Department of Mechanical Engineering University of California at Berkeley ME 104 Engineering Mechanics II Fall Semester 2019

Midterm Examination No. 1

Oct 14, 2019

The examination has a duration of 50 minutes. Answer all questions.

All questions carry the same weight.

- 1. If the 2-kg block passes over the top B of the circular portion of the path with a speed of 3.5 m/s, calculate the magnitude N_B of the normal force exerted by the path on the block. Determine the maximum speed v which the block can have at A without losing contact with the path.
- 2. The spring of constant k is unstretched when the slider of mass m passes position B. If the slider is released from rest in position A, determine its speeds as it passes points B and C. What is the normal force exerted by the guide on the slider at position C? Neglect friction between the mass and the circular guide, which lies in a vertical plane.
- 3. The cylindrical plug A of mass m_A is released from rest at B and slides down the smooth circular guide. The plug strikes the block C and becomes embedded in it. Write the expression for the distance s which the block and plug slide before coming to rest. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the block and the horizontal surface is μ_k .

