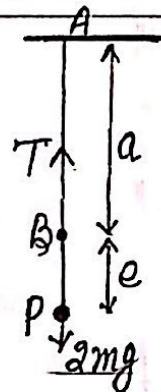
(a) Find, in terms of  $a$ , the extension of the string when the particle hangs freely in equilibrium below  $A$ . ---[2]

(b) The particle is released from rest at  $A$ . Find, in terms of  $a$ , the distance of the particle  $A$  when it first comes instantaneous rest. [SP-20/03/Q2] ---[6]

Solution (a)  $L = a$ ,  $\lambda = 24mg$ ,  $e = ?$

$$T = \frac{\lambda e}{L} \Rightarrow 2mg = \frac{24mg \times e}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{extension } e = \frac{a}{12}$$



(b) Let the particle  $P$  comes to rest at a distance of  $d$  below  $A$ ; Extension  $e = (d-a)$

$$\text{G.P.E of the particle at } A = 2mg \cdot d \text{ --- (i)}$$

$$\text{E.P.E at } A = \frac{\lambda e^2}{2L} = \frac{24mg \cdot (d-a)^2}{2a} \text{ --- (ii)}$$

No change in the K.E of the particle.

$\therefore$  at  $P$ , loss in G.P.E = Gain in E.P.E

$$\Rightarrow 2mgd = \frac{24mg(d-a)^2}{2a} \text{ (from (i) and (ii))}$$

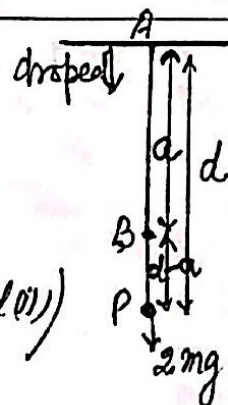
$$\Rightarrow 6(d-a)^2 = ad$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(d^2 - 2ad + a^2) = ad$$

$$\rightarrow 6d^2 - 13ad + 6a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2d-3a)(3d-2a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{d = \frac{3a}{2}} \text{ or } d = \frac{2a}{3} (\because d > a)$$



3. A particle P of mass  $m$  is placed on a fixed smooth plane which is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. A light spring of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $3mg$ , has one end attached to P and the other end attached to a fixed point O at the top of the plane. The spring lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane. The system is released from rest with the spring at its natural length. Find, in terms of  $a$  and  $\theta$ , an expression for the greatest extension of the spring in the subsequent motion. ---(3)

[W-20/31/Q1]

Solution: mass of particle =  $m$  ; natural length  $L = a$

$\lambda = 3mg$ , let extension =  $e = AB$

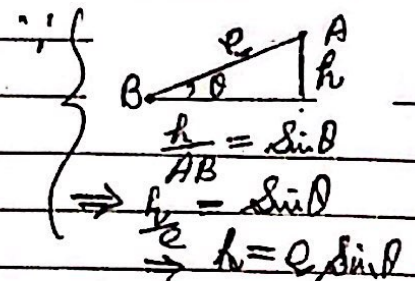
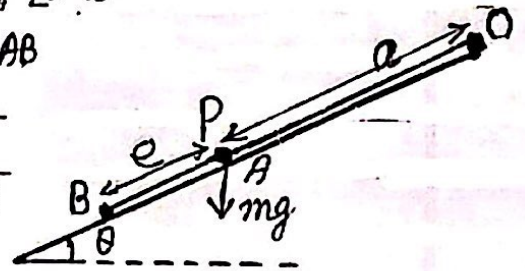
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gain in EPE} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda e^2}{L} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3mg e^2}{a} \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Loss in GPE} &= mgh \\ &= mg \cdot e \sin \theta \quad \dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

Loss in GPE = gain in EPE

$$\Rightarrow mg \cdot e \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3mg e^2}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{2}{3} \cdot a \sin \theta \quad \checkmark$$

