

A net force with magnitude  $(5.00 \text{ N/m}^2)x^2$  and directed at a constant angle of  $31.0^\circ$  with the  $+x$ -axis acts on an object of mass  $0.250 \text{ kg}$  as the object moves parallel to the  $x$ -axis. How fast is the object moving at  $x = 1.50 \text{ m}$  if it has a speed of  $4.00 \text{ m/s}$  at  $x = 1.00 \text{ m}$ ?

The horizontal component of the force is the component that will cause the object to accelerate, and it has a magnitude of

$$F_x = F \cos(31^\circ) = 0.86F$$

Using second Newton's law:

$$F_x = ma \rightarrow a = \frac{0.86F}{m} = \frac{0.86 * 5N}{0.25kg} = 17.2m/s^2$$

At time  $t$  object's position is:

$$x = x_0 + \frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{2a}$$

Assuming that  $x = 1m$  is a starting point for object with  $v_0 = 4m/s$ :

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2(x - x_0)a$$

$$v = \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2(x - x_0)a}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(4m/s)^2 + 2 * (1.5m - 1m) * 17.2m/s^2} = 5.76m/s$$

**Answer:**  $v = 5.76m/s$