

Theoretical Physics I

Self Test - Problem 7.5

- ex. 7
(see note
7.5-b)

$$\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$$

a) Using $\vec{A}(\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ rule, $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}) - \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\omega}) =$
 $= (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\omega} + (-\omega^2) \vec{r}, = f(\vec{r}) \vec{\omega} + c \vec{r},$ where
 $f(\vec{r}) = \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}, c = -\omega^2,$

b) In all tasks here and below to show field is conservative I use either:

(*) $\forall i, j \quad \partial_i F_j = \partial_j F_i$ where $i \neq j$, which is equivalent to say

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_y F_z - \partial_z F_y \\ \partial_z F_x - \partial_x F_z \\ \partial_x F_y - \partial_y F_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(the first intuitively means that integrating back with two variables from different components we get same scalar function, the second means that $\oint \vec{F} d\vec{r} = 0$ which holds iff curl inside



the region is zero as it is equal to "line integral due to compensation of rotations" inside in counter-directions - which we will later learn as Stokes theorem and mentioned in EP1 course)

(*) Find (guess or integration) scalar $\Phi(\vec{r})$ so that $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = -\nabla \Phi(\vec{r})$

(*) Showing somehow that $\int_{\vec{r}_1}^{\vec{r}_2} \vec{F} d\vec{q}_1 = \int_{\vec{r}_2}^{\vec{r}_1} \vec{F} d\vec{q}_2$ for all paths (can be shown for gravitational force).

Now for this task $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) = \vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) - \vec{r}(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\omega}) = \vec{\omega}(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}) - \vec{r}\omega^2$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} \cdot (\omega_x x + \omega_y y + \omega_z z) - \begin{pmatrix} x\omega^2 \\ y\omega^2 \\ z\omega^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x(\omega_x x + \omega_y y + \omega_z z) - x\omega^2 \\ \omega_y(\omega_x x + \omega_y y + \omega_z z) - y\omega^2 \\ \omega_z(\omega_x x + \omega_y y + \omega_z z) - z\omega^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Table below means differentiate columns by rows

	F_x	F_y	F_z
∂_x	not interested	$\omega_y \omega_x$	$\omega_z \omega_x$
∂_y	$\omega_x \omega_y$	in	$\omega_z \omega_y$
∂_z	$\omega_x \omega_z$	$\omega_y \omega_z = \omega_z \omega_y$	these values

So $\partial_i F_j = \partial_j F_i$ - force is conservative.

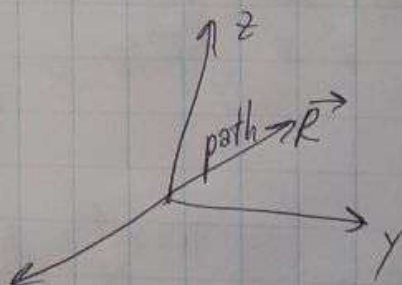
c) $\vec{q} = s\vec{R}$ for some given \vec{R}
(line from $\vec{0}$ to \vec{R}),
 $s \in [0, 1]$.

$$\int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{R}} \vec{F} d\vec{q} = \left[\begin{array}{l} d\vec{q} = \vec{R} ds \\ s \in [0, 1] \\ \vec{q} = s\vec{R} \end{array} \right] = \int_{s=0}^{s=1} \left[\underbrace{\vec{\omega}(\vec{\omega} \cdot (s\vec{R}))}_{\text{scalar out}} - \underbrace{(s\vec{R})\omega^2}_{\text{distribute}} \right] \vec{R} ds =$$

$$= \int_{s=0}^{s=1} \underbrace{s \cdot \vec{\omega}(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{R}) \cdot \vec{R}}_{\text{const, scalar out}} - s\omega^2 \vec{R} \cdot \vec{R} ds = \int_{s=0}^{s=1} s \cdot (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{R})^2 - s\omega^2 \vec{R}^2 ds =$$

$$= (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{R})^2 \frac{s^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 - (\omega^2 \vec{R}^2) \frac{s^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} [(\vec{R} \cdot \vec{\omega})^2 - \omega^2 \vec{r}^2] =$$

$$= P(0) - P(1), \text{ defining } P(0) = 0,$$



$$\Phi(s=1) = \Phi(\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2} [(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega})^2 - \omega^2 \vec{r}^2], K = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{additive constant} \rightarrow 0)$$

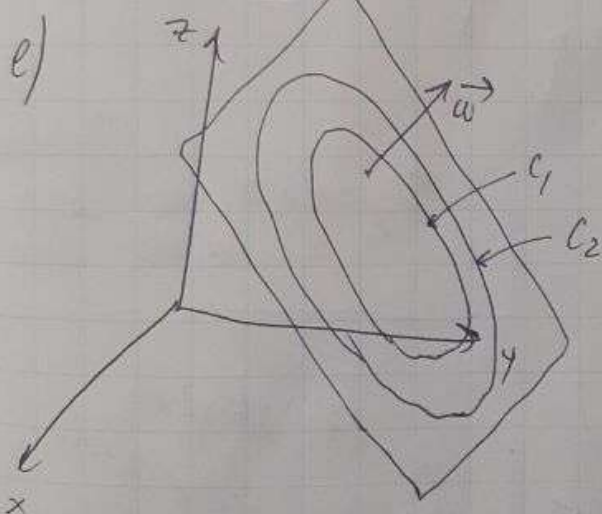
Check correctness by differentiating, for one component due to symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_x \left(-\frac{1}{2} [(xw_x + yw_y + zw_z)^2 - \omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)] \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \partial_x [(xw_x + yw_y + zw_z)^2 - \omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (2(xw_x + yw_y + zw_z) \cdot w_x - 2x\omega^2) \\ &= (xw_x + yw_y + zw_z)w_x - x\omega^2 \rightarrow \text{exactly } F_x! \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $-\partial_y \Phi = F_y, -\partial_z \Phi = F_z$.