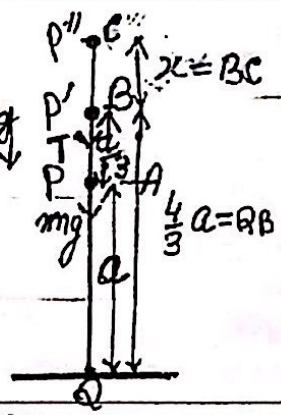


4. One end of a light elastic string, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $k$ , is attached to a particle  $P$  of mass  $m$ . The other end of the string is attached to a fixed point  $Q$ . The particle  $P$  is projected vertically upwards from  $Q$ . When  $P$  is moving upwards and at a distance  $\frac{4}{3}a$  directly above  $Q$ , it has a speed  $\sqrt{2ga}$ . At this point, its acceleration is  $\frac{7}{3}g$  downwards.

Show that  $k = 4mg$  and find in terms of  $a$  the greatest height above  $Q$  reached by  $P$ . [W-20/32/Q6] --- [8]

Solution: mass of the particle =  $m$ ; natural length  $L = a$   
modulus of elasticity  $\lambda = k$

Velocity at  $B = \sqrt{2ga}$   
Acceleration at  $B = \frac{7}{3}g$  (downward)  
Tension in the string =  $T$  (downward)



Using Newton's laws of motion at  $B$ ,  
 $T + mg = m \cdot \frac{7}{3}g$  --- (i)

Tension in the string,  $T = \frac{\lambda x}{L} = \frac{k \cdot a/3}{a} = \frac{k}{3}$  --- (ii)

from (i) and (ii)  $\frac{k}{3} + mg = \frac{7}{3}mg \Rightarrow \frac{k}{3} = \frac{4}{3}mg$   
 $\Rightarrow k = 4mg \checkmark$

Now let the greatest height above  $Q = (\frac{4}{3}a + x) = QC$

from B) Gain in G.P.E =  $mgx$  --- (iii)  
Loss in K.E =  $\frac{1}{2}m(\sqrt{2ga})^2 = \frac{1}{2}m \times 2ga = mga$  --- (iv)

to C) Gain in E.P.E =  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda x^2}{L}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4mg}{a} \left[ \left( \frac{4a}{3} + x \right)^2 - \left( \frac{a}{3} \right)^2 \right]$   
 $= \frac{2mg}{a} \left[ x^2 + \frac{2ax}{3} + \frac{16a^2}{9} - \frac{a^2}{9} \right]$  --- (v)

$\frac{2mg}{a} \left[ x^2 + \frac{2ax}{3} \right] + mgx = mga$   
(from (iii) & (iv) & (v))  
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{2ax}{3} + ax = a^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 + \frac{4ax}{3} + ax = a^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 + \frac{7ax}{3} - a^2 = 0$   
 $6x^2 + 7ax - 3a^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{3}$  or  $x = -\frac{3a}{2}$

Now Gain in E.P.E + Gain in G.P.E = Loss in K.E  
 $\therefore$  Greatest height  $QC = \frac{4}{3}a + x = \frac{4}{3}a + \frac{a}{3} = \frac{5a}{3} \checkmark$

5. One end of a light elastic string, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $kmg$ , is attached to a fixed point A. The other end of the string is attached to a particle P of mass  $4m$ . The particle P hangs in equilibrium a distance  $x$  vertically below A.

(a) Show that  $k = \frac{4a}{x-a}$  ..... [1]

An additional particle, of mass  $2m$ , is now attached to P and the combined particle is released from rest at the original equilibrium position of P. When the combined particle has descended a distance  $\frac{1}{3}a$ , its speed is  $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{ga}$ .

(b) Find  $x$  in terms of  $a$ . [5-21/31/03] --- [6]

Solution:  $AB = a$  (natural length), mass =  $4m$ ,  $AC = x$ .

