

Physics 152 Prelab 9

You have a cart on a horizontal track. This cart ( $M_c=800$  grams) is attached to a string which goes over a very low mass, low friction pulley to a second mass ( $m_h=20$  grams) hanging over the edge. The hanging mass falls for a distance of  $h$  (10 cm) and then hits a platform.

Write a symbolic expression in terms of  $M_c$ ,  $m_h$ ,  $h$  and  $g$  for the velocity of the cart after the hanging mass has hit the platform.

Determine the velocity of the cart after the hanging mass has hit the platform.