

Exam 2 written problem

A woman at an airport is towing her 10.0 kg suitcase horizontally at *constant* speed by pulling on the strap at an angle 30 degrees above the horizontal. She pulls on the strap with a 90.0 N force, and the suitcase slides on the floor with a significant amount of friction.

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Momentum problem 2 A 10 g bullet is fired into a 1.0 kg wood block, where it lodges. Subsequently, the block slides 4.0 m across a floor ($\mu_{k} = 0.20$ for wood on wood). What was the bullet's speed? 1. Draw before and after picture + define the "system" 2. Organize known information, list quantities to find 3. Here, we need to work backwards: first, find acceleration of the bullet+block unit after bullet has hit second, compute velocity of bullet+block unit after bullet has hit third, apply momentum conservation to find the bullet speed We cannot apply momentum conservation to relate the initial momentum of the bullet+block system to its final momentum ($p_f = 0$ since the bullet+block comes to a stop after sliding 4.0 m) because during the 4.0 m slide the external friction force on the bullet+block system cannot be ignored Momentum conservation can be used to relate the initial momentum of the bullet+block system to its momentum immediately after the bullet hits because the bullet-block interaction is very short and the effects of the friction force are very small (and can be ignored) during this very short time 39

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Chapter 10 Energy and Work

Topics:

- Energy, what is it? What are the different forms of energy and how can energy be transformed or transferred?
- Work
- Kinetic, potential and thermal energy
- Law of conservation of energy
- Application to elastic collisions

Sample question:

Using just a fast run-up and flexible pole, how can a pole vaulter reach an astonishing 6 m (20 ft) off the ground?

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