(a) Now using Hooke's law  $\lambda = kmg$   
 $T = \frac{\lambda e}{L} = \frac{kmg(x-a)}{a} = 4mg$  (from eqn)

$$\Rightarrow k(x-a) = 4a \Rightarrow k = \frac{4a}{x-a} \checkmark$$

(from C to D)

(b) Gain in K.E + gain in E.P.E = loss in G.P.E  
 $\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\lambda e^2}{L} = mgh\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 6m \times \frac{ga}{9} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{kmg}{a} \left[ \left(\frac{x+a}{3} - a\right)^2 - (x-a)^2 \right] = 6mg \times \frac{a}{3}$$

$$\left(k = \frac{4a}{x-a}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{3} + \frac{1}{2a} \times \frac{4a}{x-a} \left[ \frac{x^2 + 4a^2 - 4ax}{3} - (x^2 - 2ax + a^2) \right] = 2a$$

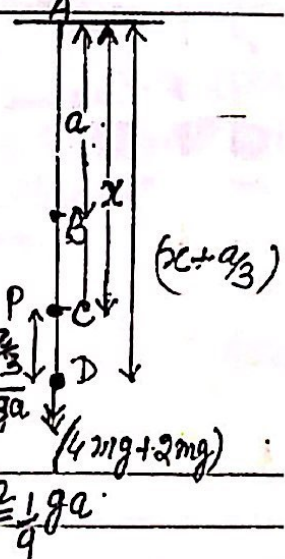
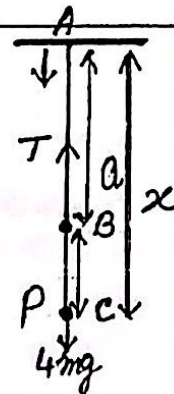
$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{3} + \frac{2}{x-a} \left[ \frac{4a^2 - a^2 + 2ax - 4ax}{3} \right] = 2a$$

$$\frac{2}{x-a} \left[ \frac{6ax - 5a^2}{9} \right] = \frac{5a}{3}$$

$$\frac{2}{x-a} \times \frac{a}{3} \left[ \frac{6x - 5a}{3} \right] = \frac{5a}{3}$$

$$2(6x - 5a) = 15(x - a)$$

$$12x - 10a = 15x - 15a \Rightarrow 3x = 5a \Rightarrow x = \frac{5a}{3} \checkmark$$



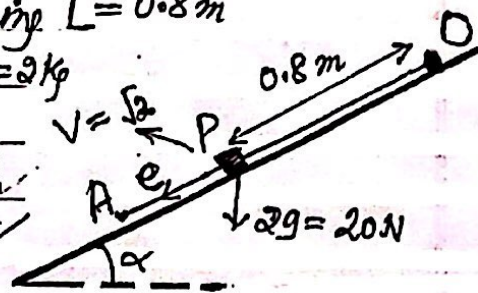
6. One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.8\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $36\text{ N}$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$  on a smooth plane. The plane is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal, where  $\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ . A particle  $P$  of mass  $2\text{ kg}$  is attached to the other end of the string. The string lies along a line of greatest slope of the plane with the particle below the level of  $O$ . The particle is projected with speed  $\sqrt{2}\text{ m s}^{-1}$  directly down the plane from the position where  $OP$  is equal to the natural length of the string. Find the maximum extension of the string during the subsequent motion. [S-21] 33/22] --- [5]

Solution:  $\lambda = 36\text{ N}$ , natural length of string  $L = 0.8\text{ m}$

$\sin \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$ , at  $P$ ,  $v = \sqrt{2}\text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $m = 2\text{ kg}$

Let extension  $PA = e$

at  $A$ ,  $EPE = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \frac{e^2}{L} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{36 \times e^2}{0.8} = \frac{22.5 e^2}{2} = \frac{45 e^2}{2}$



Loss in GPE =  $mg \cdot e \sin \alpha$

$= 20 \times \frac{3}{5} \times e = 12e \checkmark$

Loss in K.E. =  $\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2 \checkmark$

Loss in G.P.E + Loss in K.E. = Gain in EPE

$12e + 2 = \frac{45e^2}{2} \Rightarrow 45e^2 - 24e - 4 = 0$

$(3e - 2)(15e + 2) = 0$

$e = \frac{2}{3}$  ;  $-\frac{2}{15}$

$\therefore$  Max. Extension  $e = \frac{2}{3} \checkmark$



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One end of a light spring of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $4mg$  is attached to a fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the spring is attached to a particle  $A$  of mass  $km$ , where  $k$  is a constant. Initially the spring lies at rest on a smooth horizontal surface and has length  $a$ . A second particle  $B$ , of mass  $m$ , is moving towards  $A$  with speed  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}ga}$  along the line of the spring from the opposite direction to  $O$ , (see diagram).

