

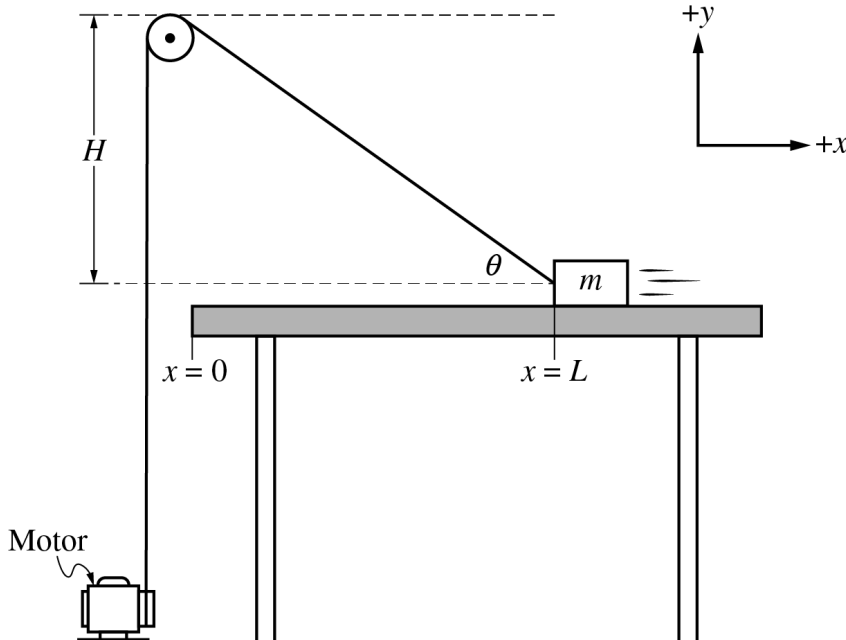
PHYSICS C: MECHANICS

SECTION II

Time—45 minutes

3 Questions

Directions: Answer all three questions. The suggested time is about 15 minutes for answering each of the questions, which are worth 15 points each. The parts within a question may not have equal weight. Show all your work in this booklet in the spaces provided after each part.

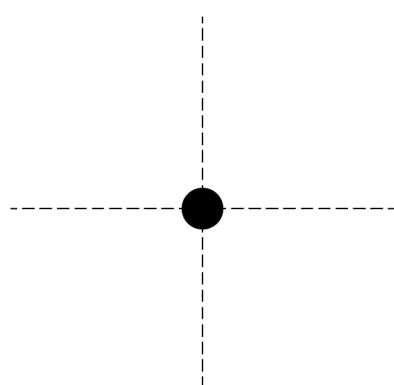


A block of mass m is pulled across a rough horizontal table by a string connected to a motor that is attached to the floor. The string passes over a pulley with negligible friction that is vertically aligned with the left edge of the table as shown. The string and pulley both have negligible mass. The pulley is at height H above the table. The motor exerts a constant force of tension F_T on the string, and the block remains in contact with the table at all times as the block slides across the table from $x = L$ to $x = 0$. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the table and the block is μ_k . Express all algebraic answers in terms of m , H , F_T , x , μ_k , L , and physical constants as appropriate.

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Continue your response to **QUESTION 1** on this page.

- (a) On the dot below that represents the block, draw and label the forces (not components) that act on the block when the block is at $x = L$. Each force must be represented by a distinct arrow starting on, and pointing away from, the dot.



- (b) Derive an expression for the angle θ that the string makes with the horizontal as a function of x .

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- (c)
- Derive an expression for the normal force F_N exerted on the block by the table as a function of the block's position x .

- Derive an expression for the magnitude of the net horizontal force F_{net} exerted on the block as a function of the position x .

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- (d) Write, but do not solve, an integral expression that could be used to solve for the work W done by the string on the block as the block moves from $x = L$ to $x = 0$.

- (e) Does the string do more, less, or the same amount of work on the block as the block moves from $x = L$ to

$x = \frac{L}{2}$ compared to when the block moves from $x = \frac{L}{2}$ to $x = 0$?

_____ More work when the block moves from $x = L$ to $x = \frac{L}{2}$

_____ Less work when the block moves from $x = L$ to $x = \frac{L}{2}$

_____ The same amount of work when the block moves from $x = L$ to $x = \frac{L}{2}$

Justify your answer.

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