

BIIG Problem Solving Method

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Format	Checkpoint	Entails	BIIG Elements			
Decode	1	Assigning of known information to the corresponding variables, and performing unit conversions	B	I	I	
	2	Assigning of the unknown information to the variable(s)		I	I	
Solve	3	Providing the description of the formula and writing of the formula(e), and including diagram(s) if needed				G
	4	Showing the math clearly with consistent use of variables and units	B	I	I	G
Analyze	5	Reporting the final answer with correct significant figures for the solved (unknown) variable(s)	B	I	I	
	6	Specifying the correct units, and performing the proper analysis of the solution if needed	B			G

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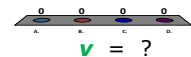
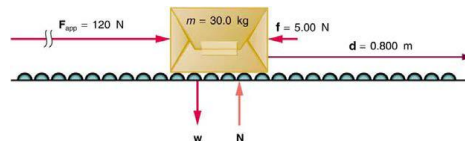
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• **Problem** (E7.4):

Suppose that you push on the 30.0-kg package on the roller belt conveyor system moving at 0.500 m/s with a constant force of **120 N** through a distance of 0.800 m, and that the **opposing** friction force averages **5.00 N**. Find the speed of the package at the end of the push.

- A. 76 m/s
 B. 2.6 m/s
 C. 2.53 m/s
 D. 2.5 m/s



• **Solution:**

$$m = 30.0 \text{ kg}$$

$$d = 0.800 \text{ m}$$

$$v_0 = 0.500 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f = -5.00 \text{ N}$$

$$F = 120 \text{ N}$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ$$

The **net work** is

$$W_{\text{net}} = W_{\text{app}} + W_{\text{friction}}$$

$$= Fd + fd = [F + f]d$$

$$= [(120 \text{ N}) + (-5.00 \text{ N})] (0.800 \text{ m}) = 92 \text{ J}$$

Using the **work-energy theorem**, the **net work** is

$$W_{\text{net}} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$$

Solving the **speed** of the package at the end of the push

$$v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{m}\right) (W_{\text{net}} + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{30.0 \text{ kg}}\right) (92 \text{ J} + \frac{1}{2} (30.0 \text{ kg}) (0.500 \text{ m/s})^2)} = 2.52653 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= \mathbf{2.5 \text{ m/s}}$$

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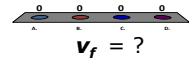
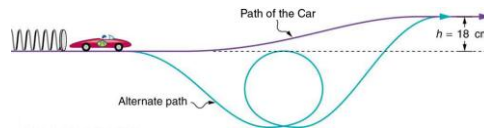
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- **Problem (E7.8):**

A 0.100-kg toy car is propelled by a compressed spring. The car follows a track that rises 0.180 m above the starting point. The spring is compressed 4.00 cm and has a force constant of 250.0 N/m. Assuming work done by friction to be negligible, find how fast it is going at the top of the slope.

- A. 0.45 m/s
- B. 200 m/s
- C. 0.687 m/s
- D. 0.69 m/s



- **Solution:**

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 m = 0.100 \text{ kg} & h_i = 0 \text{ m} & h_f = 0.180 \text{ m} & v_i = 0 \text{ m/s} \\
 x_i = -0.040 \text{ m} & x_f = 0 \text{ m} & k = 250.0 \text{ N/m} & g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2
 \end{array}$$

Since the friction is negligible, the **conservation of mechanical energy** is

$$\begin{aligned}
 KE_i + PE_i &= KE_f + PE_f \\
 \frac{1}{2} m v_i^2 + m g h_i + \frac{1}{2} k x_i^2 &= \frac{1}{2} m v_f^2 + m g h_f + \frac{1}{2} k x_f^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the **final velocity** at the top of the slope

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_f &= \sqrt{[(k x_i^2 / m) - 2 g h_f]} \\
 &= \sqrt{[((250.0 \text{ N/m}) (-0.040 \text{ m})^2 / (0.100 \text{ kg})) - 2 (9.80 \text{ m/s}^2) (0.180 \text{ m})]} \\
 &= 0.687023 \text{ m/s} \\
 &= \mathbf{0.687 \text{ m/s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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