

## PRACTICE PROBLEMS

### PHY 101

Q1. If  $\mathbf{r}_1=2\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2=\mathbf{i}+3\mathbf{j}+2\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_3=-2\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{j}-3\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_4=3\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}+5\mathbf{k}$  then find scalars such that  $\mathbf{r}_4=a\mathbf{r}_1+b\mathbf{r}_2+c\mathbf{r}_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{We require } 3\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}+5\mathbf{k} &= a(2\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{k}) + b(\mathbf{i}+3\mathbf{j}-2\mathbf{k}) + c(-2\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{j}-3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= (2a+b-2c)\mathbf{i} + (-a+3b+c)\mathbf{j} + (a-2b-3c)\mathbf{k}.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  are non-coplanar we have by Problem 15,

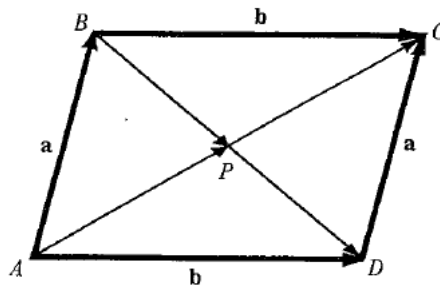
$$2a+b-2c = 3, \quad -a+3b+c = 2, \quad a-2b-3c = 5.$$

Solving,  $a = -2$ ,  $b = 1$ ,  $c = -3$  and  $\mathbf{r}_4 = -2\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2 - 3\mathbf{r}_3$ .

The vector  $\mathbf{r}_4$  is said to be *linearly dependent* on  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{r}_3$ ; in other words  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3$  and  $\mathbf{r}_4$  constitute a *linearly dependent* set of vectors. On the other hand any three (or fewer) of these vectors are *linearly independent*.

In general the vectors  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \dots$  are called linearly dependent if we can find a set of scalars,  $a, b, c, \dots$ , not all zero, so that  $a\mathbf{A} + b\mathbf{B} + c\mathbf{C} + \dots = \mathbf{0}$ , otherwise they are linearly independent.

Q2. Prove that diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other using properties of vectors.



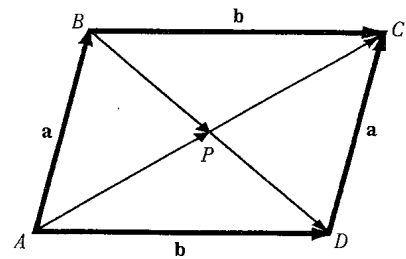
Let  $ABCD$  be the given parallelogram with diagonals intersecting at  $P$ .

Since  $\mathbf{BD} + \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{BD} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ . Then  $\mathbf{BP} = x(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$ .

Since  $\mathbf{AC} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{AP} = y(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ .

But  $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{AP} + \mathbf{PB} = \mathbf{AP} - \mathbf{BP}$ ,  
i.e.  $\mathbf{a} = y(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - x(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) = (x+y)\mathbf{a} + (y-x)\mathbf{b}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are non-collinear we have by Problem 13,  
 $x+y = 1$  and  $y-x = 0$ , i.e.  $x = y = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P$  is the mid-point of both diagonals.



Q3. Q3. Given a scalar field defined by  $\varphi(x, y, z) = 3x^2z - xy^3 + 5$ . Find  $\varphi$  at the points

(a)  $(0,0,0)$ ,  $(1,-2,2)$ ,  $(-1,-2,-3)$

(b) If  $\vec{V}(x, y, z) = \vec{\nabla}\varphi(x, y, z) = \frac{\delta}{\delta x}(\varphi)\hat{i} + \frac{\delta}{\delta y}(\varphi)\hat{j} + \frac{\delta}{\delta z}(\varphi)\hat{k}$ , where  $\frac{\delta}{\delta a}$  is the partial derivative wrt the variable  $a$ , then find the value of  $\vec{V}(x, y, z)$  at the same points given in (a)

$$(a) (0, 0, 0), \quad (b) (1, -2, 2) \quad (c) (-1, -2, -3).$$

$$(a) \phi(0, 0, 0) = 3(0)^2(0) - (0)(0)^3 + 5 = 0 - 0 + 5 = 5$$

$$(b) \phi(1, -2, 2) = 3(1)^2(2) - (1)(-2)^3 + 5 = 6 + 8 + 5 = 19$$

$$(c) \phi(-1, -2, -3) = 3(-1)^2(-3) - (-1)(-2)^3 + 5 = -9 - 8 + 5 = -12$$

$$(b) \vec{\nabla}\phi(x, y, z) = (6xz - y^3)\hat{i} - 3y^2x\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}\phi(0,0,0) = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla}\phi(1, -2, 2) = 4\hat{i} - 12\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}\phi(-1, -2, -3) = 26\hat{i} + 12\hat{j}$$

Q4. Find the angle vector  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  makes with the coordinate axes.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the angles which  $\mathbf{A}$  makes with the positive  $x, y, z$  axes respectively.

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{i} = (A)(1) \cos \alpha = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-6)^2 + (2)^2} \cos \alpha = 7 \cos \alpha$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{i} = (3\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{i} = 3\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 3$$

Then  $\cos \alpha = 3/7 = 0.4286$ , and  $\alpha = 64.6^\circ$  approximately.

