Circles and Strings

The figures shown below provide a bird's-eye view of a set of different particles moving in horizontal circles on a tabletop. Each of them is held in its orbit by a string and all are moving at the same speed. Rank, in order from largest to smallest, the tensions T_1 through T_4 in the strings.



Marble in a Cone

A marble is rolling around in a circle inside of a cone.



(a) Draw two free-body diagrams for the marble: one when it is on the left side of the cone, and one when it on the right side of the cone.

If you measure the height h above the tip of the cone at which the marble is rolling, what information would you need in order to determine the speed at which it's rolling?

Tetherball!

A tetherball of mass 0.5 kg is connected to the center pole by a rope of length 2.5 m. The child holding the ball hits it with his fist and it begins traveling around the pole at a constant speed with the rope at an 40° angle with the pole.





How long does it take the ball to make one complete revolution around the pole?



If the ball started from rest, find the impulse (magnitude and direction) that the child gave the ball when he punched it.

Rollercoaster Engineering

5 m



You are designing a rollercoaster and want to incorporate a "corkscrew" (as shown in the figure) with a radius of 5 m.

Find the minimum height h at which the rollercoaster car must start in order for it to make it around the corkscrew.

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