The particles  $A$  and  $B$  collide and coalesce. At a point  $C$  in the subsequent motion, the length of the spring is  $\frac{3}{4}a$  and the speed of the combined particle is half of its initial speed.

(a) Find the value of  $k$ . --- [8]

At the point  $C$  the horizontal surface becomes rough, with coefficient of friction  $\mu$  between the combined particle and the surface. The deceleration of the combined particle at  $C$  is  $\frac{9}{20}g$ .

(b) Find the value of  $\mu$ . [3-20/33/27] --- [4]

Solution:  $m_A = km, m_B = m$   
 $u_A = 0, u_B = u(t) = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}ga}$   
 (Combined mass =  $km + m = (k+1)m$ )  
 After collision, Velocity =  $V$  (let)

Using Conservation of momentum law;  
 $m_A u_A + m_B u_B = (m_A + m_B) v$   
 $km \cdot 0 + m \cdot u = (k+1)v \Rightarrow v = \frac{4}{(k+1)}$

Velocity at  $C = \frac{v}{2}$

Now for A to C;  
 Loss in K.E. =  $\frac{1}{2} M V^2$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (k+1)m [v^2 - (\frac{v}{2})^2]$

Loss in K.E. =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} (k+1) m u^2$   
 $= \frac{3}{8} (k+1) m u^2$  from (1)  
 $= \frac{3}{8} (k+1) m \times \frac{4}{3} g a$  [given]  $[v^2 = \frac{4}{3} g a]$   
 $= \frac{m g a}{2 (k+1)}$  --- (2)

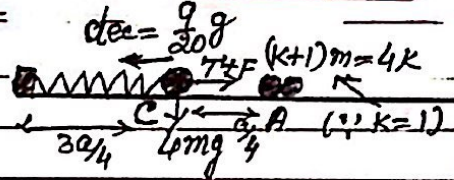
Now Gain in EPE from A to C  
 (1)  $EPE = \frac{1}{2} \lambda x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4mg}{a} (\frac{a}{4})^2$   
 $= \frac{m g a}{8}$  --- (3)

Now loss of K.E. = gain of EPE  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{m g a}{2 (k+1)} = \frac{m g a}{8}$  [from (2) & (3)]  
 $\Rightarrow k+1 = 4 \Rightarrow k = 3 \checkmark$

(Continued  $\rightarrow$ )

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7(b) At the point C,  $R = 4mg$  --- (1)  
 $\therefore$  Friction force  $F = \mu R$



Using Hooke's law  $T = \frac{\lambda e}{L} = \frac{4mg \times \frac{3a}{4}}{a}$  ( $\lambda = 4mg$ )  
 $\Rightarrow T = 3mg$  ( $e = \frac{3a}{4} \leftarrow (a - \frac{3a}{4})$ )

Now using Newton's law

$(T + F = ma)$ :

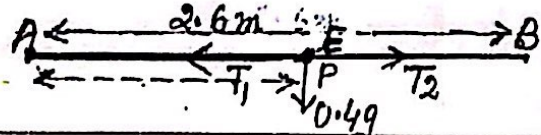
$\Rightarrow mg + F = 4m \times \frac{g}{20}$

$\Rightarrow F = \frac{4}{5}mg - mg = \frac{4}{5}mg \checkmark$  --- (2)

$F = \mu R = \frac{4}{5}mg$  (from 2)  
 $(R = 4mg \text{ from (1)})$

$\mu \times 4mg = \frac{4}{5}mg$   
 $\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{5}$

