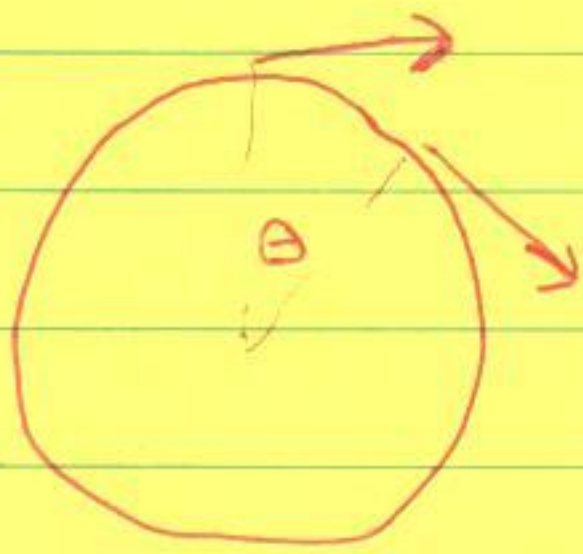


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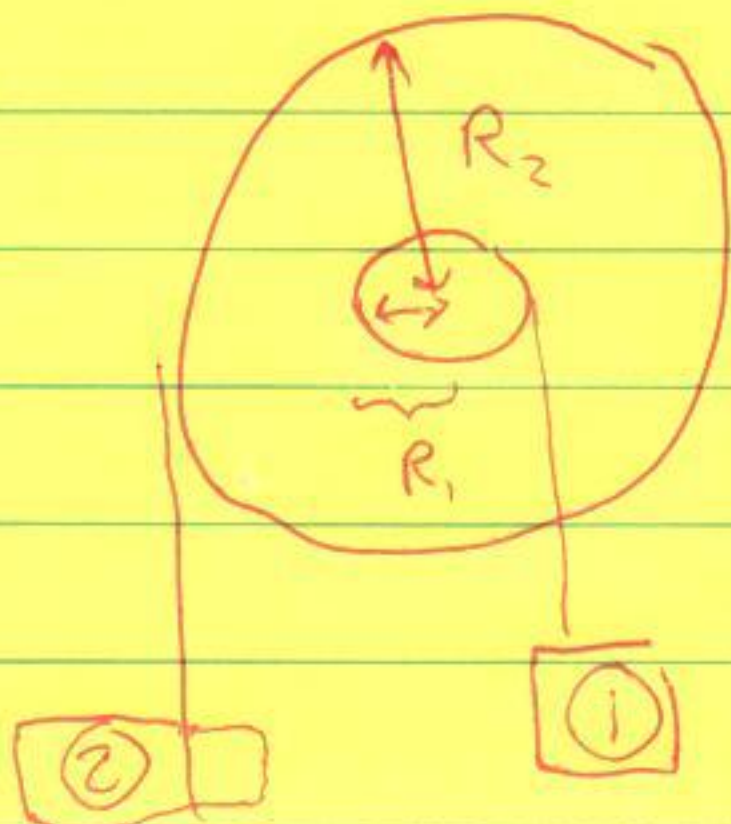
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If block ① descends 15 cm how much does block ② go up

$$\frac{s_1}{R_1} = \theta = \frac{s_2}{R_2}$$

amount block ① goes ~~up~~ down

amount block ② goes up

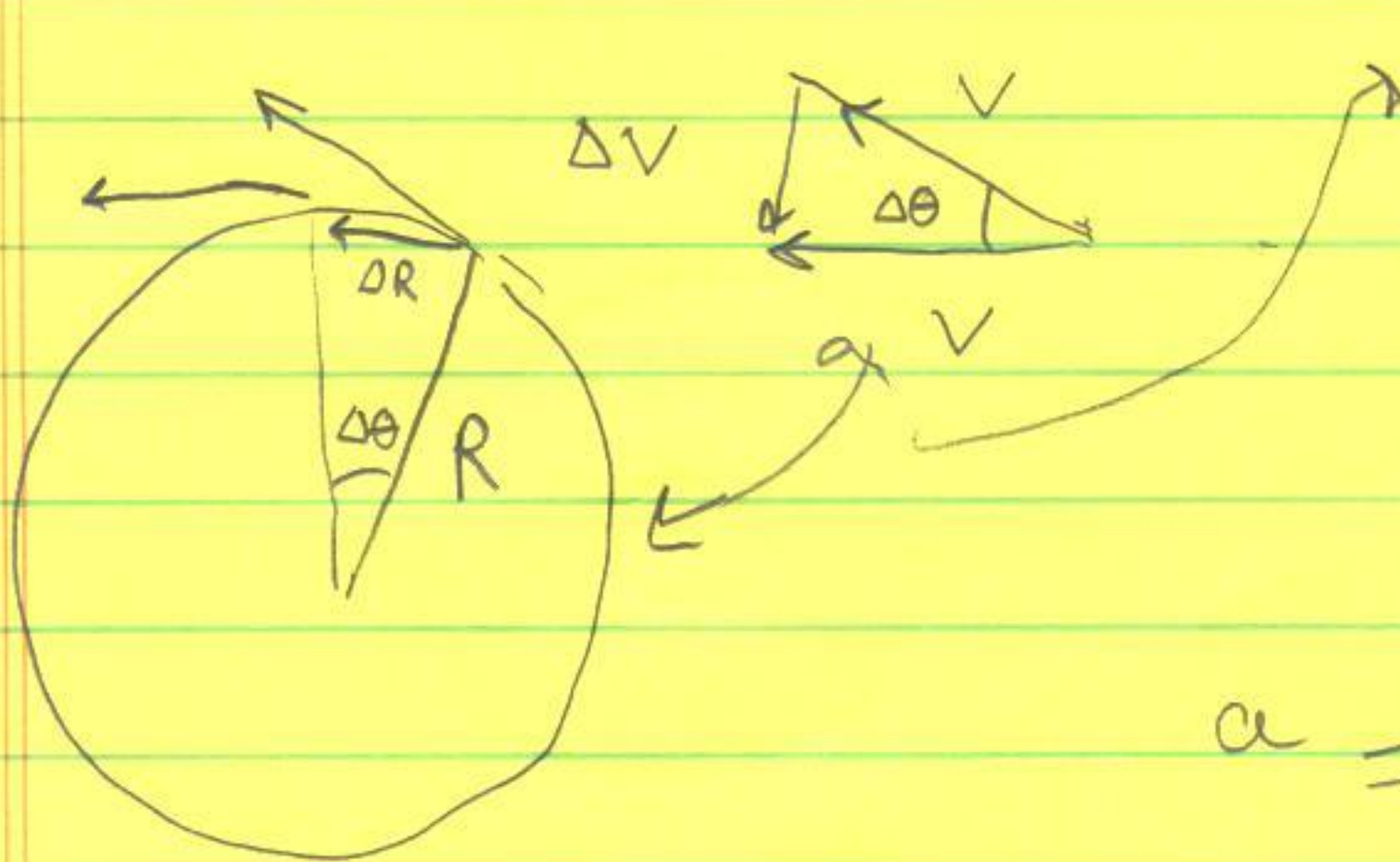
$$s_2 = \frac{R_2}{R_1} s_1 = \frac{3 \text{ cm}}{2 \text{ cm}} \cdot 15 \text{ cm} = 22.5 \text{ cm}$$

