

Student Practice  
Force Centripetal

1. A 2kg bucket is swung around a vertical circle at 4m/s on a 1M string. Answer the following.

a. What is the force centripetal?

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{2 \cdot 4^2}{1} = 32 \text{ N}$$

b. What is the force tension on the string at the top?

$$\sum F = F_c = -F_g - T \quad | \quad F_g = 2 \cdot 10 = 20 \quad | \quad 32 - 20 = \underline{12 \text{ N}}$$

c. What is the force tension on the string at the bottom?

$$32 + 20 = 52 \text{ N}$$

d. What is the minimum speed the bucket could swing around and still complete the circle?

$$F_c = F_g \rightarrow v_t = \sqrt{gr} = \sqrt{10 \cdot 1} = 3.16 \text{ m/s}$$

e. What is the angular velocity on the bucket at this minimum speed?

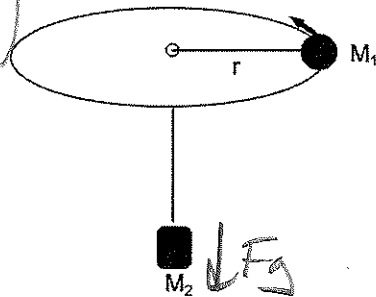
$$\frac{\theta}{s} = \omega \quad v_t = \omega r \quad \frac{v_t}{r} = \omega \quad \frac{3.16}{1} = \underline{3.16}$$



#1 explained  
on YouTube

2. Derive a formula for the minimum speed for a bucket to make a complete loop in terms of gravity and radius. Show all steps.

$$F_c = F_g \quad \frac{mv^2}{r} = mg \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{v^2}{r} = g \quad \rightarrow \quad v_t = \sqrt{gr}$$



3. The picture to the right is a very common phenomenon seen in physics classes.

a. Draw the forces present on each mass.  $F_g = F_c$   
b. Using only variable derive a formula for the velocity of  $M_1$  to maintain the mass of  $M_2$  in equilibrium.

c. If  $M_2 = 0.5\text{kg}$  and  $M_1 = 0.001\text{kg}$ , how fast would  $M_1$  need to move? (200cm)

$$b) \quad F_c = F_g \quad \frac{M_1 v^2}{r} = M_2 g \quad \rightarrow \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{M_2 g r}{M_1}}$$

$$c) \quad \sqrt{\frac{0.5 \cdot 10 \cdot 2}{0.001}} = 31.6 \text{ m/s}$$