d) Simplest way: since $\Phi(\vec{r})$ does not change $\uparrow \vec{\omega}$, $\pm \nabla \Phi(\vec{r})$ must be \perp to $\vec{\omega}$. So show $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\omega} = 0$.

$$\vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{\omega}(\underbrace{\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}}_{\text{const}}) - \vec{r}\omega^2) = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\omega}) - (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})\omega^2 = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})\omega^2 - (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})\omega^2 = 0.$$



$$\Phi = -\frac{1}{2} [(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})^2 - \omega^2 \vec{r}^2] = C$$

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contour surface

Solve for \vec{r} to find where C-surface.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} [(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})^2 - \omega^2 \vec{r}^2] &= C \quad | \cdot (-2) \\ (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r})^2 - \omega^2 \vec{r}^2 &= C^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (w_x x + w_y y + w_z z)^2 - \omega^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) &= C^*_{\text{const}} \\ w_x^2 x^2 + w_y^2 y^2 + w_z^2 z^2 + 2w_x w_y xy + 2w_x w_z xz + 2w_y w_z yz - \omega^2 x^2 - \omega^2 y^2 - \omega^2 z^2 &= C^* \quad | \cdot (-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{(w_x^2 - \omega^2)}_{\text{positive } \alpha} x^2 + \underbrace{(w_y^2 - \omega^2)}_{\text{pos. } \beta} y^2 + \underbrace{(w_z^2 - \omega^2)}_{\text{pos. } \gamma} z^2 + axy + bxz + cyz = A_{\text{const}}$$

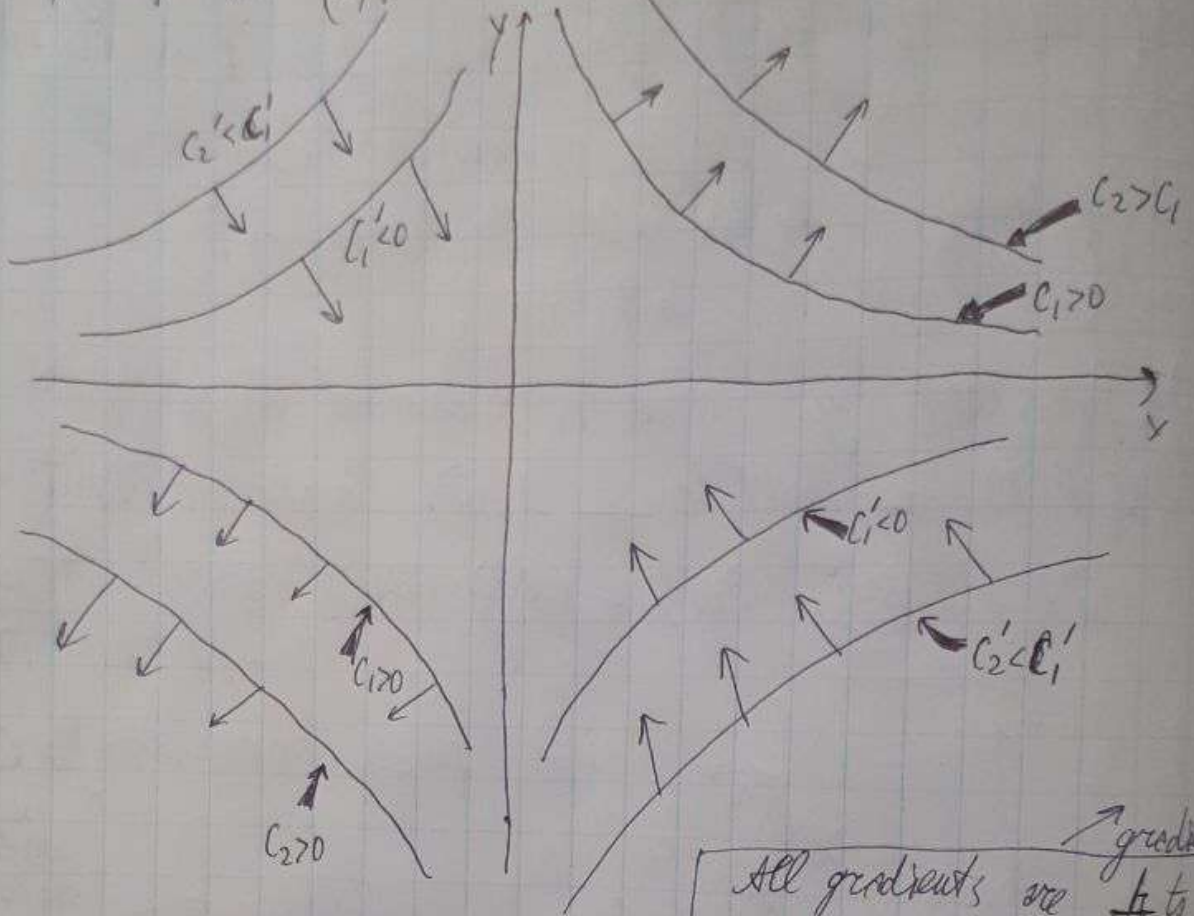
$$\underbrace{\alpha}_{\geq 0} x^2 + \underbrace{\beta}_{\geq 0} y^2 + \underbrace{\gamma}_{\geq 0} z^2 + \underbrace{axy + bxz + cyz}_{\text{these can be eliminated}} = A_{\text{const}}$$