Small Angles :



$$\Delta r \approx \theta R$$

Derivation :



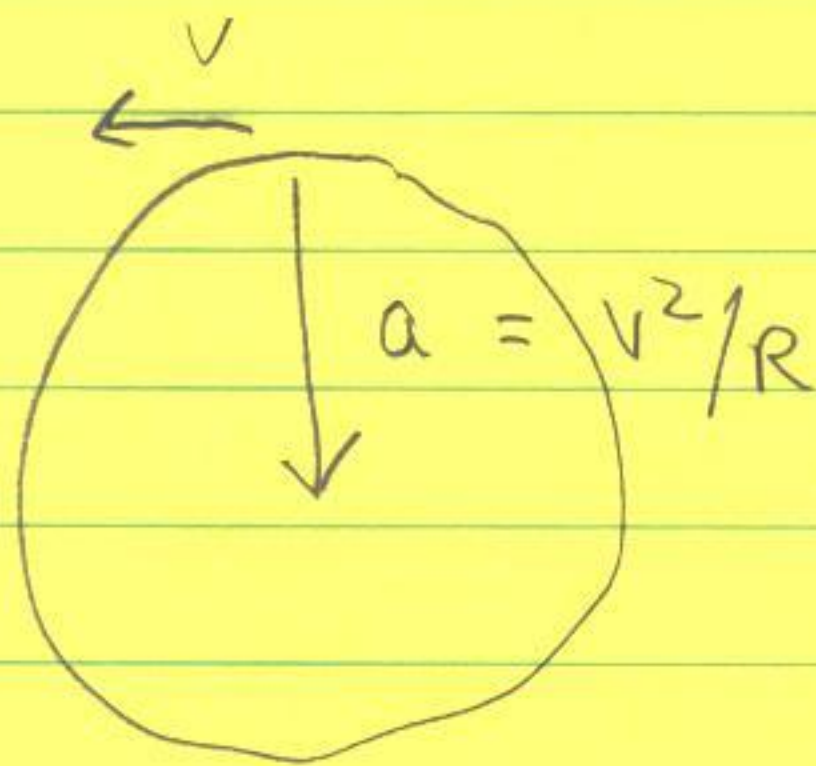
These are similar Tri

$$\frac{\Delta v}{v} = \frac{\Delta r}{r}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} \frac{v}{R} = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

