

Physics 131-01 (10 am)

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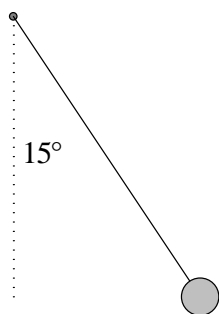
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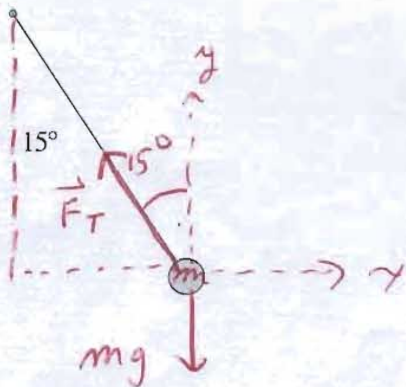
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$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$F_T \cos 15^\circ - mg = 0$$

$$F_T = mg / \cos 15^\circ$$

$$\sum F_x = ma_x$$

$$-F_T \sin 15^\circ = -\frac{mv^2}{R}$$

$$mg \tan 15^\circ = mv^2/R$$

$$R = \frac{v^2}{g \tan 15^\circ}$$

$$R = 152 \text{ m}$$