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Exercises and Complements for the Introduction to Physics I

for Students

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Exercise 41.

On a massless thread of length l=15 m hangs a punctiform mass m=8 kg. We consider an undamped oscillation with a displacement of 5° . The direction of the oscillation is along the x-coordinate, the height difference of the pendulum is given with the y-coordinate.

- (a) What frequency does the pendulum have?
- (b) What is the oscillating period of the pendulum?
- (c) Which distance in x-direction crosses the mass during a period?
- (d) What is the x(t) equation of the vibration? (For t = 0, the pendulum should start at the maximum value of x.)
- (e) What is the speed in x-direction 5 s after the start?
- (f) What is the restoring force at the reversal points?

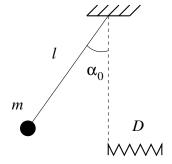
Exercise 42.

After running for 12 h a mechanical pendulum clock is 30 min slow. The pendulum is originally 0.5 m long. To which length l does the pendulum need to be adjusted so that the clock runs exactly?

Exercise 43.

A sphere (mass m=400 g) attached to a wire (length l=0.2 m) swings against a massless spring (spring constant D=19.6 N/m) and gets elastically pushed back by the spring (see figure). The maximum angle of deflection α_0 is 10° .

- (a) How long are the sphere and the spring in contact?
- (b) Does the contact time depend on α ?



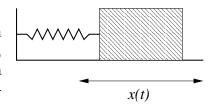
Exercise 44.

A wooden cuboid with height h and a base area A floats in water. It is briefly submerged in the water and then released. Subsequently, it starts to oscillate up and down.

- (a) Demonstrate that the motion is a harmonic oscillation.
- (b) Derive a term for the period T of oscillation.
- (c) Is the result of (b) also valid for a wooden sphere? Justify your answer.

Exercise 45.

A wooden brick is attached to a spring and swings back and forth above a rough surface, see figure. After 5 periods of oscillation, the spring deflection is half the size as at the beginning. Each oscillation has a duration of 3 s. How big is the damping constant δ ?



Solutions

Exercise 41. (a) $0.13~\mathrm{Hz}$

- (b) 7.8 s
- (c) 5.23 m
- (e) 0.84 m/s
- (f) 6.84 N

Exercise 42. 0.459 m

Exercise 43. (a) 0.32 s

Exercise 45. 0.0462 s^{-1}