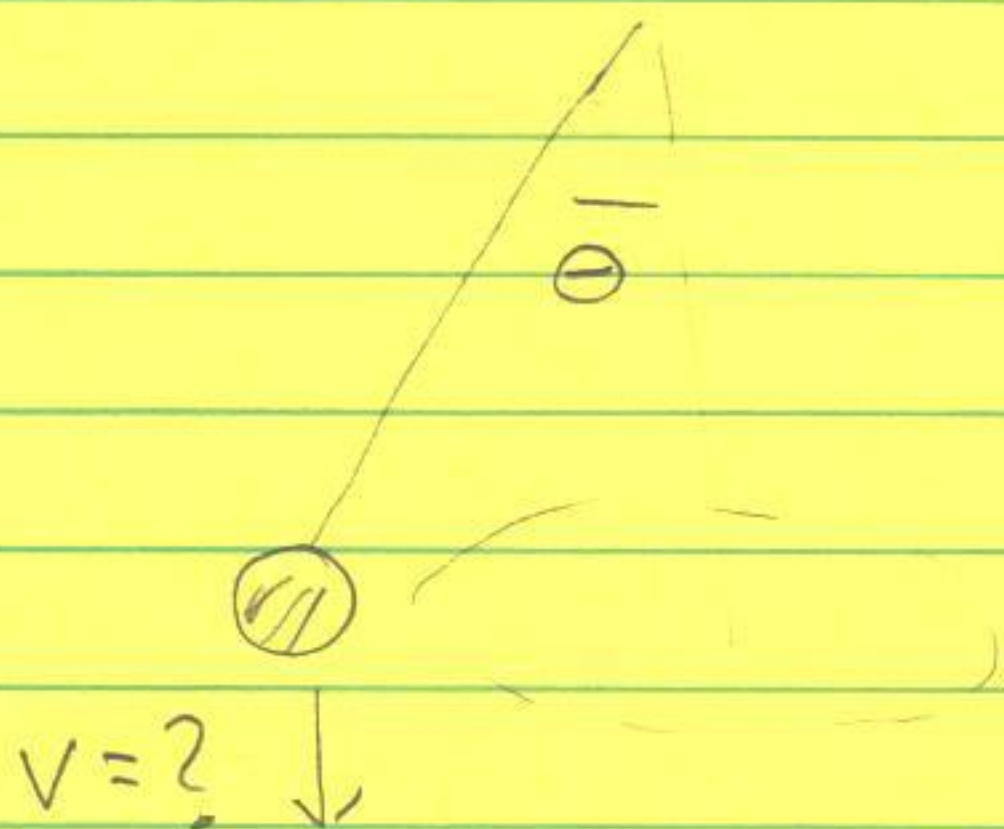


## Summary



For a particle going around in a circle with speed  $v$  there is an acceleration pointing inward toward the center

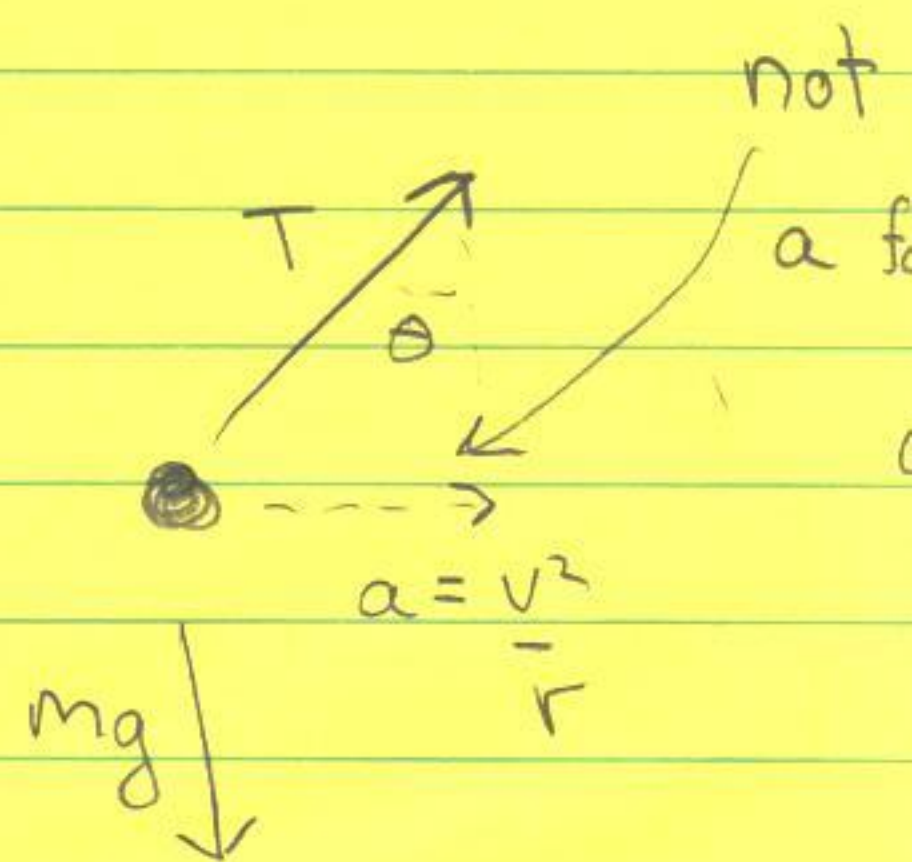
### Example ①



Solution: Draw all forces:

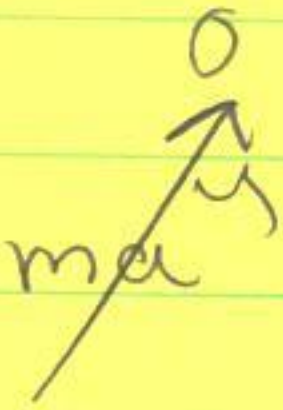
$$\sum F^x = ma^x$$

$$T \sin \theta = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$





Then:

$$\sum F^y = ma$$


$$T \cos \theta - mg = 0$$

$$T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\frac{mg \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$v = \sqrt{gR \tan \theta}$$

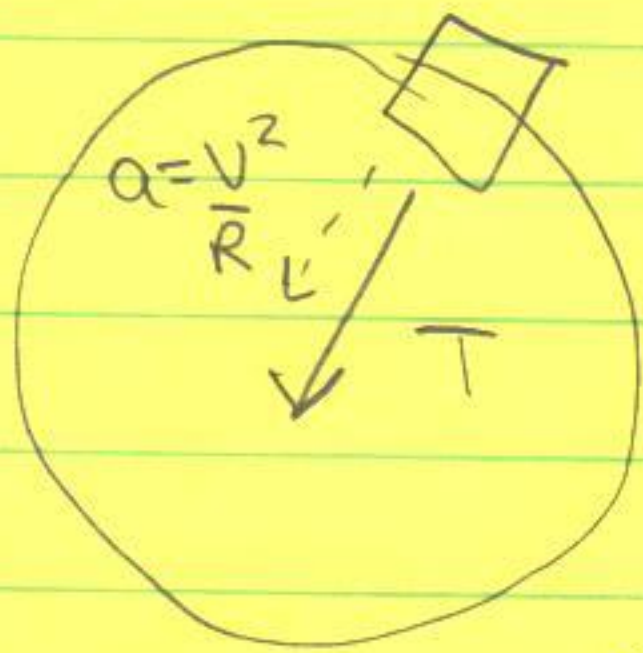
Example ②



The maximum tension a rope can withstand is 50 N

How fast can you spin a paint can which weighs  $m = 0.5 \text{ kg}$

Solution:



$$\sum F^\perp = ma^\perp$$

Newtons Law perpendicular to velocity

$$T_{\max} = m \frac{v_{\max}^2}{R}$$

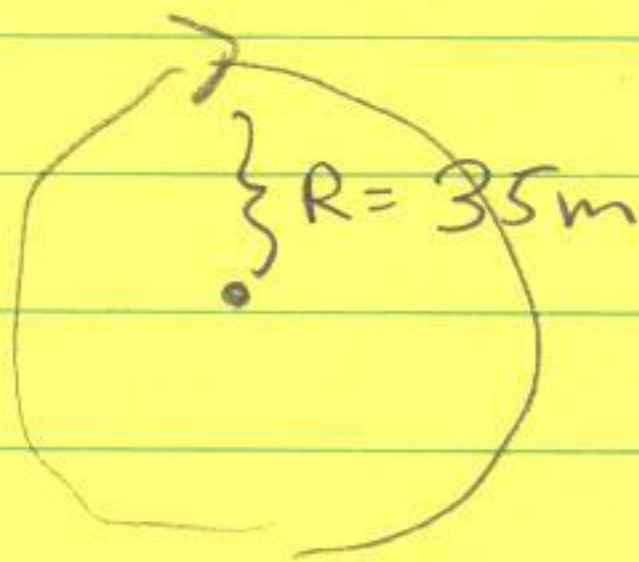


$$v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{R T_{\max}}{m}} = 12.2 \text{ m/s}$$

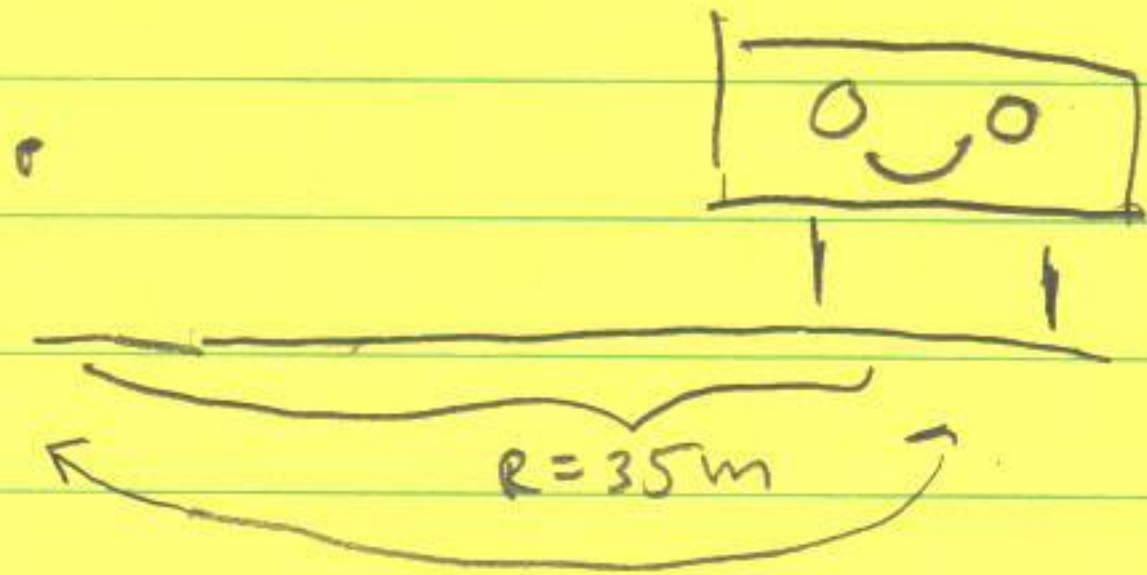
Example ③

Car going around a curve, his coefficient of static friction  $\mu_s = 0.5$

Top view:

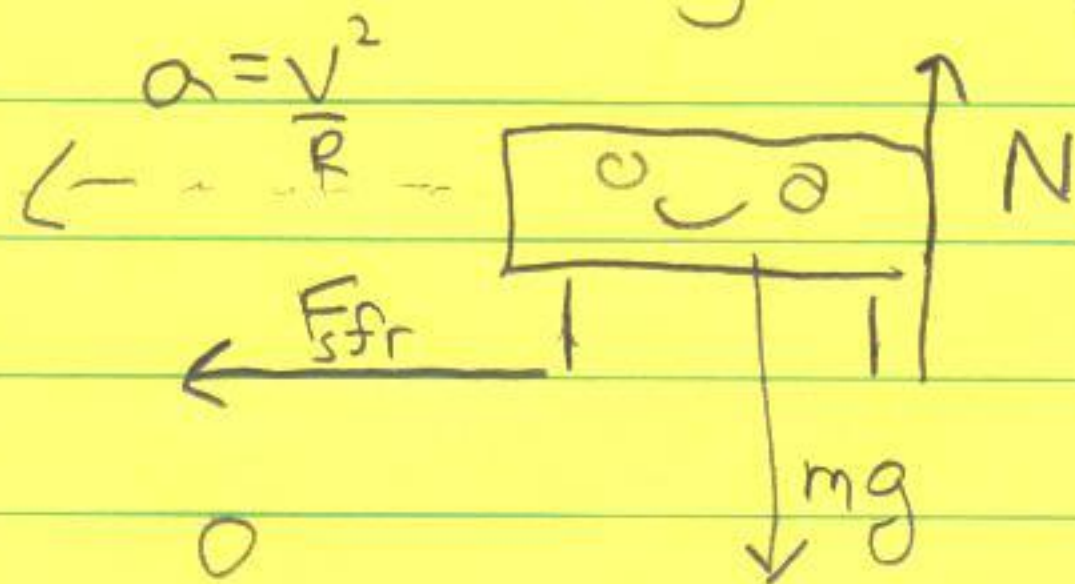


Side View



What is the maximum speed he can go without slipping?

