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Answer Four Questions Only.

1. (a) Obtain the components of the velocity and acceleration in intrinsic coordinates, of a particle moving along a curve in a plane.
- (b) A particle is projected with velocity  $v$  from cusp of a smooth inverted cycloid down the arc. Show that the time taken to reach the vertex is  $2\sqrt{\frac{a}{g}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{4ag}}{v}\right)$ .
2. (a) Show that in spherical polar coordinates, the components of the velocity and acceleration are given by  $\dot{\underline{r}} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + r\sin\theta\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi}$  and  $\ddot{\underline{r}} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 - r\dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2\theta)\hat{r} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta}) - r\sin\theta\cos\theta\dot{\phi}\right)\hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r\sin\theta}\frac{d}{dt}(r^2\sin^2\theta\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi}$  respectively.
- (b) A particle is projected horizontally with velocity  $u$  along the interior surface of a smooth hemisphere whose axis is vertical and whose vertex is downwards. The radius through the point of projection makes angle  $\beta$  with the downward vertical. If the particle just ascend to the point of projection show that  $u = \sqrt{2ag\sec\beta}$ , where  $a$  is the radius of the hemisphere.
3. (a) Obtain, in the usual notation, the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial t^2} + 2\omega \times \frac{\partial r}{\partial t} = -g\hat{k}$  for the motion of a particle relative to the rotating earth.
- (b) An object is projected vertically downward with speed  $v_0$  from a point  $O$ , near the surface of the earth, having latitude  $\lambda$ . Prove that after time  $t$ , the object is deflected east of the vertical by an amount  $\omega v_0 \cos\lambda t^2 + \frac{1}{3}\omega g t^3 \cos\lambda$ , where  $\omega$  is the angular speed of earth about its polar axis.

If  $O$  is at a height  $h$  above the earth, show that the particle will reach the surface of the earth, at a point east of the vertical at a distance

$$\frac{\omega \cos \lambda}{3g^2} \left( \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2gh} - v_0 \right)^2 \left( \sqrt{v_0^2 + 2gh} + 2v_0 \right).$$

4. (a) With the usual notation, show that the Lagrange's equations of motion for a holonomic

$$\text{system are given by } \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_j} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

- (b) A uniform circular hoop of mass  $M$  and radius  $a$  swings in a vertical plane about a point  $O$  of itself, which is freely hinged to a fixed support and a bead of mass  $m$  is free to slide along the hoop. Taking  $C$  as the centre of the hoop,  $B$  as the bead and  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$  respectively as the inclinations of  $OC$  and  $CB$  to the downward vertical, obtain two equations of motion for the generalized coordinates  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

If the system is gently and slightly disturbed from its position of stable equilibrium, derive the equations

$$(2M + m)\ddot{\theta} + m\ddot{\phi} + (M + m)n^2\theta = 0,$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \ddot{\phi} + n^2\phi = 0 \quad \text{where } n^2 = \frac{g}{a}.$$

5. (a) Derive Euler's equations of motion of a rigid body rotating about a fixed point.

- (b) If a body moves under no forces about a point  $O$  and if  $H$  is the angular momentum about  $O$  and  $T$  the kinetic energy of the body then show that  $H$  and  $T$  are conserved.

- (c) A rigid body moves about a point  $O$  under no forces. The principal moments of inertia of a body at  $O$  being  $3A$ ,  $5A$ ,  $6A$ . Let  $\underline{\omega} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$  be the angular velocity of the body, at any time  $t$ , about the principal axes at  $O$ . Initially  $\omega_1 = n$ ,  $\omega_2 = 0$  and  $\omega_3 = n$ . Show

$$\text{that } \omega_2 = \frac{3n}{\sqrt{5}} \tanh \left( \frac{nt}{\sqrt{5}} \right).$$

6. (a) Define the Hamiltonian  $H$  of a holonomic system and derive in the usual notation,

$$\text{Hamilton's equations of motion, } \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} = \dot{q}_i, \quad \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} = -\dot{p}_i.$$

- (b) The Hamiltonian of a dynamical system is given by  $H = qp^2 - qp + cp$  where  $c$  is a constant. Obtain Hamilton's equations of motion and hence find  $p$  and  $q$  at time  $t$ .