3D-Iso surface is ellipsoid, and contour lines where it intersects the plane is ellipse.

Problem 7.1

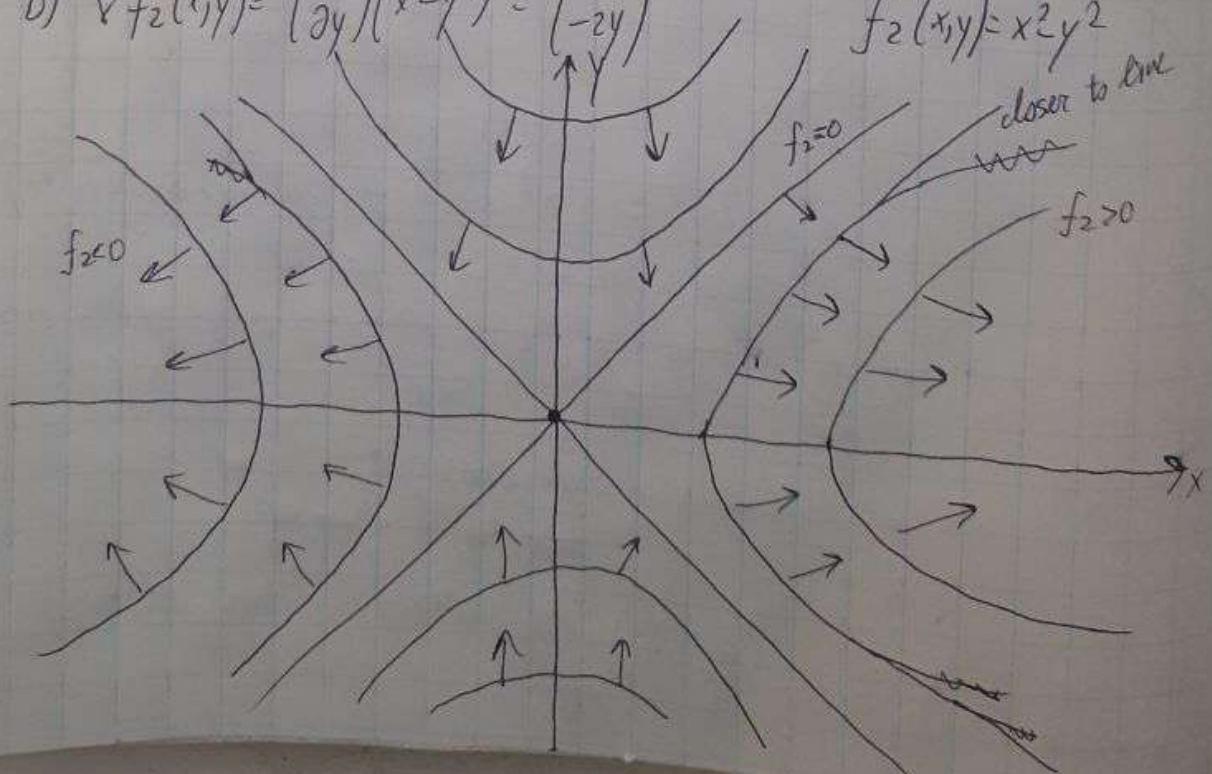
a) $\nabla f_1(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \end{pmatrix} (xy) = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

$f_1(x,y) = xy$



b) $\nabla f_2(x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \end{pmatrix} (x^2 - y^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}$

$f_2(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$



c) $f_1(x,y) = xy = R \cos \theta R \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} R^2 \sin 2\theta$
 $f_2(x,y) = R^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = R^2 \cos 2\theta$ } can always find different R_1, R_2 so that