Solution - Free body diagram



$$\sum F^y = m a^y$$

$$\sum F^x = m a^x$$

$$N - mg = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\mu_s N}_{\text{stat fric max}} = m \frac{v_{\max}^2}{R}$$



So

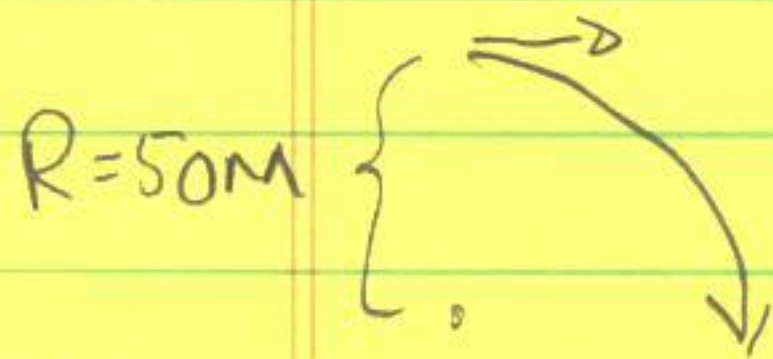
$$\mu_s mg = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$\sqrt{\mu_s g R} = v_{\max} = 13.1 \text{ m/s}$$

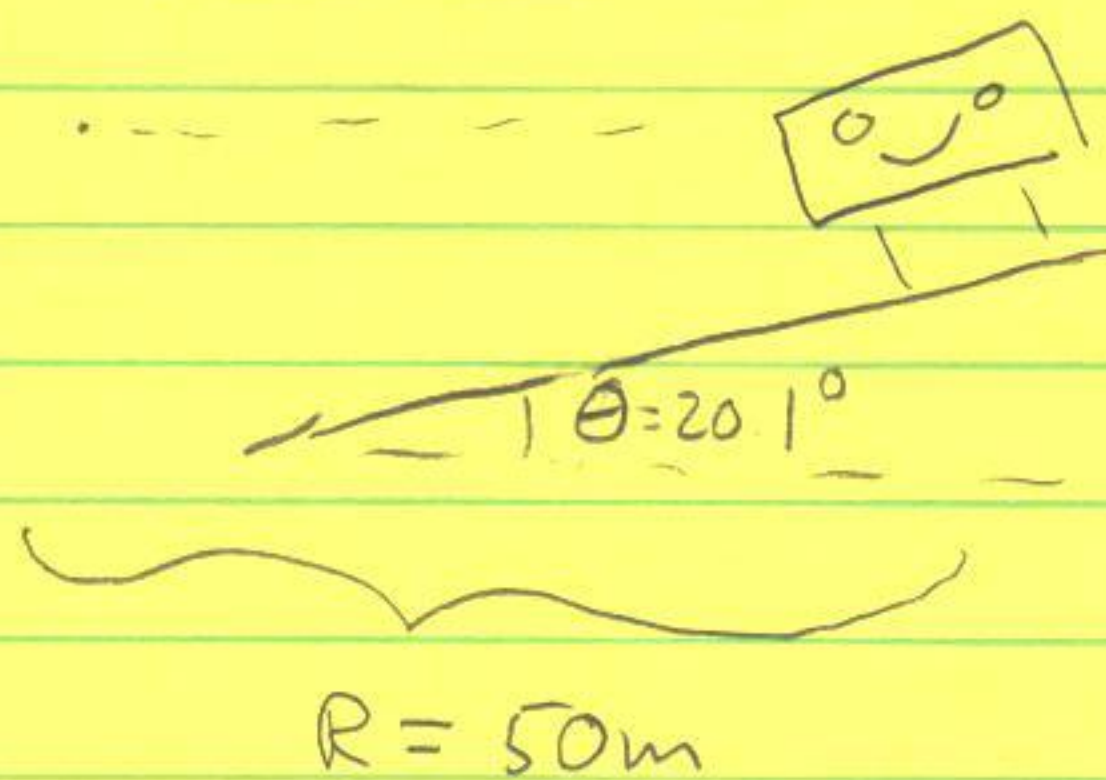
### Banked Road

Car going round curve, which is banked with angle  $\theta = 20.1^\circ$  (Like an exit ramp)

