

General approach - analyse system energy to find necessary brake torque; analyse brake to discover the corresponding retarding force exerted by spring; finally analyse spring stiffness to determine the deflection necessary to yield required force.

$$\text{Initial velocity } v_0 = 2 \text{ m/s} \quad \therefore \omega_0 = \frac{v_0}{r} = \frac{2}{0.6} = 3.33 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\therefore v_m = \frac{1}{2} v_0 = 1 \text{ m/s} ; \quad \omega_m = \frac{1}{2} \omega_0 = 1.67 \text{ rad/s}$$

Braking time $\Delta t = 2 \text{ s}$

$$\therefore \text{from (1)} \Delta\theta = \omega_m \Delta t = 3.33 \text{ rad}$$

& skip displacement over braking $\Delta h = r \cdot \Delta\theta = 2 \text{ m}$

Initial system energy: ($m_L = 10 \text{ kg load}$, $m_E = \text{empty}$)

$$\text{KE of skips} = \frac{1}{2} (m_L + m_E) v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1.5 + 0.5) 2^2 = 4 \text{ kJ}$$

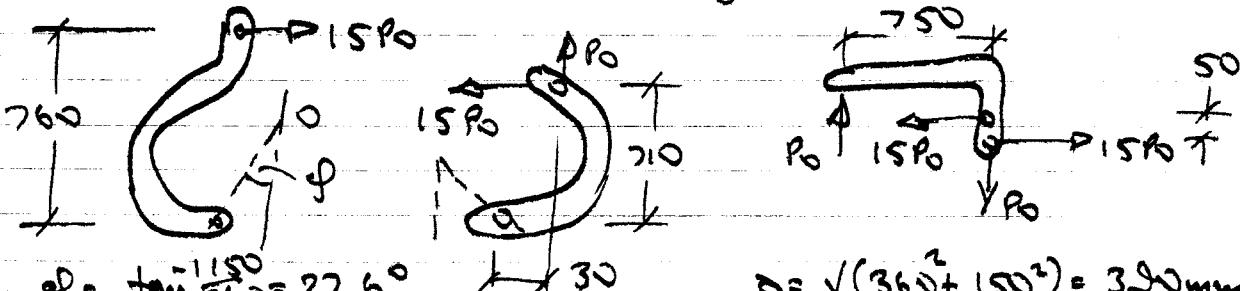
$$\text{KE of rope drum} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times 3.33^2 = 2.78 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\text{PE loss of skips} = (m_L - m_E) g \Delta h = (1.5 - 0.5) \times 9.81 \times 2 = 19.62 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\therefore \text{work done by brake} = U = 26.4 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\& \text{braking torque, } T = U / \Delta\theta = 26.4 / 3.33 = 7.92 \text{ kNm}$$

Brake analysis - let P_0 be spring force:



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{150}{760} = 22.6^\circ$$

for the LH shoe:

$$\Theta_p = 90 - \alpha = 67.4^\circ$$

for the RH shoe:

$$P = \sqrt{(15^2 + 1^2) P_0} = 15.03 P_0$$

- the moment arm, e , is

$$15.03 P_0 e = 15 P_0 \times 710 + P_0 \times 30$$

$$\text{i.e. } e = 710.4 \text{ mm}$$

- the force inclination is

$$\Theta_p = 90 - \alpha + \tan^{-1} 1/15 = 63.6^\circ$$

Hence diagram 'Brakes'

gives the

required retarding force as

$$P_0 = 1230 \text{ N.}$$

(Note the dummy measure input - we are not interested in brake internals, only want overall P_0 - to - T mechanical advantage)

$$\text{For the spring } k = Gd / 8nc^3 = \frac{79.3 \times 10^3 \times 10}{8 \times 10 \times 6^3} = 45 \text{ N/mm}$$

\therefore To give a force of 1230 N, the spring must be compressed $1230 / 45 = 27.3 \text{ mm}$.