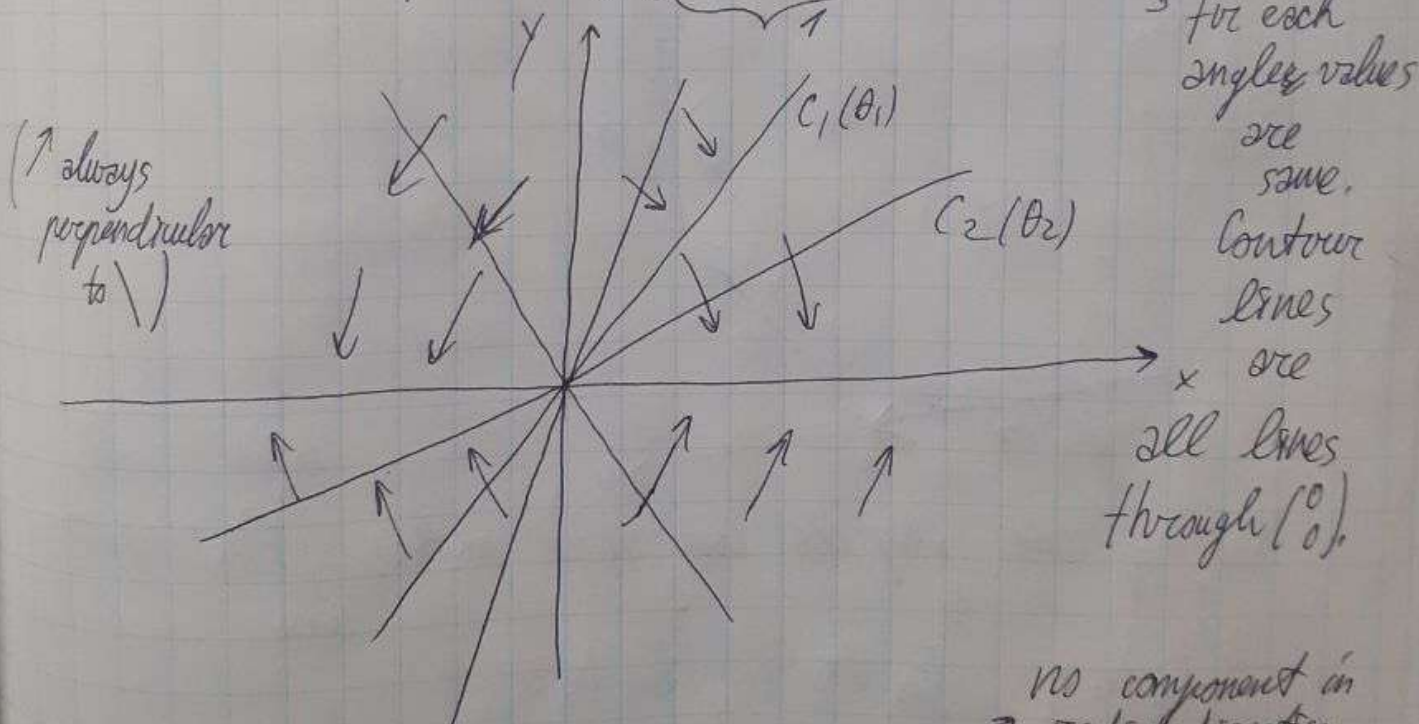
$f_1(x,y) = \frac{1}{2} R_1^2 \sin(2\theta) = R^{*2} \sin(2\theta)$
 $f_2(x,y) = R_2^2 \sin(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}) = R^{*2} \sin(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{2})$ rotated by $\frac{\pi}{2}$

All contour lines are rotated and gradients are perpendicular to each other.

Can also verify in cartesian;

$\nabla f_1 \cdot \nabla f_2 = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ -2y \end{pmatrix} = 2yx - 2xy = 0.$

d) $f_3(x,y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{R^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)}{R^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} = \cos 2\theta.$



$\nabla f_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \\ \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (\cos 2\theta) \\ \frac{1}{R} (-2 \sin 2\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{2}{R} \sin 2\theta \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{2}{R} \sin 2\theta \cdot \hat{\theta}$

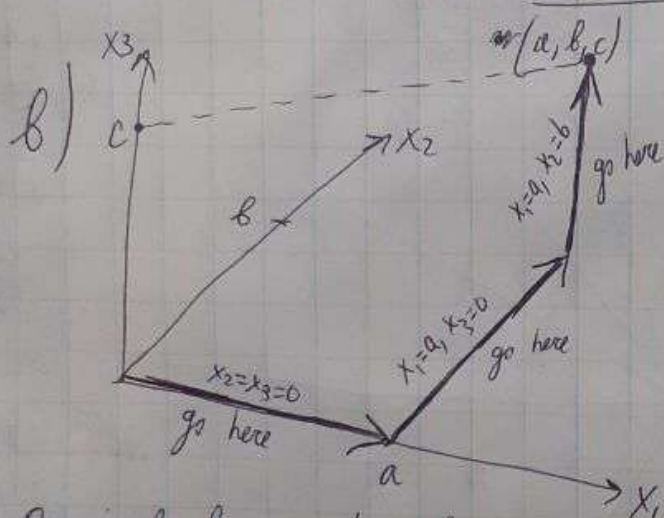
no component in radial direction. as expected

When $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, is negative (clockwise gradient)
 When $\theta \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ positive (counterclockwise gradient)
 When $\theta \in (\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$, negative (clockwise)
 When $\theta \in (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$, positive (counterclockwise)

Problem 7.2 Forces, potentials and line integrals

$$\vec{F} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 x_3 \\ x_2 + x_1 x_3 \\ x_3 + x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} at \\ bt \\ ct \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{s}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \int_{\gamma} \vec{F} d\vec{s} &= \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \begin{pmatrix} at + bct^2 \\ bt + act^2 \\ ct + abt^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} dt = \int_{t=0}^1 (a^2t + abct^2 + b^2t + abct^2 + c^2t + abct^2) dt = \\ &= \int_{t=0}^1 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)t + (3abc)t^2 dt = \left. \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)t^2}{2} + \frac{3abc t^3}{3} \right|_0^1 = \\ &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2} + abc \end{aligned}$$