8. The fixed points A and B are on a smooth horizontal surface, with  $AB = 2.6 \text{ m}$ , one end of a light elastic spring, of natural length  $1.25 \text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $\lambda \text{ N}$  is attached to A. The other end is attached to a particle P of mass  $0.4 \text{ kg}$ . One end of a second light elastic spring, of natural length  $1.0 \text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $0.6\lambda \text{ N}$ , is attached to B; its other end is attached to P. The system is in equilibrium with P on the surface at point E. Show that  $AE = 1.4 \text{ m}$  [N-18/21/Q5] -- [4]



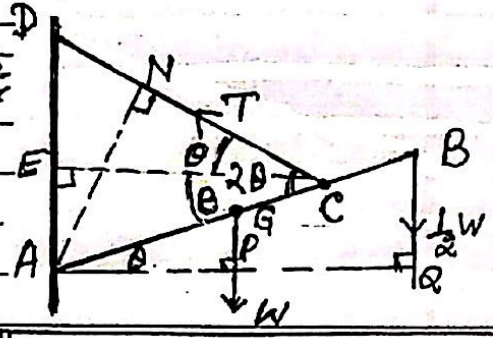
Solution:  $L_1 = 1.25 \text{ m}$ ;  $L_2 = 1.0 \text{ m}$   
 $\lambda_1 = \lambda$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 0.6\lambda$

Extension in first string  $e_1 = (AE - 1.25)$  and Extension in the second string  $e_2 = (2.6 - AE - 1) = (1.6 - AE)$

Particle 'P' is in equilibrium,  $T_1 = T_2$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda(AE - 1.25)}{1.25} = \frac{0.6\lambda(1.6 - AE)}{1}$   
 $\Rightarrow AE - 1.25 = 1.25 \times 0.6(1.6 - AE)$   
 $\Rightarrow AE - 1.25 = 0.75(1.6 - AE)$   
 $1.75AE = 2.45 \Rightarrow AE = 1.4 \checkmark$

9. A uniform rod AB of length  $4a$  and weight  $W$  is smoothly hinged to a vertical wall at the end A. The rod is held at an angle  $\theta$  above the horizontal by a light elastic string. One end of the string is attached to the point C on the rod, where  $AC = 3a$ . The other end of the string is attached to a point D on the wall, with D vertically above A and such that angle  $ACD = 2\theta$ . A particle of weight  $\frac{1}{2}W$  is attached to the rod at B. It is given that  $\tan \theta = \frac{8}{15}$ .
- (i) Show that the tension in the string is  $\frac{17}{12}W$ . -- [4]  
(ii) Find the magnitude and direction of the reaction of the hinge. -- [5]  
(iii) Given that the natural length of the string is  $2a$ , find its modulus of elasticity. [W-18/21/Q4] -- [2]

Solution:  $\tan \theta = \frac{8}{15}$ ,  $\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}$ ,  $\cos \theta = \frac{15}{17}$   
 $AB = 4a$ ,  $AC = 3a$ ,  $AG = 2a$



Draw  $AN \perp CD$   
(i)  $AN = AC \sin 2\theta = 3a \sin 2\theta$   
 $AP = AG \cos \theta = 2a \cos \theta$   
 $AQ = AB \cos \theta = 4a \cos \theta$

Taking moment about A,  
 $T \cdot AN = W \cdot AP + \frac{1}{2}W \cdot AQ$   
 $\Rightarrow T \cdot 3a \sin 2\theta = W \cdot 2a \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2}W \cdot 4a \cos \theta$   
 $\Rightarrow T \cdot 3a \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = 4aW \cos \theta$   
 $\Rightarrow 6aT \sin \theta = 4aW \Rightarrow T = \frac{4aW}{6a \sin \theta}$   
 $\Rightarrow T = \frac{2}{3}W \times \frac{1}{8/17} = \frac{17}{12}W$

(ii) Horizontal component  $X$  of the force at A:  
 $X = T \cos \theta = \frac{17}{12}W \times \frac{15}{17} = \frac{5}{4}W$   
and vertically,  
 $Y = W + \frac{1}{2}W - T \sin \theta$

$= \frac{3}{2}W - \frac{17}{12}W \times \frac{8}{17} = \frac{5}{6}W$  --- (3)  
from (2) & (3)  $F = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} = 5\sqrt{13}W$   
upward at an angle to the horizontal  
 $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{Y}{X} = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{5} = 33.7^\circ$

