

Answer on Question #45280, Physics, Other

A monkey of mass 20 kg is holding a vertical rope. The rope will not break when a mass of 25 kg is suspended from it but will break if the mass exceeds 25 kg. What is the maximum acceleration at which the monkey can climb the rope? ($g=10 \text{ m/s}^2$).

Solution:

Given:

$$\begin{aligned}m &= 20 \text{ kg}, \\M &= 25 \text{ kg}, \\g &= 10 \text{ m/s}^2, \\a &=?\end{aligned}$$

Let the monkey climb up with acceleration a .

Then tension caused in the rope will be

$$T = m(g + a)$$

where m is the mass of the monkey.

Maximum value of T is

$$T_{\max} = Mg$$

From given

$$Mg = m(g + a)$$

Thus,

$$a = \frac{M - m}{m}g = \frac{25 - 20}{20} \cdot 10 = 2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Answer: $a = 2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$.