Sum of line integrals over three paths: $\int_{(0,0,0)}^{(a,b,c)} \vec{F}(x_1, x_2, x_3) d\vec{x} =$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^a F_{x_1} dx_1 + \int_0^b F_{x_2} dx_2 + \int_0^c F_{x_3} dx_3 = \\ &= \int_0^a (x_1 + \underbrace{x_2 x_3}_0) dx_1 + \int_0^b (x_2 + \underbrace{x_1 x_3}_0) dx_2 + \int_0^c (x_3 + \underbrace{x_1 x_2}_{ab}) dx_3 = \\ &= \int_0^a x_1 dx_1 + \int_0^b x_2 dx_2 + \int_0^c (x_3 + ab) dx_3 = \left. \frac{x_1^2}{2} \right|_0^a + \left. \frac{x_2^2}{2} \right|_0^b + \left. \left(\frac{x_3^2}{2} + abx_3 \right) \right|_0^c \end{aligned}$$

7.1 $= \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} + \frac{c^2}{2} + abc$ — same value as on direct line $\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2}\right)$!

c) $\nabla \times \vec{F} = \sum_{i,j,k} \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{e}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} F_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_3} \\ \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_1 \\ x_2 - x_2 \\ x_3 - x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$

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d) $\nabla \times \nabla S(\vec{r}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial S}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$

rule above

because we deal with smooth functions with continuous 2nd derivatives, $\partial_i \partial_j = \partial_j \partial_i$

e) \vec{F} is conservative \rightarrow "hint" is that d), b) give same result, proof is d), for 2 paths

Find potential.

7.3 $\Phi(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2) - x_1 x_2 x_3 + C$

Then $-\nabla \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 x_3 \\ x_2 + x_1 x_3 \\ x_3 + x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{F}$ — exactly the force.

Problem 7.3 Conservative forces

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

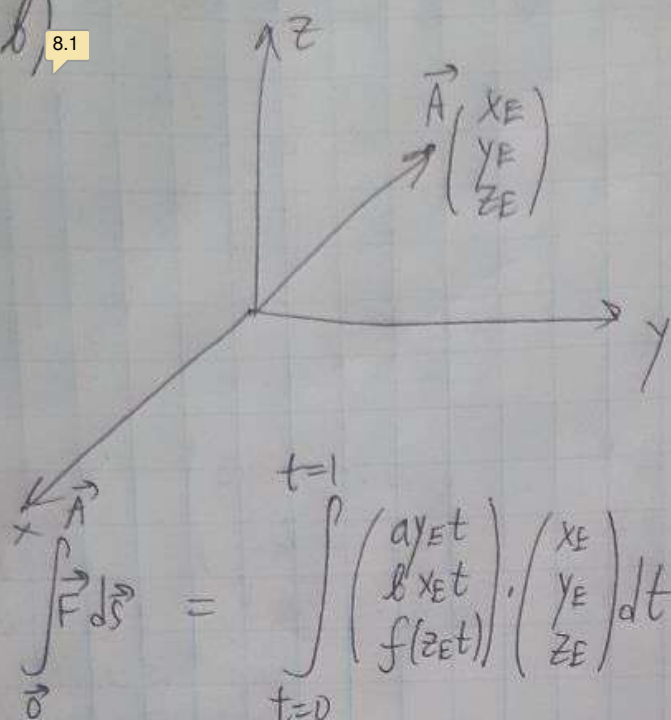
$\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} ay \\ bx \\ f(z) \end{pmatrix}$

a) $\frac{\partial F_x}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x} = 0$ } F_z does not depend on x or y , only z .

$\frac{\partial F_y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial y} = 0$ } Suppose $\begin{pmatrix} ay \\ bx \\ \sin(z) \end{pmatrix}$ or $\begin{pmatrix} ay \\ bx \\ 3 + e^{z^2} \end{pmatrix}$.

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b) 8.1



$$t \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{path } \vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} x_E t \\ y_E t \\ z_E t \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\vec{0} \xrightarrow{\text{path}} \begin{pmatrix} x_E \\ y_E \\ z_E \end{pmatrix})$$

$$\text{then } \vec{s}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_E \\ y_E \\ z_E \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{s}) = \begin{pmatrix} a y \\ b x \\ f(z) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a y_E t \\ b x_E t \\ f(z_E t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{A}} \vec{F} d\vec{s} = \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \begin{pmatrix} a y_E t \\ b x_E t \\ f(z_E t) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_E \\ y_E \\ z_E \end{pmatrix} dt =$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{t=1} (a x_E y_E t + b x_E y_E t + f(z_E t) z_E) dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=1} (a x_E y_E + b x_E y_E) t dt + \int_{t=0}^{t=1} f(z_E t) z_E dt =$$

$$= \left. \frac{(a x_E y_E + b x_E y_E) t^2}{2} \right|_0^1 + \left. F(z_E t) \right|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{(a+b) x_E y_E}{2} + F(z_E)} =$$

note antideriv. of f.

for example if f is cos, F = sin

$$\partial_t F(z_E t) = \partial_t (\sin(z_E t)) = z_E \cos(z_E t) = z_E f(z_E t)$$