$DN \perp CN \perp CE \perp AD \Rightarrow \angle ACE = \theta$   
 $\angle DCE = \theta$   
 $\therefore \angle A = \angle D = 90 - \theta$   
 $\therefore DC = AC = 3a$

(iii)  $T = \frac{\lambda}{L} \times e \Rightarrow \frac{17W}{12} = \frac{\lambda}{L} (DC - 2a)$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{17W}{12} = \frac{\lambda \times (3a - 2a)}{2a} = \frac{\lambda}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{17W}{6}$  ( $DC = 3a$ )

10. One end of a light elastic string, of natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $4mg$ , is attached to fixed point  $O$ . The other end of the string is attached to a particle of mass  $m$ . The particle moves in a horizontal circle with a constant angular speed  $\sqrt{\frac{g}{a}}$  with the string inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the downward vertical through  $O$ . The length of string during this motion is  $(k+1)a$ .

(a) Find the value of  $k$ . --- [4]

(b) Find the value of  $\cos \theta$ . [W-20/31/Q3] -- [2]

Solution: natural length  $L = a$ ; length of the extended

(a) angular speed  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}}$ ; string  $OP = (k+1)a$   
 $\lambda = 4mg$ , Extension  $e = (k+1)a$

Using Hooke's law  $\rightarrow T = \frac{\lambda e}{L} = 4mg \cdot \frac{k+1}{1} = 4kmg$  --- (i)

for circular motion:

Force toward center;  $F = m r \omega^2 = m a (k+1) \sin \theta \cdot \frac{g}{a}$

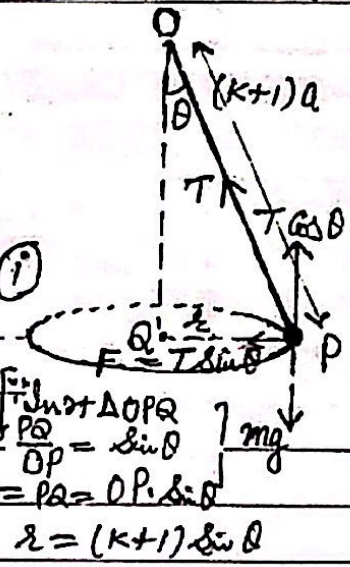
$$\Rightarrow T \sin \theta = m (k+1) a \cdot \frac{g}{a} \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow T = m (k+1) \cdot \frac{g}{a} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$m (k+1) g = 4kmg$$

$$\Rightarrow k+1 = 4k \Rightarrow 3k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$$



(b)  $T \cos \theta = mg$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} mg \cos \theta = mg$$

from (i)  $T = 4kmg = 4 \times \frac{1}{3} mg$  for  $k = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3}{4} \checkmark$$

- 11 The fixed points A and B are such that  $AB = 3.2\text{ m}$  and A is vertically above B. One end of a light elastic string of natural length  $0.8\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $8\text{ N}$ , is attached to a particle P of mass  $0.2\text{ kg}$ . The other end of the string is attached to A. One end the second light elastic string of natural length  $1.2\text{ m}$  and modulus of elasticity  $4\text{ N}$ , is attached to P and the other end is attached to B.

Find the length of AP when the particle is in equilibrium. --- [4]

[S-16/23/Q11]

Solution: For AP:  $L_1 = 0.8\text{ m}$ ;  $\lambda_1 = 8\text{ N}$ ,  $e_1 = (AP - 0.8)\text{ m}$   
 using Hooke's law:  

$$T_1 = \frac{\lambda_1 e_1}{L_1} = \frac{8(AP - 0.8)}{0.8} \text{ --- (i)}$$

for PB:  $L_2 = 1.2\text{ m}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 4\text{ N}$ ,  $e_2 = (3.2 - 1.2 - AP)$   
 or  $e_2 = (2 - AP)$   
 using Hooke's law:

