

## Circular Motion

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Directions: Answer the following questions. Each is worth 5 points. Additional needed information can be found on the last page.

1) Standing next to your car tire, you measure the height of the tire to be 63cm. Determine the frequency of the tire when driving at 60 mph.

$$d = 63 \text{ cm}$$

$$r = 31.5 \text{ cm} = .315 \text{ m}$$

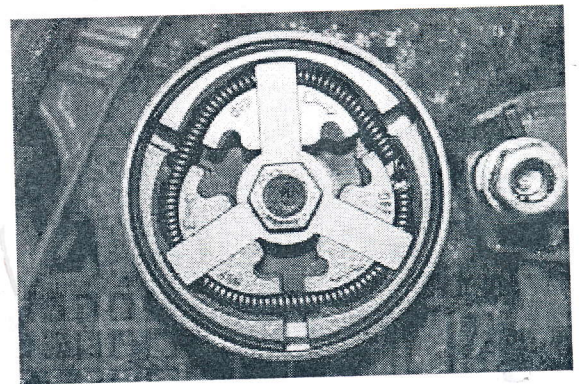
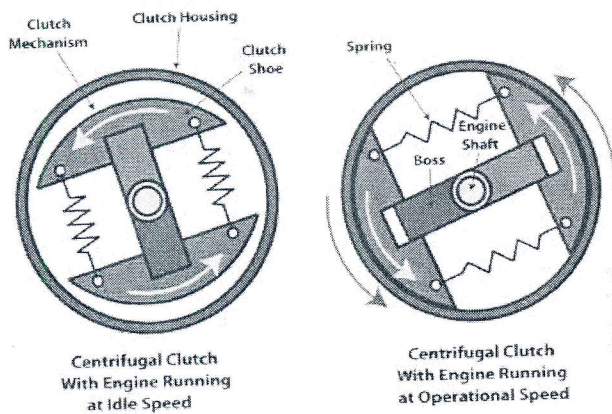
$$\left( \frac{60 \text{ mi}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left( \frac{1600 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ mi}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) = 26.67 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 2\pi r f$$

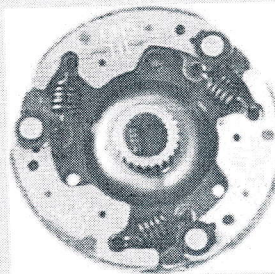
$$\frac{v}{2\pi r} = f = \frac{26.67 \text{ m/s}}{2\pi (.315 \text{ m})} = 13.4 \text{ Rev/s}$$

2) Essay: Respond to this question using statements, diagrams, and maybe equations. Please skip the wordy fluff. Keep your response to important concepts that demonstrate your understanding of the material.

Question: How/why do centrifugal clutches work? Additional info: If you know what a centrifugal clutch is, then skip this part and write your answer. This section is just to explain the clutch. With things like chain saws, string trimmers, snowmobiles, and four wheelers, there is a need for the engine to remain running (rotating) without the working part of the machine running. (The chain on the chain saw doesn't move, the string on the string trimmer doesn't move, and the four-wheeler and snowmobile remain motionless. When the engine is revved up, the clutch engages the "driven" part and starts rotating. To make this happen, the rotating engine shaft is connected to a rotating assembly consisting of masses held in near the engine shaft with springs. When the engine RPM increases, the weights press against inside of a drum, causing the drum to rotate. This drum is attached to the shaft that turns the string trimmer spool, makes the chain go around on the chain saw, etc. There are diagrams to help show the device, and a video to see the operation. Ask if you have questions.



## CENTRIFUGAL CLUTCH



✓ This clutch system employs centrifugal force to automatically engage the clutch when the engine rpm rises above a threshold and to automatically disengage the clutch when the engine rpm falls low enough.

✓ A centrifugal clutch is used in some vehicles (e.g., mopeds) and also in other applications where the speed of the engine defines the state of the clutch, for example, in a chainsaw.

3) Determine the linear speed of a satellite that orbits in the in a half geosynchronous orbit (period of 12 hours).

$$F_c = F_g$$

$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{Gmm}{r^2}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{Gm}{r}$$

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r^2}{T^2} = \frac{Gm}{r}$$

$$\frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{T^2} = Gm$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{GmT^2}{4\pi^2}}$$

$$v^6 = \frac{G^3 m^3}{GmT^2 \cdot 4\pi^2}$$

$$v^6 = \frac{G^2 m^2 4\pi^2}{T^2}$$

$$v = \left( \frac{G^2 m^2 4\pi^2}{T^2} \right)^{1/6} = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})^2 (5.98 \times 10^{24})^2 (4) (3.14)^2}{((12 \text{ hr}) (\frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ hr}}))^2}$$

