

1 (a) In terms of velocity and acceleration, describe uniform circular motion of an object.  
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(b) Fig. 1.1 shows the view from above of a polystyrene ball undergoing horizontal circular motion of radius  $R$ .

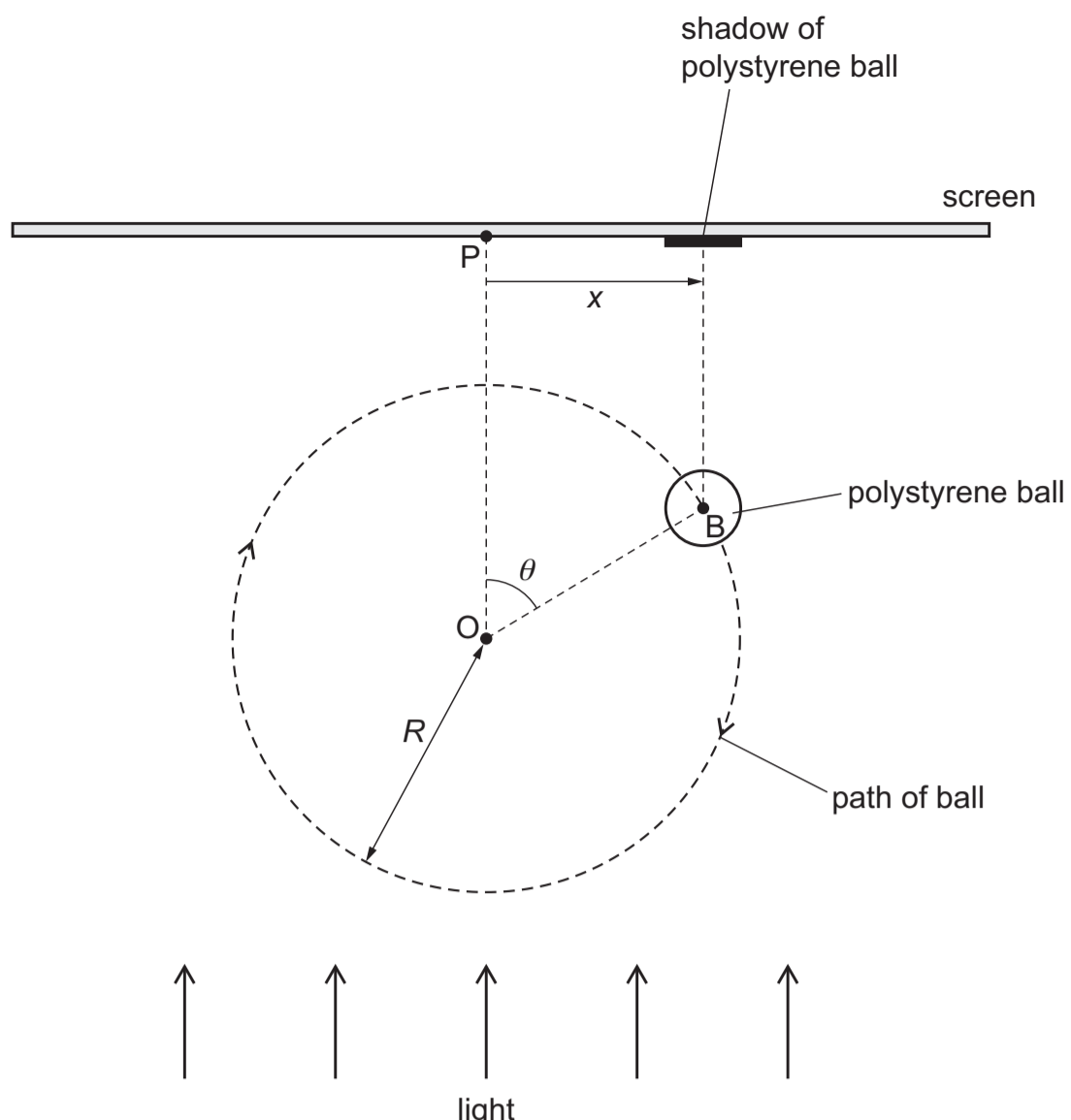


Fig. 1.1

The ball is illuminated by parallel light so that a shadow of the ball forms on a screen placed on the opposite side of the ball from the light source.

The line joining points  $O$  and  $P$  is perpendicular to the screen.

The angular speed of the circular motion is  $\omega$ .

(i) State an expression, in terms of  $R$  and  $\omega$ , for the speed  $v$  of the ball.

$v = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

(ii) Determine an expression, in terms of  $v$  and  $\omega$ , for the centripetal acceleration of the ball.

centripetal acceleration =  $\dots\dots\dots$  [2]

(c) The ball in (b) is in the position shown in Fig. 1.1, such that line  $OB$  is at an angle  $\theta$  to the line  $OP$ .

(i) Determine an expression, in terms of  $R$  and  $\theta$ , for the displacement  $x$  of the shadow from  $P$ .

$x = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

(ii) The value of  $\theta$  is zero at time  $t = 0$ .

State an expression for  $\theta$  in terms of  $\omega$  and  $t$ .

$\theta = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

(iii) Use your answers in (c)(i) and (c)(ii) to show that  $x$  is given by

$x = R \sin \omega t$ .

[1]

(iv) Explain, with reference to the equation in (c)(iii), why the motion of the shadow of the ball on the screen may be modelled as simple harmonic.

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(d) The circular motion of the ball in Fig. 1.1 has a diameter of 0.46 m and an angular speed of  $1.9 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ .

For the simple harmonic motion of the shadow of the ball in Fig. 1.1, calculate:

(i) the amplitude

amplitude =  $\dots\dots\dots$  m [1]

(ii) the period

period =  $\dots\dots\dots$  s [2]

(iii) the maximum acceleration.

maximum acceleration =  $\dots\dots\dots$   $\text{ms}^{-2}$  [2]