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B.Sc (ENGINEERING) SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2013/2014

FAEN 104: BASIC MECHANICS II (3 credits)

INSTRUCTION:

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

TIME ALLOWED: TWO AND HALF ($2\frac{1}{2}$) HOURS

1. a.) Define the term “impact” and explain the following:
- i. Central impact.
 - ii. Eccentric impact.
 - iii. Direct central impact.
 - iv. Restitution period.

(8 marks)

- b.) Two cylinders move along a rod in a frictionless manner (figure 1). Cylinder *A* has a mass of 10 kg and moves to the right at a speed of 3m/sec, while cylinder *B* has a mass of 5 kg and moves to the left at a speed of 2.5 m/sec. The velocities before impact are 1.38 m/s and 1.22 m/s for collars A and B respectively.

Determine:

- i. The speed of cylinder *B* after impact for a coefficient of restitution of 0.8.
- ii. The energy loss during impact.

(12 marks)

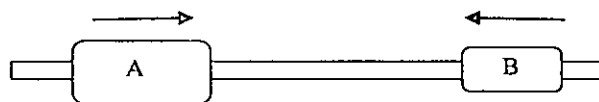


Figure 1

2. a) Block *A* is attached to a rope that is wrapped around a drum of radius 2 m (figure 2). The drum's initial angular velocity is 10 rad/s clockwise and is increasing at a rate of $(t^2 + 2)$ rad/s². Determine the velocity and acceleration of block *A* at $t = 3$ s.

(10 marks)

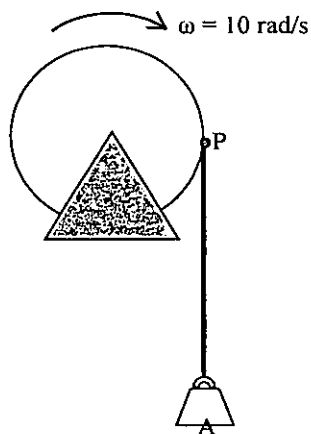


Figure 2

- b) A rigid, slender bar is rotating about its pin-connected support (*O*) with an angular speed of 5 rad/s clockwise (figure 3). At the position shown, the angular speed of the bar is increasing at the rate of 3 rad/s². Determine the velocity and acceleration of the tip *A* of the bar at the given position.

(10 marks)

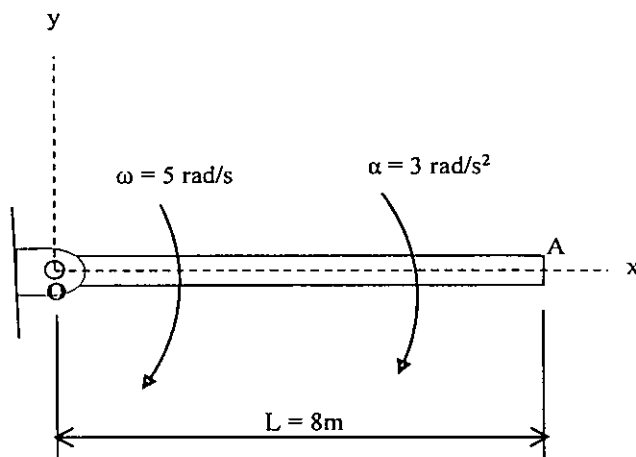


Figure 3

3. a) Define the following terms related to rectilinear motion of a particle:

- i. Displacement
- ii. Instantaneous velocity
- iii. Instantaneous acceleration

(6 marks)

b) A particle at position $(3, 4, 6)$ m at time $t_o = 1$ sec is given a constant acceleration having the value $6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ m/sec². If the velocity at the time t_o is $16\mathbf{i} + 20\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ m/sec², what is the velocity of the particle 20 sec later? Also give the position of the particle.

(24 marks)