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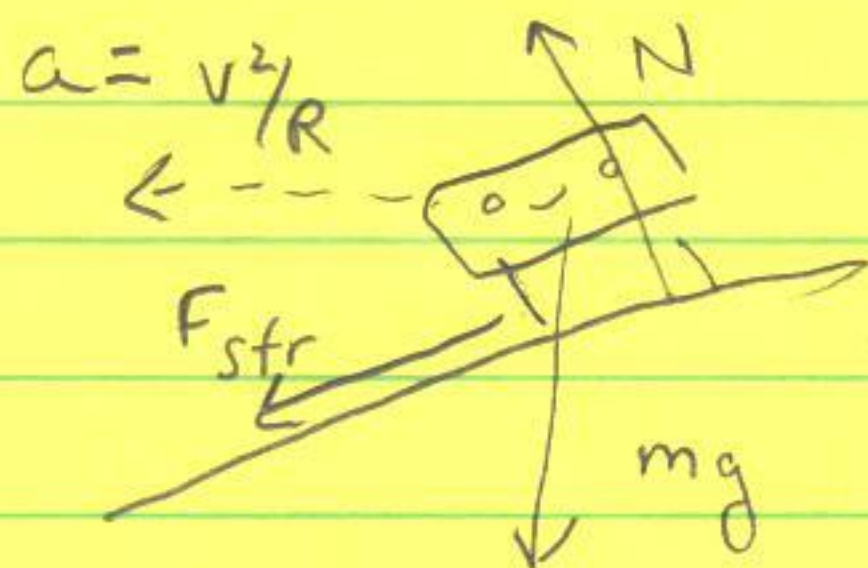


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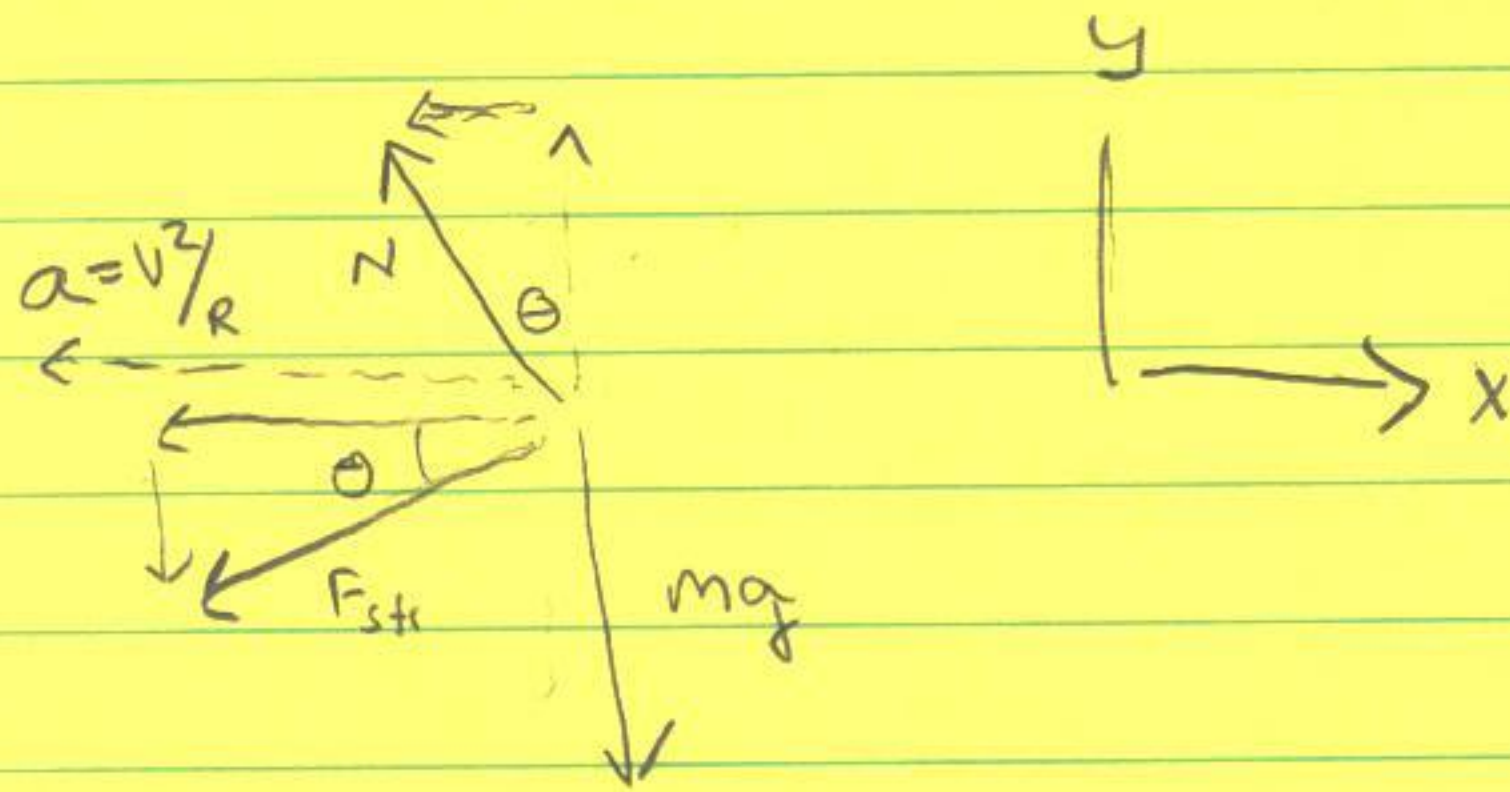
How fast can he go w/out slipping?

