

Vertical Circular Motion

1. A body of mass m is rotated in a vertical circle of radius r .

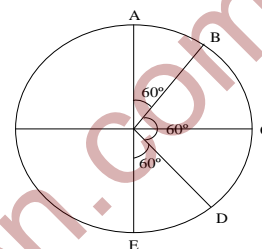
$$A \rightarrow v_1 = \sqrt{gr}; T_1 = 0$$

$$B \rightarrow v_2 = \sqrt{2gr}; T_2 = 1.5mg$$

$$C \rightarrow v_3 = \sqrt{3gr}; T_3 = 3mg$$

$$D \rightarrow v_4 = \sqrt{4gr}; T_4 = 4.5mg$$

$$E \rightarrow v_5 = \sqrt{5gr}; T_5 = 6mg$$



2. If a body of mass m is rotated in a vertical circle of radius r the velocity and tension at any point of the vertical circle is given by T

a) Speed of the particle $v = \sqrt{u^2 - 2gr(1 - \cos \theta)}$

Where u is the velocity at the lowest point

b) Centripetal force $mv^2 / r = T - mg \cos \theta$

c) Tangential acceleration $= g \sin \theta$

d) Tangential force $= mg \sin \theta$

e) Tension in the string $T = mv^2/r + mg \cos \theta = \frac{m}{r}[v^2 + g(r - h)]$

f) Velocity, speed, K.E, linear momentum, angular momentum, angular velocity, all are variables. Only total energy remains constant

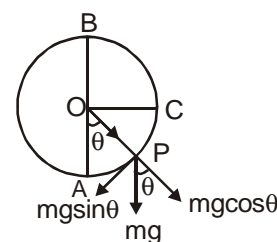
g) If $u < \sqrt{2gr}$ the body oscillates about A.

h) If $0 < u < \sqrt{2gr}$; $0 < \theta < 90^\circ$.

i) If $\sqrt{2gr} < u < \sqrt{5gr}$ the body leaves the path without completing the circle.

j) A body is projected with a velocity ' u ' at the lowest point

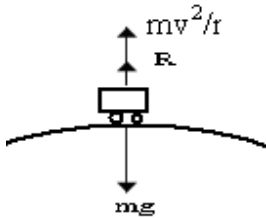
i) Height at which velocity $u = 0$ is $h = u^2/2g$



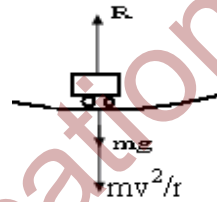
- ii) Height at which Tension $T = 0$ is $h = \frac{u^2 + rg}{3g}$
- k) Angle with vertical at which velocity $v = 0$ is $\cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{u^2}{2gr}}$
- l) Angle with vertical at which the tension $T = 0$ is $\cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \sqrt{\frac{u^2}{3gr}}$

3. Reaction on the road

Convexity up:



Concavity up:



$$R = mg - \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$R = mg + \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

4. A particle is freely sliding down from the top of a smooth convex hemisphere of radius r .

a. The particle is ready to leave the surface at a vertical distance $h = r/3$ from the highest point.

b. If the position vector of the particle with respect to the centre of curvature makes an angle θ with vertical then $\cos \theta = 2/3$ and $\alpha = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{3} = 48^\circ 11'$

c. Velocity = $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} g R}$

d. If the body starts from initial velocity, then $\cos \theta = \left[\frac{u^2}{3rg} + \frac{2}{3} \right]$

5. A body of mass m is sliding along an inclined plane from a vertical height h as shown in the figure. For the body to describe a vertical circle



of radius R , the minimum height in terms of R is given by $h = \frac{5R}{2}$.

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