Chapter 10 Problem 62 †

Given

 $v = 3.7 \ m/s$

Solution

Find the maximum height a hollow ball will reach going up an inclined plane.

The rolling hollow ball has both rotational and translational kinetic energy. The moment of inertia for a hollow ball is

$$I = \frac{2}{3}mr^2$$

The total kinetic energy is

$$K_{tot} = K_{rot} + K_{tran} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
$$K_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{2}{3}mr^2)\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{3}m(r\omega)^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
$$K_{tot} = \frac{1}{3}m(v)^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{5}{6}mv^2$$

This kinetic energy is converted to gravitational potential energy.

$$U = mgh$$

Setting the potential and kinetic energies equal and solving for height gives

$$mgh = \frac{5}{6}mv^{2}$$

$$h = \frac{5mv^{2}}{6mg} = \frac{5v^{2}}{6g} = \frac{5(3.7 \ m/s)^{2}}{6(9.80 \ m/s^{2})}$$

$$h = 1.16 \ m$$