Solution: Draw a free body diagram:





Break up forces into x & y and write newtons law.



$$\sum F^y = ma^y$$

$$\sum F^x = ma^x$$

$$N \cos \theta - mg - F_{sfr} \sin \theta = ma^y \quad - F_{sfr} \cos \theta - N \sin \theta = -m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

Now  $F_{sfr} = \mu_s N$  so

acceleration points in negative x direction

$$\textcircled{1} N \cos \theta - mg - \mu_s N \sin \theta = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\textcircled{2} -\mu_s N \cos \theta - N \sin \theta = -m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

Two Equations two unknowns ✓

$$N = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta - \mu_s \sin \theta} \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{1})$$

$$(\mu_s \cos \theta + \sin \theta) N = \frac{mv^2}{R} \quad (\text{from } \textcircled{2})$$

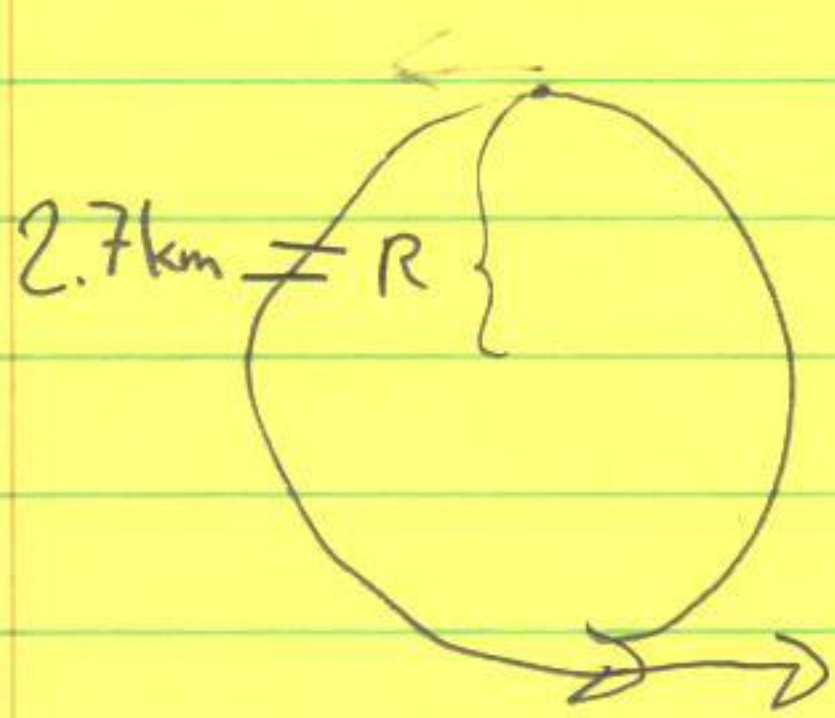


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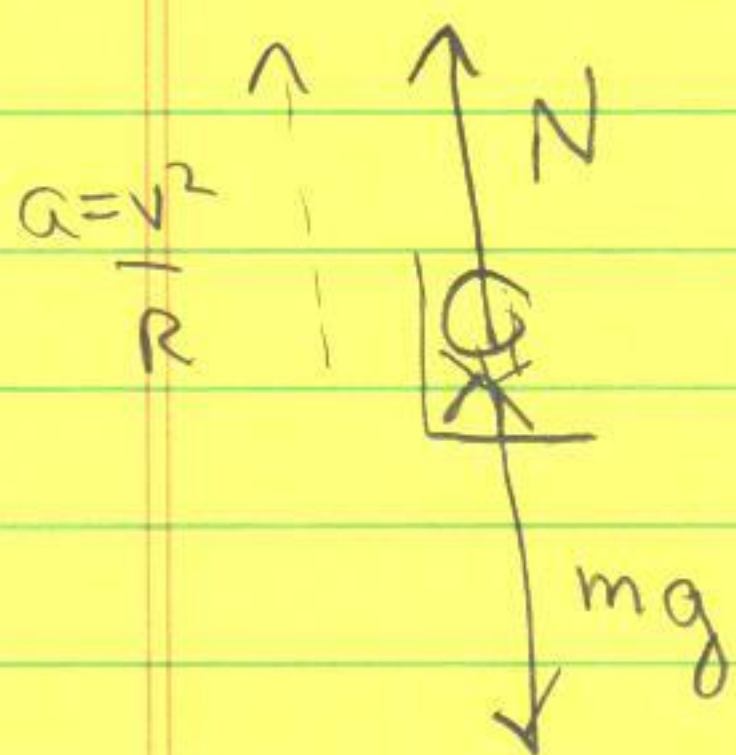
$$\frac{mv_{\max}^2}{R} = (\mu_s \cos\theta + \sin\theta) \frac{mg}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta}$$

$$v_{\max} = \sqrt{gR} \left( \frac{\sin\theta + \mu_s \cos\theta}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta} \right)^{1/2}$$

An airplane goes around in a loop:



Find the ratio of his apparent weight at the bottom to his weight at rest.



$$\sum F^y = ma^y$$

$$N - mg = m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$N = \frac{mv^2}{R} + mg$$

his apparent weight

$$\frac{N}{mg} = \frac{\text{his apparent weight}}{\text{his weight at rest}} = \frac{mg \left( 1 + \frac{v^2}{rg} \right)}{mg}$$