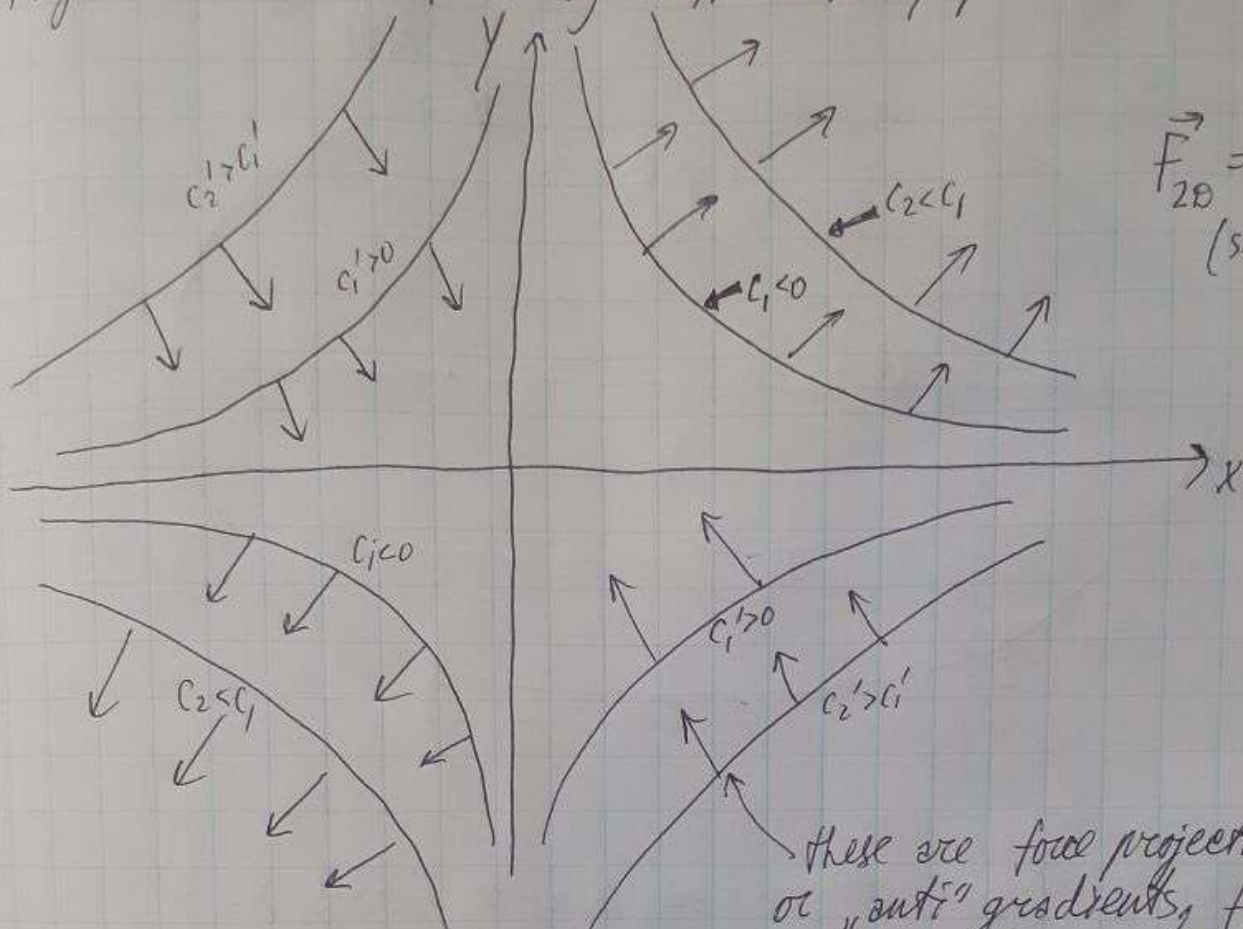
= $\Phi(0) - \Phi(\vec{s}_E)$ for conserv.

c) 8.2 For conservative case (f(z) is independ. from x,y) potential, if defined as 0 in origin, is then

$$- \frac{(a+b)}{2} xy + F(z).$$

d) 8.3 In x,y plane, since z=0, contour lines of a=b=1 will be exactly like plotted for -xy (but in 3D corresponding

heights will be shifted by $F(z)$. In xy -plane:



$$\vec{F}_{2D} = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{see below})$$

