

# Circular Motion Evaluation

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$$\Sigma F = ma_c \quad a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = 4\pi^2 r f^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2} \quad E_g = mgh \quad E_K = \frac{mv^2}{2} \quad F_s = k\Delta x$$

\* Show all of your work to get full marks.

## Knowledge

- [ 5 marks ] Circle the correct answer; if it is false; correct it by changing a word or words.
 

T	F	The maximum tension in a rope with a mass rotating in the vertical occurs at the top of the rotation.
T	F	An object is rotating in a horizontal plane; the centripetal acceleration increases as the radius of rotation decreases.
T	F	Centripetal acceleration is always directed tangent to the circle.
T	F	If you are swinging an object in a horizontal plane and release it the object flies off at a tangent.
T	F	A roller coaster car at the top of a circular loop does not fall downward because the normal force is greater than the car's weight.
- [ 1 mark ] You swing a bucket of water attached to a string in a circle above your head. What keeps the water in the bucket?
 

a) Friction	b) Centripetal Force	c) Gravity	d) Inertia
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- [ 1 mark ] As the moon orbits the Earth, what keeps the moon moving in a circular motion?
 

a) Gravity	b) Inertia	c) Centripetal Force	d) Friction
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- [ 1 mark ] Where is the net force when a roller coaster is at the top of the loop?
 

a) Towards the sky	b) towards the right	c) towards the left	d) towards the ground
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- [ 1 mark ] An object travels in a circular path of radius  $r$  at a constant speed  $v$ . What happens to the object's acceleration if the speed doubles and the radius stays unchanged?
 

a) It doubles	b) it quadruples	c) it cuts to a quarter	d) stays unchanged
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- [ 1 mark ] A boy stands on the edge of large rotating disc. Which of the following forces prevents him from sliding off the disc?
 

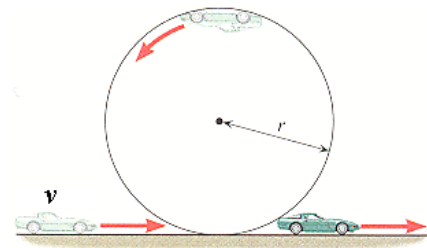
a) Gravity	b) Normal Force	c) Friction	d) ghosts
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## Application

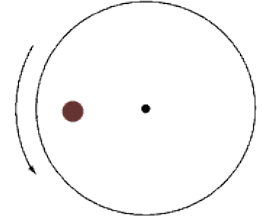
- [ 10 marks ] An ultra-high-speed Ferris wheel spins once every 20 s. The Ferris wheel is 80 m high. A passenger on the ride has a mass of 67kg. Calculate the apparent weight of the rider when at the top of the Ferris Wheel.



- [ 10 marks ] A hot Wheels car is on a track (frictionless) and is moving towards a loop with a diameter of 30cm. Calculate the speed it must enter the loop so that when it is at the top it has a normal force that is half its normal weight. [use energy conservation]

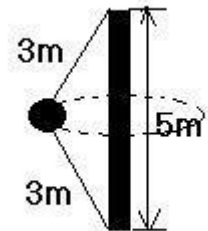


3. [ 10 marks ] A coin placed 30 cm from the center of a rotating horizontal turntable slips when its speed is 50 cm/s. Calculate the coefficient of friction between the coin and the turntable.

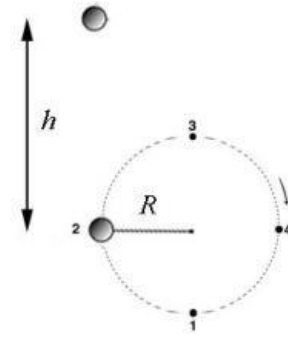


### Thinking & Inquiry

4. [ 10 marks ] A ball rotates in a horizontal circle at a constant speed of 10m/s as seen in the diagram to the right. Calculate the tensions in the upper and lower strings? The mass of the ball is 3kg. [Hint: break the tensions in the top rope and bottom rope into vertical and horizontal components]



5. [ 10 marks ] A stone (or a ball in the demo), attached to a wheel and held in place by a string, is whirled in circular orbit of radius  $R$  in a vertical plane. Suppose the string is cut when the stone is at position 2 in the figure, and the stone then rises to a height  $h$  above the point at position. What was the frequency of rotation of the stone when the string was cut? Give your answer in terms of  $R$ ,  $h$  and  $g$ .



6. [ 5 marks ] A ball of mass  $0.5\text{kg}$  attached to a spring ( $k=800\text{ N/m}$ ) is rotating in a horizontal circle from a shaft that makes 5 revolutions every second. The equilibrium length of the spring is  $5\text{cm}$ . Calculate the radius of rotation for the ball.