$$T_2 = \frac{\lambda_2 e_2}{L_2} = \frac{4(2 - AP)}{1.2} \text{ --- (ii)}$$

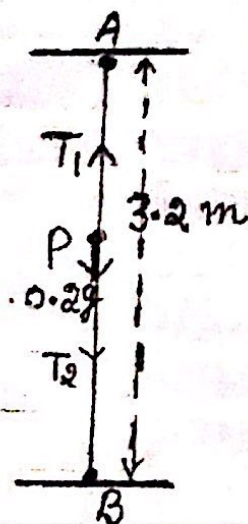
and a downward Force =  $mg = 0.2g \dots$  (iii)

$$\Rightarrow T_1 = T_2 + mg$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8(AP - 0.8)}{0.8} = \frac{4(2 - AP)}{1.2} + 0.2g$$

$$\Rightarrow 10(AP - 0.8) = \frac{10}{3}(2 - AP) + 2$$

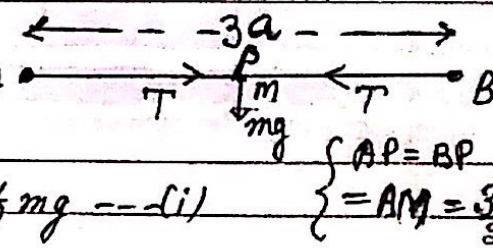
$$\Rightarrow AP = \frac{5}{4} \text{ or } \underline{1.25\text{ m}}$$



12. A and B are two fixed points on a smooth horizontal surface, with  $AB = 3a$  m. One end of the light elastic string of natural length  $a$  m and modulus of elasticity  $mg$  N, is attached to the point A. The other end of this string is attached to a particle P of mass  $m$  kg. One end of a second light elastic string of natural length  $ka$  m and modulus of elasticity  $2mg$  N, is attached to B. The other end of the string is attached to P. Given that the system is in equilibrium when P is at M, the mid point of AB, find the value of  $k$ . --- [3]

[W-15/21/Q3]

Solution: for AP:  $L_1 = a$  m,  $\lambda = mg$  N  
 $AB = 3a \rightarrow AP = \frac{3a}{2}$ ,  $e_1 = \left(\frac{3a}{2} - a\right) = \frac{a}{2}$   
 Using Hooke's law:  $e_1 = \frac{a}{2}$   
 $T = \frac{\lambda e_1}{L_1} = \frac{mg \times \frac{a}{2}}{a} = \frac{1}{2} mg$  --- (i)



for BP:  $L_2 = ka$  m,  $\lambda_2 = 2mg$  N,  $e_2 = \left(\frac{3a}{2} - ka\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2} - k\right)a$   
 $\therefore T = \frac{\lambda_2 e_2}{L_2} = \frac{2mg \times \left(\frac{3}{2} - k\right)a}{ka} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2} - k\right) 2mg}{k}$  --- (ii)

from (i) and (ii)

$$2 \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2} - k\right) mg}{k} = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} - k = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{4} k = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$k = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2$$

$$\therefore \underline{k = 1.2}$$

13. A light spring has natural length  $a$  and modulus of elasticity  $kmg$ . The spring lies on a smooth horizontal surface with one end attached to a fixed point  $O$ . A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to the other end of the spring. The system is in equilibrium with  $OP = a$ . The particle is projected towards  $O$  with speed  $u$  and comes to instantaneous rest when  $OP = \frac{3}{4}a$ ,

Use an energy method to show that  $k = 16u^2/ag$  --- [2]

S-19/23/Q11

Solution: K.E at A =  $\frac{1}{2}mu^2$  --- (i)

for spring  $\lambda = kmg$ ,  $l = a$

$$e = (a - \frac{3}{4}a) = \frac{a}{4}$$

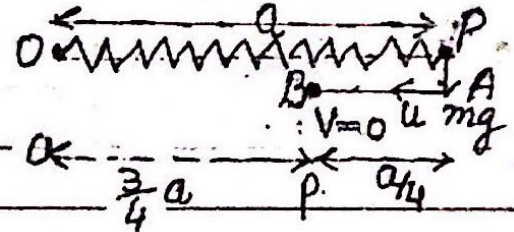
$$\therefore \text{E.P.E at B} = \frac{\lambda e^2}{2L}$$

