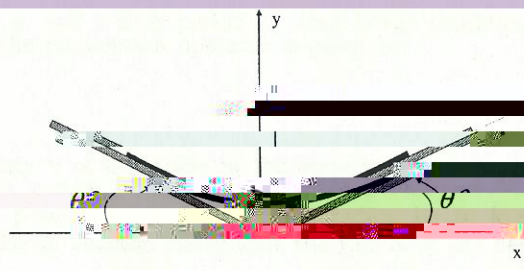


QUESTIONS

- A rope of length  $2R$  and uniform mass density  $\lambda$  is draped over a horizontal table of height  $R$ . The rope has a uniform mass density, and its coefficient of friction with the platform is  $\mu$ . The system is symmetric about the vertical  $y$ -axis. The rope is in contact with the platform over a distance  $2R \cos \theta$  on the left side and  $2R \cos \theta$  on the right side. The rope hangs down a distance  $R \sin \theta$  on the left side and  $R \sin \theta$  on the right side. The rope is in contact with the platform over a distance  $2R \cos \theta$  on the left side and  $2R \cos \theta$  on the right side. The rope hangs down a distance  $R \sin \theta$  on the left side and  $R \sin \theta$  on the right side.
- Draw a free-body diagram of the rope.
  - Write down the force balance equations for the rope in component form.
  - Use your force balance equations to find the angle  $\theta$  that does not touch the platform.
  - For what angle  $\theta$  is the magnitude of the force of friction touching the surface a maximum?



QUESTION 6

The density in a body of fluid  $H$  varies with depth  $z$  as  $\rho = \rho_0 + \alpha z$ , where  $\rho_0$  is the density at the surface  $z = 0$  and  $\alpha$  is a constant. The surface  $S$  of the fluid is a surface of constant density  $\rho_0$ . A lighter fluid is on top of  $S$ . Find the potential energy per unit mass of the fluid, assuming the fluid is in static equilibrium.

- (a) Find the total mass of the fluid.
- (b) Find the total mass of the fluid below the interface  $S$ .
- (c) Find the total mass of the fluid above the interface  $S$ .
- (d) Show that a density distribution that minimizes the potential energy of the fluid, subject to the total mass being constant and the density being  $\rho_0$  at the surface and a maximum value  $\rho_1$  at the bottom, is the one that is constant.



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1. (a), (b)



$$T \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

A small mass  $m$  is suspended from the midpoint of the beam.

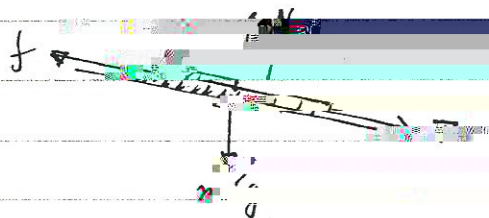
FBD for the mass



$$2T \sin \theta = mg$$

$$T = \frac{mg}{2 \sin \theta}$$

For the portion in contact with the wall



$$f = T \cos \theta$$

$$T = \frac{f}{\cos \theta}$$

$$f = T \cos \theta = \frac{mg}{2 \sin \theta} \cos \theta = \frac{mg}{2} \cot \theta$$

On the wall, the normal force  $f$  is limited to  $f \leq \mu N = \mu mg$

Considering the condition of equilibrium, the maximum weight of the mass is

$$\text{Let } \mu = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \mu mg = \frac{1}{2} mg \Rightarrow \text{max } T \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} mg = \frac{1}{2} mg$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \cot \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

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$$T = \frac{mg}{2 \sin 45^\circ} = \frac{mg}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$f = \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\cos 2\theta}{1}$$

$$= \frac{\cos 2\theta}{1} = \frac{1 - 2\sin^2 \theta}{1} = 1 - 2\sin^2 \theta$$

To find the maximum value of  $f$ , we differentiate  $f$  with respect to  $\theta$ .

$$f' = \frac{d}{d\theta} (1 - 2\sin^2 \theta) = -4\sin \theta \cos \theta = -2\sin 2\theta$$

$$f' = 0 \implies -2\sin 2\theta = 0 \implies \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$\tan 2\theta = 0$$

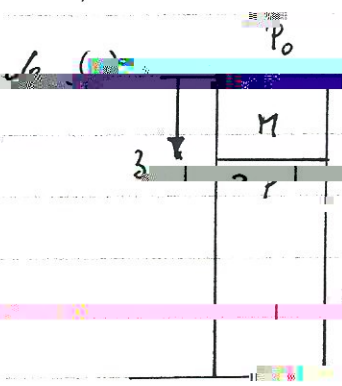
$$\implies 2\theta = 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$$

$$\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \dots$$

$$f_{\max} = \frac{1^2 - 1}{1^2 + 1} = 0$$

The minimum value of the expression can be found by putting  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  
 In special case  $\mu = 1$

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$\rightarrow$   $L = 1 + 2z$

$$dF = P dA = P A dz$$

where  $L = 1 + 2z$

$$= P_0 A (1 + 2z)^2 dz$$

$$= P_0 A (1 + 4z + 4z^2) dz$$

$$(1) \quad M(z) = P_0 A (1 + 4z + 4z^2) dz$$

$$\frac{dM}{dz} = P_0 A (1 + 4z + 4z^2)$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{\int_0^H z dm}{\int_0^H dm} = \frac{\int_0^H z P_0 A (1 + 4z + 4z^2) dz}{\int_0^H P_0 A (1 + 4z + 4z^2) dz}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} H^2 + \frac{4}{3} H^3}{1 + 2H}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} H \frac{2 + 4H}{1 + 2H}$$

$$> \frac{1}{2} H$$

$\therefore$  the center of mass is below the geometric center

$$M = \int_0^H \rho A y (1 + c y) dy = \int_0^H \rho A y (1 + c y) dy$$

Take  $z = H$  as the zero potential energy reference point

$$dU = - \rho A y c dy$$

$$= - \int_0^H \rho A y c dy$$

For the mixed case,

$$U = \int_0^H \rho A y (1 + c y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^H \rho A y (1 + \frac{1}{2} c y^2 + \frac{1}{2} c y^2) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^H \rho A y (1 + 3 c y) dy$$

For the mixed case,

$$\bar{U} = \int_0^H \bar{\rho} A y (1 + c y) dy$$

$$= \bar{\rho} A y (H^2 - \frac{1}{2} c H^3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \bar{\rho} A H^2$$

Thus it is consistent with the result for the mixed case

(d) we see  $\rho \propto r^{-n}$ , so  
 then we should try a form  $\rho(r) = \rho_0 (1 + c r^{-n})^{-1}$   
 further. This can be determined by finding  $\rho$   
 density increase is  $\rho(r) = \rho_0 (1 + c r^{-n})^{-1}$

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 (1 + c r^{-n})^{-1}$$

The total mass  $M$

$$M = \int_0^R \rho(r) 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$= \int_0^R \rho_0 (1 + c r^{-n})^{-1} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$= 4\pi \rho_0 \int_0^R \frac{r^2}{1 + \frac{c}{r^n}} dr$$

For this to hold, we need

$$\frac{c}{r^n} = \frac{c}{r^n} = \frac{c}{r^n} = \frac{c}{r^n}$$

$$\text{i.e. } c = \frac{n+1}{2} \rho_0 R^n$$

$$\therefore \rho(r) = \rho_0 \left( 1 + \frac{n+1}{2} \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{-n} \right)^{-1}$$

One could then find  $M$  by integrating  $\rho(r)$   
 over the volume  $V$