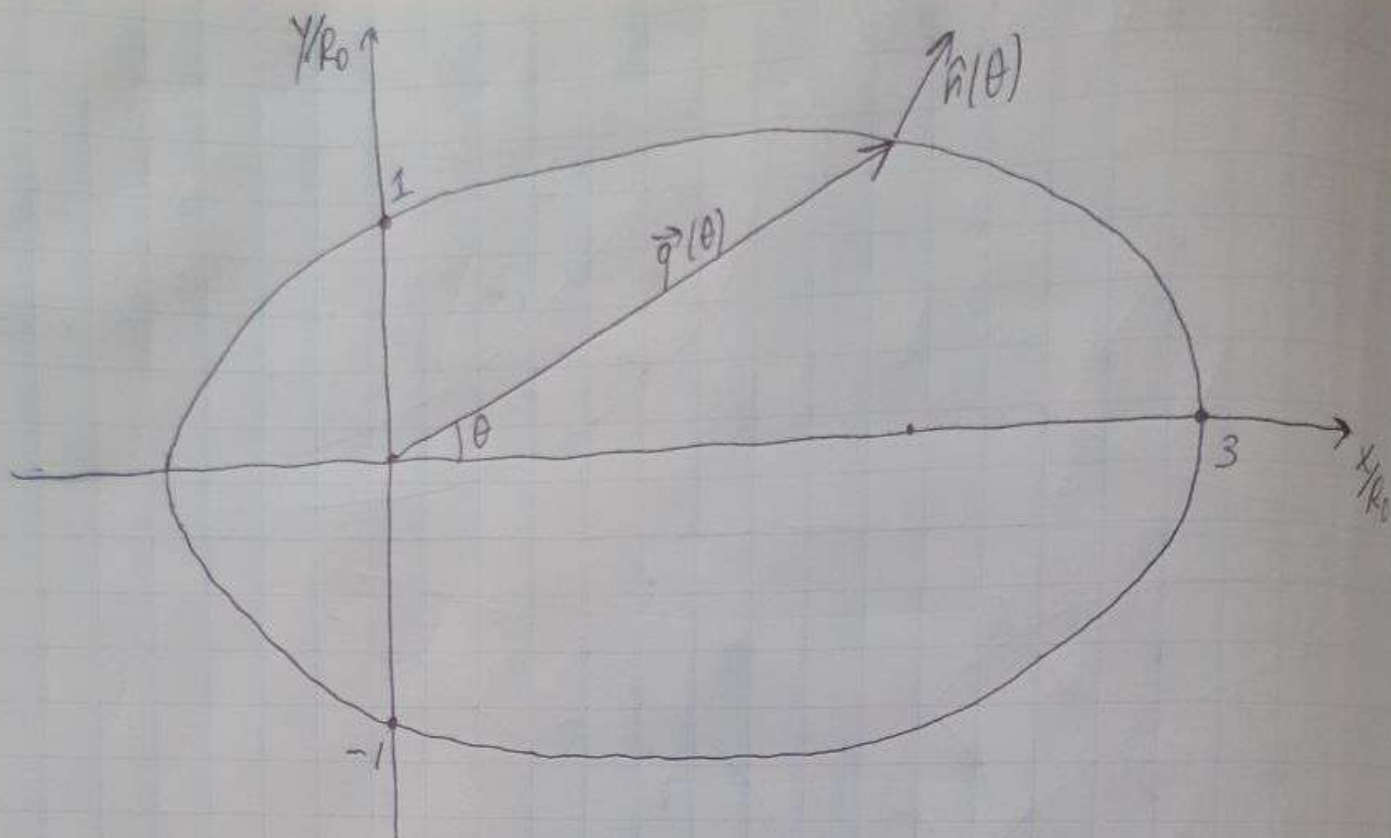
Then $F_x = -\partial_x(-xy + F(z)) = y$
 $F_y = -\partial_y(-xy + F(z)) = x$

these are force projections,
 or "anti" gradients, for
 potential $-xy + F(z)$.

Problem 7.4 Wobbling wheel

$\vec{q} = R(\theta) \hat{e}(\theta)$ in polar form.

See picture and solution on next page.



2) $R(\frac{\pi}{2}) = R_0$, $R(\theta) = \frac{R_0}{1-\epsilon} = 3R_0$, therefore $1-\epsilon = \frac{1}{3}$, $\epsilon = \frac{2}{3}$.

Circle will be when $\epsilon = 0 \rightarrow R = \frac{R_0}{1-0} = R_0$, same distance from origin for all θ .

For ellipses $\epsilon \in (0, 1) \rightarrow$ for when $\epsilon = 1$,

$R(\theta)$ increases $\rightarrow \infty$, ellipse "opens" to parabola.

$\epsilon > 1$ - hyperbola (further opening to axes).

Note if measure angle θ from other focal point (so that $\theta = 0$ is smallest and not largest distance), $\epsilon \in (-1, 0)$, for ellipse.

For our case $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ gives ellipse, in this task $\epsilon = \frac{2}{3}$.

b) $h(\theta)$ orthogonal to surface (not necessarily unit vector) \rightarrow

main idea

means it is \pm gradient for scalar function which contour map ellipse is. Find this scalar.

$$R(\theta) = \frac{R_0}{1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta}, \text{ Rearranging } R_0 = \underbrace{R \cdot (1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)}_{\text{variables}}.$$

So the function is $f(R, \theta) = R(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)$, and ellipse is contour map $f(R, \theta) = R_0$. In dimensionless units of R_0 ,

$f(R, \theta) = R(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)$, $\Rightarrow f(R, \theta) = 1$ is contour map (ellipse).

$$\nabla f(R, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \\ \frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot R(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta \\ \varepsilon \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

see first problem

! Since $\hat{n}(\theta)$ points outwards, for positive θ ,

it is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta \\ \varepsilon \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$ not $\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon \cos \theta - 1 \\ -\varepsilon \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$

$$\hat{n}(\theta) = \mathcal{L} \cdot [(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta) \hat{r}(\theta) + \varepsilon \sin \theta \hat{\theta}(\theta)] \text{ where } \mathcal{L} \text{ is any positive constant.}$$