Figure 2: Typical explanation of the clutch

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (5.98 \times 10^{24}) (12 \text{ hr} \cdot 3600 \text{ s})^2}{4\pi^2}}$$

$$v = (3.362 \times 10^3)^{1/6}$$

$$v = 3.87 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$r = 2.6 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$v^2 = \frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11}) (5.98 \times 10^{24})}{2.6 \times 10^7 \text{ m}}$$

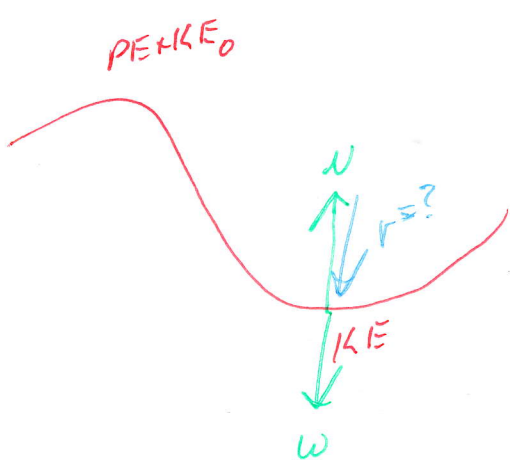
$$v = 3.8 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$



(Number 2 continued... Space to actually respond)

When Spring Cannot Supply Need Force For Weights  
To accel, ~~to~~ Springs Stretch Until Inside of Drum Supplies  
Needed  $F_c$  Then Force from

4) A roller coaster tops a 35 m tall hill moving at 6 m/s and goes screaming **down the hill** to ground level. Determine the radius of the upward turn at the bottom of the hill so that the riders feel no more than 3.8 g.



$$PE + KE_0 = KE$$

$$mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\sqrt{2\left(gh + \frac{1}{2}v_0^2\right)} = v$$

no accel

$$N = W$$

To Feel 3.8g

$$m(1g) = W$$

$$m(1g) = mg$$

$$N - W = ma_c$$



Solve

$$N - W = ma_c$$

$$N = ma_c + W$$

$$N = ma_c + mg$$

$$(m)(3.8g) = ma_c + mg$$

$$3.8g = a_c + g$$

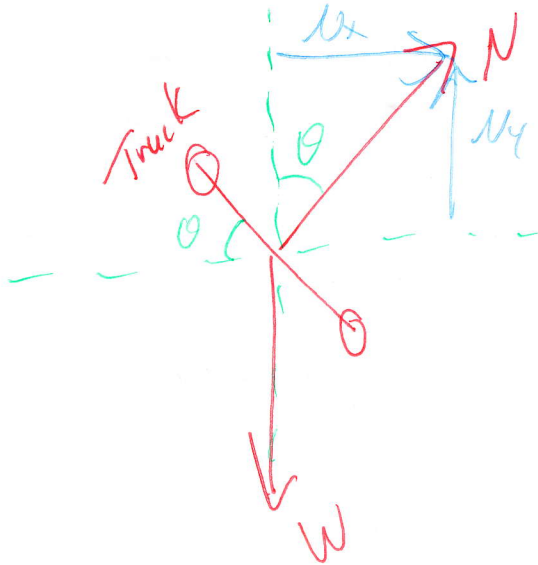
$$2.8g = a_c$$

$$2.8g = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{v^2}{2.8g} = \frac{2\left(gh + \frac{1}{2}v_0^2\right)}{2.8g}$$

$$r = \underline{26m}$$

5) A roller coaster approaches a level turn of radius 26 m with a speed of 12 m/s. Determine the "ideal" banking of the turn such that the riders feel no lateral (sideways) "forces;" All forces acting on the riders are perpendicular to the seat by the seat, and weight too. Measure the angle with respect to the horizontal such that zero degrees is a flat, unbanked turn.



$$\Sigma F_y = N_y - W = 0$$

$$N \cos \theta = W$$

$$N \cos \theta = mg$$

$$\Sigma F_x = N_x = ma_c$$

$$N \sin \theta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$\frac{mg \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$g \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{v^2}{gr} \right)$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{(12 \text{ m/s})^2}{(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(26 \text{ m})} \right)$$

$$\theta = 29.5^\circ$$

6) Determine the gravitational field strength 15 miles above the surface of the moon.

$$F = W = \frac{Gmm}{r^2}$$

$$mg = \frac{Gmm}{r^2}$$

$$g = \frac{Gm}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{(6.67 \times 10^{-11})(7.35 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg})}{(1.74 \times 10^6 \text{ m} + (15 \text{ mi})(1600 \text{ m/mi}))^2}$$

$$g = 1.58 \text{ m/s}^2$$

7) What is the period of the minute hand on an analog clock. Answer in any quantity of your choosing.

1 hr  
60 min  
3600 s