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ADU4301/APU2142– Newtonian Mechanics I

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Time:- 01.30p.m.-3.30 p.m.

Answer Four Questions Only.

1. (i) With the usual notation, show that in intrinsic coordinates the velocity and acceleration components of a particle moving in a plane curve are given by $\underline{v} = \dot{s} \underline{t}$ and $\underline{a} = \ddot{s} \underline{t} + \frac{\dot{s}^2}{\rho} \underline{n}$ respectively.

(ii) A smooth wire in the form of an arch of a cycloid with intrinsic equation:

$s = 4a \sin \psi$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \psi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ is fixed in a vertical plane, the vertex O being the lowest point of the wire where the tangent is horizontal. A bead, of mass m , which can slide freely on the wire, is released from rest at the point where $\psi = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

(a) Find the periodic time of oscillation of the bead.

(b) Show that the normal contact force exerted by the wire on the bead at a point where the tangent makes an angle ψ with the horizontal is:

$$\frac{1}{4} mg \sec \psi (8 \cos^2 \psi - 3)$$

2. (i) With the usual notation, show that in plane polar coordinates, the velocity and acceleration components of a particle moving in a plane are given by $\underline{v} = \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta$ and

$$\underline{a} = (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d(r^2 \dot{\theta})}{dt} \underline{e}_\theta \text{ respectively.}$$

(ii) A satellite S , of mass m , is orbiting the earth in a plane through the centre O of the earth, which may be regarded as stationary. The only force on the satellite has magnitude F and acts along SO . At time t , OS is of length r and is rotating about O with angular speed $\dot{\theta}$. When $t = 0$, $r = a$ and the satellite is moving with speed V in a direction perpendicular to OS .

(a) Show that $r^2\dot{\theta} = aV$

(b) Given that $F = \frac{2maV^2}{r^2}$, show that $\ddot{r} = \frac{aV^2}{r^3}(a - 2r)$.

(c) Hence show that $\dot{r}^2 = \frac{V^2}{r^2}(4ar - a^2 - 3r^2)$.

(d) Deduce that the satellite is moving in a direction perpendicular to OS when $r = a/3$ also.

3. (i) With the usual notation show that the equation of a central orbit is given by

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = \frac{F}{h^2u^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\theta} = hu^2.$$

(ii) A particle P moves in a path with polar equation $r = \frac{2a}{2 + \cos\theta}$, coordinates being measured with respect to a pole O and initial line OA . Given that at any time t during the motion $r^2\dot{\theta} = h$ (constant), determine the central force.

4. (i) Establish the formula $\underline{F}(t) = m(t)\frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} + \underline{u}\frac{dm}{dt}$ for the motion of a particle of varying mass $m(t)$ moving with velocity \underline{v} under a force $\underline{F}(t)$, the matter being emitted at a rate $\frac{dm}{dt}$ with velocity \underline{u} relative to the particle.

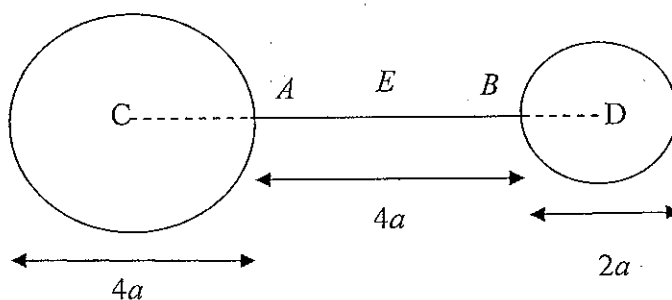
- (ii) A particle P , whose initial mass is m_0 , is projected vertically upwards from the ground at time $t=0$ with speed g/k , where k is a constant. As the particle moves upwards it gains mass by picking up continuously small droplets of moisture from a cloud. The droplets are at rest before they are picked up. At time t the speed of P is v and its mass has increased to $m_0 e^{kt}$. Assuming that, during the motion, the acceleration due to gravity is constant,

(a) show that, while P is moving upwards, $kv + \frac{dv}{dt} = -g$

- (b) find, in terms of m_0 , the mass of P when it reaches its greatest height above the ground.

5. (a) Show that the moment of inertia of a uniform solid sphere, of mass m and radius a , about a diameter is $\frac{2ma^2}{5}$.

- (b) A body consists of two uniform solid spheres and a uniform rod. The uniform rod, AB , has mass $2m$ and length $4a$. The larger sphere has mass $4m$ and diameter $4a$ and is rigidly attached at A . The smaller sphere has mass m and diameter $2a$ and is rigidly attached at B . The centres of the spheres are C and D , and $CABD$ is a straight line, as shown in the diagram.



The rod is smoothly pivoted at E , the midpoint of AB . The body is free to rotate about a horizontal axis through E and perpendicular to AB . Initially the body is at rest with AB horizontal.

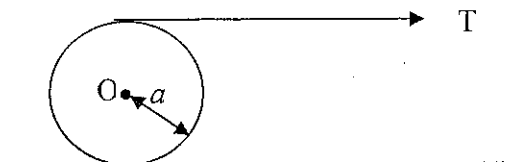
- (i) Show that the moment of inertia of the smaller sphere about the axis through E is

$$\frac{47ma^2}{5}$$

- (ii) Find the moment of inertia of the body about the axis through E .

- (iii) Find the maximum angular velocity of the body after it is released from rest.

6. A uniform solid cylinder of mass M kg and radius a m has a string attached to a point of its surface and wound several times around the cylinder. The cylinder rests with its curved surface on a rough horizontal plane and the string is pulled in a direction parallel to the plane and perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder as shown in the diagram. Assume that the motion is confined to a vertical plane through O , the centre of the circular cross-section.



If the cylinder rolls without slipping on the plane, write down a set of equations sufficient to determine μ , the coefficient of friction between the cylinder and the horizontal plane. If the cylinder starts to roll when $M = 8\text{kg}$, $a = 0.25\text{m}$ and the tension $T = 30\text{N}$ find minimum value of μ .