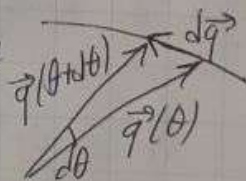
$$\mathcal{L} [(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta) \hat{r}(\theta) + \varepsilon \sin \theta \hat{\theta}(\theta)] = \mathcal{L} \left(\hat{r}(\theta) + \frac{\varepsilon \sin \theta}{1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta} \hat{\theta}(\theta) \right),$$

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Then $\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)} \forall \mathcal{L} \geq 0. (\mathcal{L} = 1, \mathcal{L} = 1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta),$
 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L} \varepsilon.$

Proof that $\hat{n}(\theta)$ must for "hint" part

1. $\vec{v}(\theta) = \frac{d\vec{q}}{d\theta}$ must be tangential because $d\vec{q}$ becomes tangent when $d\theta \rightarrow 0$.

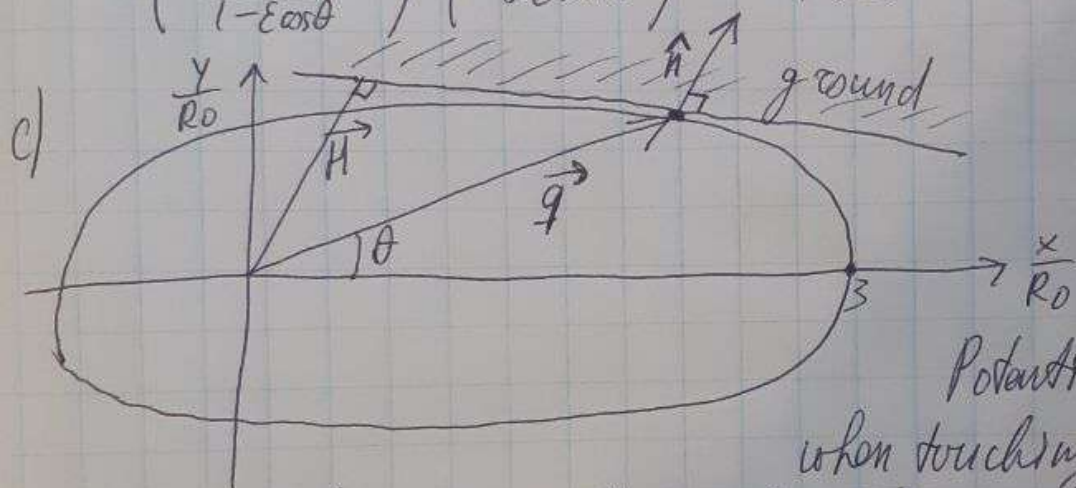


2. $\hat{n}(\theta) \cdot \vec{v}(\theta) = 0$, because $\vec{v}(\theta) = \frac{d\vec{q}}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{d\theta} (\hat{r}(\theta) R(\theta)) = \hat{\theta} R(\theta) + \hat{r}(\theta) \frac{d}{d\theta} (R(\theta))$
 $= \hat{\theta} R(\theta) + \hat{r}(\theta) \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta} \right) = \hat{\theta} R(\theta) + \hat{r}(\theta) \frac{d}{d\theta} (1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)^{-1}$
 $= \hat{\theta} R(\theta) + \hat{r}(\theta) (-1)(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)^{-2} (\varepsilon \sin \theta) =$
 $= \hat{\theta} R(\theta) - \hat{r}(\theta) \frac{\varepsilon \sin \theta}{(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta)^2} = \begin{pmatrix} -\varepsilon \sin \theta \\ \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}(\theta).$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}(1 - \varepsilon \cos \theta) \\ \mathcal{L} \varepsilon \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Now $\vec{v}(\theta) \cdot \hat{n}(\theta) =$ [we can calculate sc product like this because \vec{v} and \hat{n} form ONB] =

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\epsilon \sin \theta}{(1-\epsilon \cos \theta)^2} \\ \frac{1}{1-\epsilon \cos \theta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon(1-\epsilon \cos \theta) \\ \epsilon \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \frac{-\epsilon^2 \sin \theta}{1-\epsilon \cos \theta} + \frac{\epsilon \sin \theta}{1-\epsilon \cos \theta} = 0.$$



Potential energy

when touching the ground

in position θ is MgH , where H as seen from picture $\uparrow \uparrow \hat{n}$ because both are perpendicular to ground.

Then to find H — calculate component of \vec{q} in direction of \hat{n} , meaning $\vec{q} \cdot \frac{\hat{n}}{|\hat{n}|}$. Take $\hat{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\epsilon \cos \theta \\ \epsilon \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$, $|\hat{n}| = \sqrt{1+\epsilon^2-2\epsilon \cos \theta}$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{\vec{q} \cdot \hat{n}}{|\hat{n}|} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-\epsilon \cos \theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1-\epsilon \cos \theta \\ \epsilon \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2-2\epsilon \cos \theta}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2-2\epsilon \cos \theta}} = H$$

Check special case $\theta=0$: $H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2-2\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{1-\epsilon} = \left(\epsilon = \frac{2}{3}\right) = 3,$

Potential energy is $\frac{MgR_0}{\sqrt{1+\epsilon^2-2\epsilon \cos \theta}}$ then, which is exactly what should be, if using R_0 units again.

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