

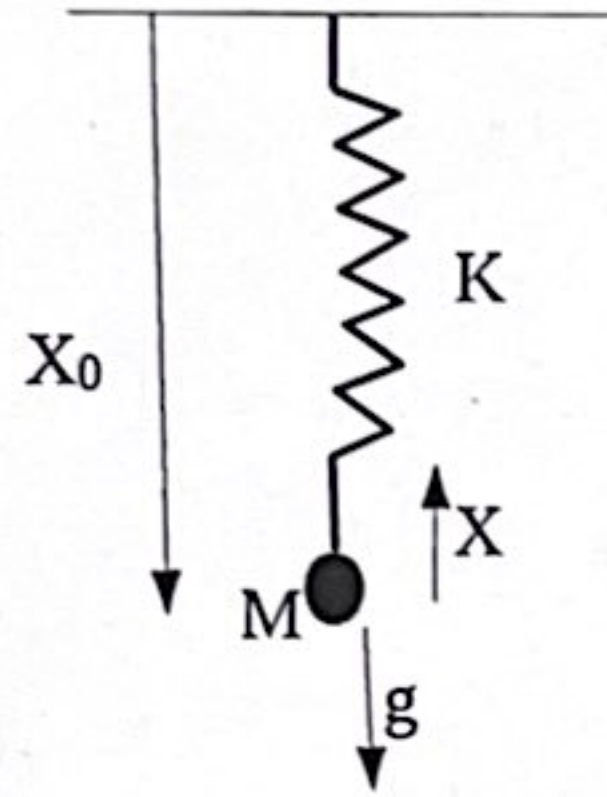
Quiz 2

(Science 1 : Classical Mechanics, each question carries 15 marks : 5×3)

Time: 1 Hour

Q1.

The following mass M is attached to a spring of spring constant K and conducting a simple harmonic oscillation in the vertical direction in presence of gravity. The position at rest is given by X_0 and the X is simple harmonic oscillation around X_0 .

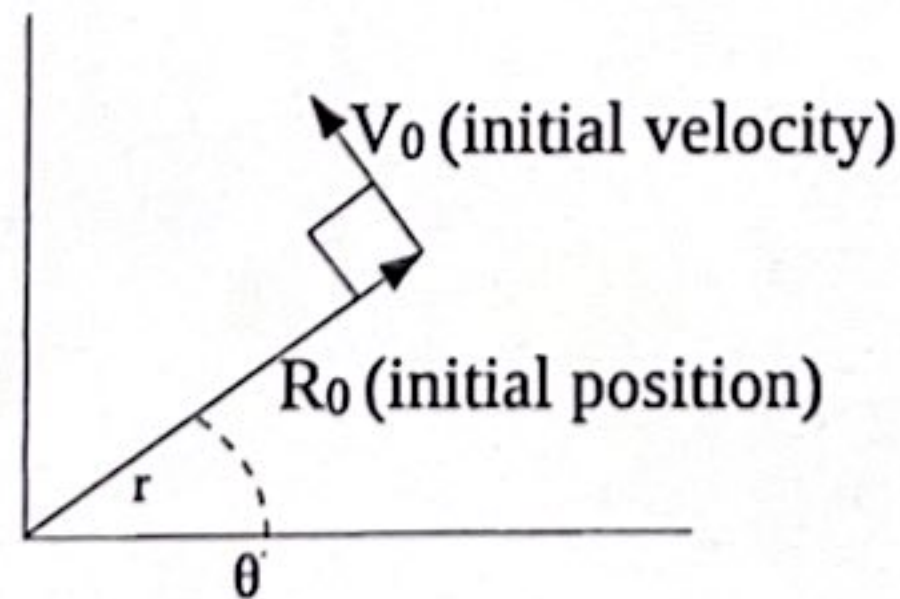


- I. Write down the expression for the kinetic energy and potential energy.
- II. Evaluate the Lagrangian L and Hamiltonian H of the system
- III. Write down the Lagrangian equation of motion for X .
- IV. Calculate the value of X_0 (position at rest) as function of M, g and K .
- V. If total energy is E , evaluate the frequency and amplitude of the oscillation.

Q2.

A particle of mass M is moving under a central potential given by $V(r) = -k/r$ on a plane as shown below with center of force at the origin. An initial velocity of V_0 is given to the system perpendicular to the initial position vector R_0 as shown in the figure below.

The values are $M = 10^{24} \text{ kg}$; $k = 10^{43} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$; $R_0 = 100 \times 10^6 \text{ km}$; $V_0 = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



- I. Write down the Lagrangian $L(\dot{r}, \dot{\theta}, r, \theta)$ of the system and the generalized momenta P_r , P_θ corresponding to r and θ .
- II. Write down the Hamiltonian $H(P_r, P_\theta, r, \theta)$
- III. Calculate the initial angular momentum A around the center and initial total energy E of the system
- IV. Show if the orbit would be bound or not bound and what is the maximum initial velocity V_0 to get bound orbit
- V. Calculate the velocity V_0 for a circular orbit of radius R_0 .