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~~EXT~~ MT215 - CLASSICAL MECHANICS II
(REPEAT)

Answer all Questions

Time: One hour

A flexible string is in equilibrium under the action of external force \underline{F} per unit length. With the usual notations, show that

$$\frac{dT}{ds} + \underline{F} = 0.$$

Show also that this is equivalent to

$$\frac{dT}{ds} + F_t = 0, \quad \frac{T}{\rho} + F_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F_b = 0.$$

A uniform heavy string rests on the upper surface of a rough vertical circle of radius a , and partly hangs vertically. Prove that, if one end is at the highest point of the circle, the greatest length of the string that hangs freely is given by

$$\frac{2\mu a + (\mu^2 - 1)ae^{\mu \frac{\pi}{2}}}{\mu^2 + 1}.$$

2. If S and M are shearing force and bending moment respectively at a point on a uniformly loaded beam, then prove that

$$\frac{dS}{dx} = \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dM}{dx} = -S$$

where ω is the weight per unit length of the beam.

State the Bernoulli-Euler law of flexure.

A uniform elastic beam AB of length $4l$ and weight w , having flexural rigidity EI is clamped horizontally at A and is freely supported on a knife edge at the same horizontal level as A at a point C , where $BC = l$. The beam carries a load W concentrated at B .

- (a) Prove that the magnitude of the bending moment at A is $\frac{Wl}{4}$.
- (b) Find the reaction at C and the depth of B below A .