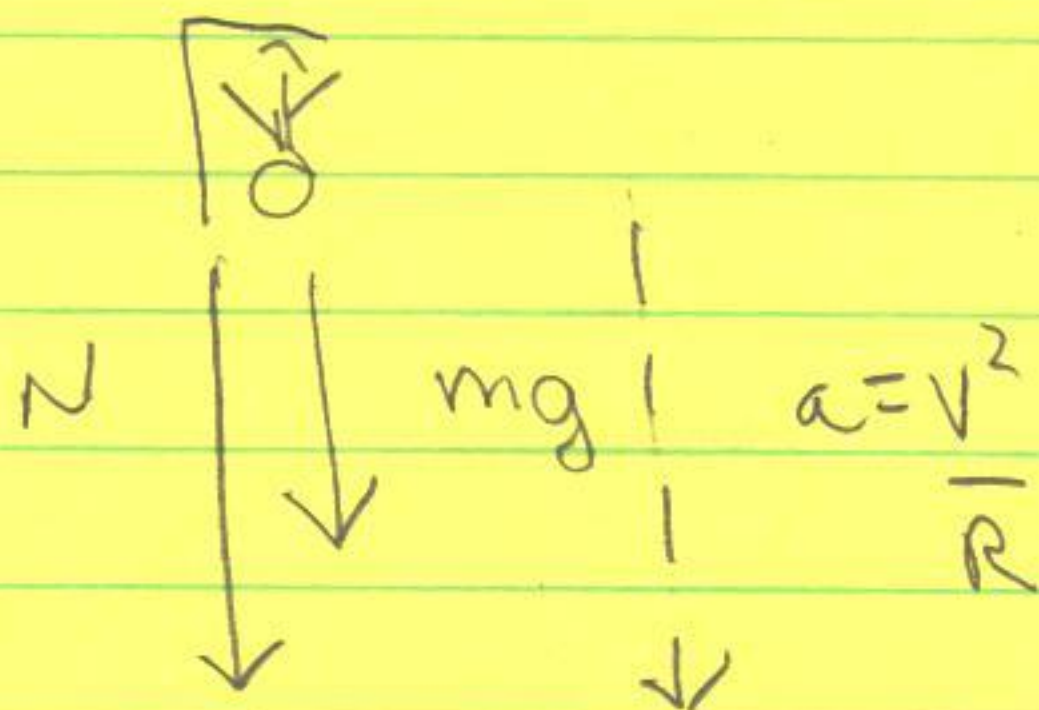


Then

$$\frac{N}{mg} = 1 + \frac{(225 \text{ m/s})^2}{(2.7 \text{ km})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)} = 2.91$$

units!  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$

Find the ratio between his apparent weight and his weight at rest at the top



$$\sum F^y = ma^y$$

$$-N - mg = -m \frac{v^2}{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N = -mg + m \frac{v^2}{R}$$

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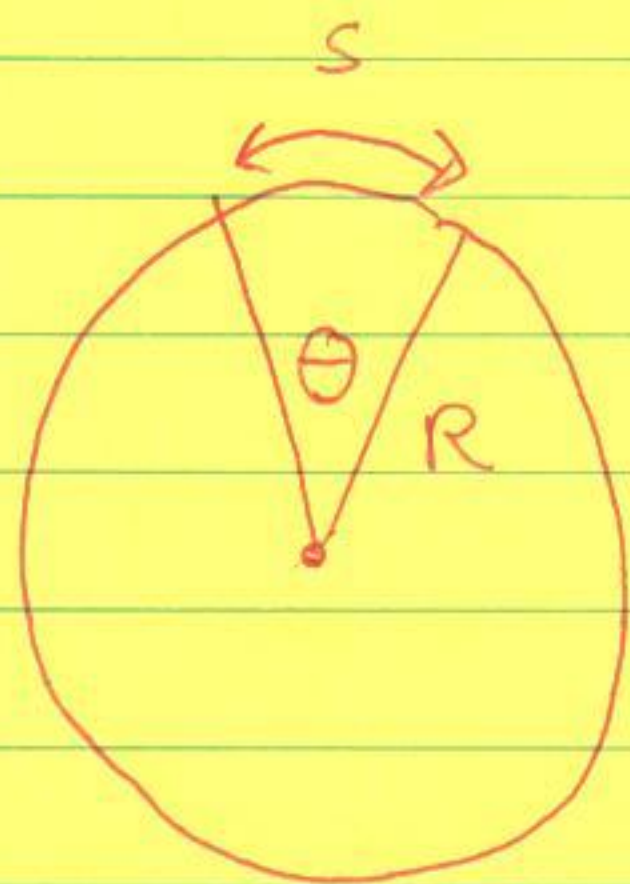
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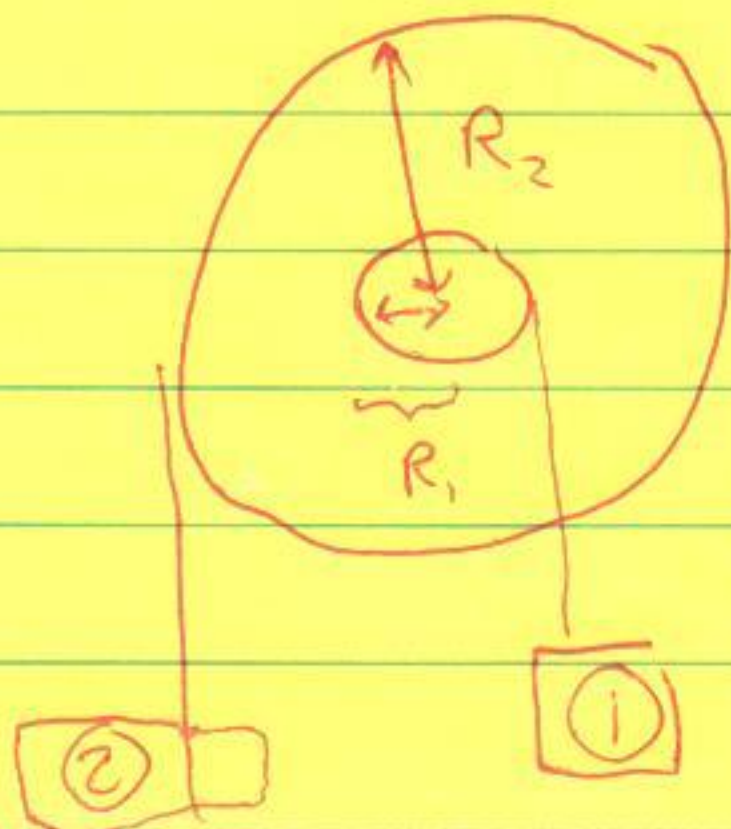
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