

Answer to the question #57470, Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

A man with a motorcycle driving on a straight road with a speed of 90 km / h . The mass of men along the bike of 100 kg .The officers chasing criminals from behind men using a helicopter , flying at an altitude of 500 m above the ground and at a speed of 144 km / h . The officer dropped the body of mass 400 kg (without giving the initial speed of the helicopter) . It turns out objects just overwrite the officer released the man .

In a system that consists of men along with the bike and the object is released attendant , find the acceleration of the center of mass and center of mass equation of motion.

Answer

$m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} = 100 \text{ kg}$, $m_o = 400 \text{ kg}$, $v_{\text{mot}} = 90 \text{ km / h}$, $v_{\text{hel}} = 144 \text{ km / h}$, $v_{\text{hel}} = v_o$ - initial speed of the objects equals to the speed of helicopter

$$\bar{r}_c = \frac{(m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}})\bar{r}_{\text{mot+men}} + m_o \bar{r}_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o} \quad \text{— position of the center of mass.}$$

$$\bar{v}_c = \frac{(m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}})\bar{v}_{\text{mot+men}} + m_o \bar{v}_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o} \quad \text{— speed of the center of mass.}$$

$$\text{x-axis projection: } v_c = \frac{(m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}})v_{\text{mot+men}} + m_o v_{\text{hel}}}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o}$$

$$\text{y-axis projection: } v_c = \frac{-gtm_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o}$$

$$\bar{a}_c = \frac{(m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}})\bar{a}_{\text{mot+men}} + m_o \bar{a}_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o} \quad \text{— acceleration of the center of mass.}$$

$$\text{x-axis projection: } a_c = 0$$

$$\text{y-axis projection: } a_c = \frac{-gm_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o}$$

$$\sum_i F_i = (m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o)a_c = (m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o) \frac{-gm_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o} = -gm_o$$

$\sum_i F_i = -gm_o$ — center of mass equation of motion, where $\sum_i F_i$ - the sum of external forces.

$$a_c = \frac{-gm_o}{m_{\text{mot}} + m_{\text{men}} + m_o} = -7.84 \text{ m/s}^2$$