$$= \frac{kmg \cdot (\frac{a}{4})^2}{2a} = \frac{kmga}{32} \text{ --- (ii)}$$

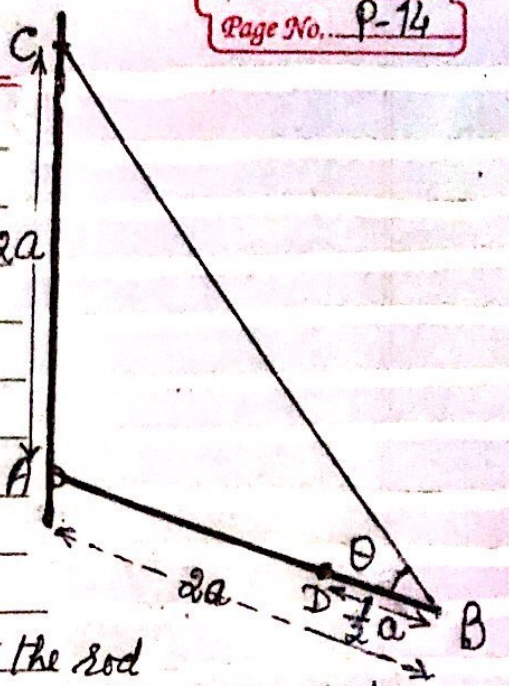
from (i) and (ii) gain in E.P.E = loss in K.E

$$\Rightarrow \frac{kmga}{32} = \frac{1}{2}mu^2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{16u^2}{ag} \checkmark$$



14. The end A of uniform rod AB, of length  $2a$  and weight  $W$ , is freely hinged to vertical wall. The end B of the rod is attached to light elastic string of natural length  $3a$ , and modulus of elasticity  $3W$ . The other end of the string is attached to the point C on the wall, where C is vertically above A and  $AC = 2a$ . A particle of weight  $2W$  is attached to the rod at the point D, where  $DB = \frac{1}{2}a$ . The angle ABC is equal to  $\theta$ . Show that  $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{4}$  and find the tension in the string in terms of  $W$ . [10]



Find the magnitude of the reaction force at the hinge. [5-16/21/Q11] - [4]

Solution:  $AB = AC = 2a \Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB = \theta$   
Let  $\angle QAB = \phi = 2\theta$  ... (1) Let  $AE \perp BC$

Taking moment about A,

$$T \times AE = W \times AP + 2W \times AR$$

$$\Rightarrow T \times 2a \sin\theta = W \times a \sin\phi + 2W \times \frac{3a}{2} \sin\phi$$

$$2T \sin\theta = W \times \sin 2\theta + 3W \sin 2\theta \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sin 2\theta \\ = 2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \end{array} \right.$$

$$T = 2W \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\sin\theta} = 4W \cos\theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now using Hooke's law;  $\lambda = 3W, L = \frac{3a}{2}$

$$e = BC - \frac{3a}{2} = (2 \times 2a \cos\theta - \frac{3a}{2})$$

$$T = \frac{\lambda e}{L} = \frac{3W}{\frac{3a}{2}} (4a \cos\theta - \frac{3a}{2}) = W(8 \cos\theta - 3) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from (2) & (3)

$$4W \cos\theta = W(8 \cos\theta - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{from (3)} \quad T = 3W \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Horizontal Component of reaction at A;

$$X = T \sin\theta = 3W \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

Vertically  $Y = 3W - T \cos\theta = 3W - 3W \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3W}{4}$

$$\therefore F = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{4}W\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{4}W\right)^2}$$

$$F = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}W \quad \checkmark$$

$$BC = 2CE \quad (\Delta ACE)$$

$$= 2 \times 2a \cos\theta$$


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$$AE = AC \sin\theta$$

$$= 2a \sin\theta$$


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$$AP = PN = a \sin\phi$$


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$$AR = \frac{3a}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3a}{2} \sin\phi$$