Similarly,  $\cos \beta = -6/7$ ,  $\beta = 149^\circ$  and  $\cos \gamma = 2/7$ ,  $\gamma = 73.4^\circ$ .

The cosines of  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are called the *direction cosines* of  $\mathbf{A}$ . (See Prob. 27, Chap. 1).

Q5.

If  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ , find (a)  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ , (b)  $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$ , (c)  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$ .

Find the unit vector in the direction of each vectors in (a),(b)and (c)

If  $\mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ , find (a)  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ , (b)  $\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$ , (c)  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} &= (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 10\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 11\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Another Method.

$$\begin{aligned} (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) &= 2\mathbf{i} \times (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) - 3\mathbf{j} \times (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) - \mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \\ &= 2\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} - 3\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} \\ &= \mathbf{0} + 8\mathbf{k} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{0} + 6\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{0} = 10\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 11\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} &= (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -10\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - 11\mathbf{k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing with (a),  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = -\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A}$ . Note that this is equivalent to the theorem: If two rows of a determinant are interchanged, the determinant changes sign.

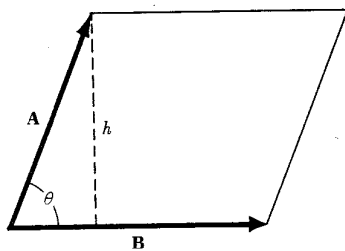
$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} &= (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \\
 \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} &= (2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \\
 \text{Then } (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = -20\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 22\mathbf{k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Another Method.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}) \\
 &= \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0} - \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{0} = -2\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \\
 &= -2(10\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 11\mathbf{k}) = -20\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 22\mathbf{k}, \text{ using (a).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q6. (a) Prove that area of a parallelogram of sides  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is  $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$

(b) Similarly Prove that area of a triangle of sides  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$



(c) Find the area of the triangle having vertices at  $P(1, 3, 2)$ ,  $Q(2, -1, 1)$ ,  $R(-1, 2, 3)$ .

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of parallelogram} &= h |\mathbf{B}| \\
 &= |\mathbf{A}| \sin \theta |\mathbf{B}| \\
 &= |\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the area of the triangle with sides  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  is  $\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}|$ .

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{PQ} &= (2-1)\mathbf{i} + (-1-3)\mathbf{j} + (1-2)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} \\
 \mathbf{PR} &= (-1-1)\mathbf{i} + (2-3)\mathbf{j} + (3-2)\mathbf{k} = -2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{area of triangle} &= \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{PQ} \times \mathbf{PR}| = \frac{1}{2} |(\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \times (-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |-5\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (1)^2 + (-9)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{107}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q7. Use the method of dimensions to obtain the form of the dependance of the lift force per unit wingspan on an aircraft wing of width (in the direction of motion)  $L$ , moving with velocity  $v$  through the air density  $\rho$ , on the parameters  $L$ ,  $v$ ,  $\rho$ .

Let us call the lift per unit wingspan  $\Phi$ , and write

$$\Phi = kL^\alpha v^\beta \rho^\gamma,$$

where  $k$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are dimensionless constants. Since the dimensions of force are  $\text{MLT}^{-2}$ , the dimensions of  $\Phi$  are  $\text{MT}^{-2}$ . Thus

$$\text{MT}^{-2} = L^\alpha L^\beta \text{T}^{-\beta} \text{M}^\gamma L^{-3\gamma}.$$

So by equating the terms in  $M$ ,  $\gamma = 1$ .

By equating the terms in  $T$ ,  $-\beta = -2$  so  $\beta = 2$ .

By equating the terms in  $L$ ,  $\alpha + \beta - 3\gamma = 0$ , therefore  $\alpha = 1$ .

Thus we may write

$$\Phi = kLv^2\rho.$$

Q8. Speed of waves  $v$  on a string depend on its mass  $m$ , length  $l$ , force  $\tau$  by the equation

$$v = m^a l^b \tau^c$$

Find the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  using dimensional analysis. Write down the final form of the equation.

Solution:

Q8) Speed of wave  $v$  on a string  
 $m$ , length  $l$  and tension (Force)  $\tau$  by the eqn  
 $v = m^a l^b \tau^c$   
 Find the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$  using dimensional analysis. Write down the final form of the equation for  $v$ .

[ $v$ ] velocity =  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{[L]}{[T]} = [L][T]^{-1}$

[ $\tau$ ] Force = Mass  $\times$  acceleration  
 $\Rightarrow$   $[L][T]^{-2}$  Force =  $[M][L][T]^{-2}$

[ $l$ ] =  $[L]$   
 $[m] = [M]$

equating both sides of the equation

$$[L][T]^{-1} = [M]^a [L]^b ([M][L][T]^{-2})^c$$

$$= [M]^a [L]^b [M]^c [L]^c [T]^{-2c}$$

$$= [M]^{a+b} [L]^{b+c} [T]^{-2c}$$

Neq of the equations

$$\Rightarrow a+b=0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$b+c=1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$-2c=-1 \Rightarrow c=\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

using (3) in (2)

$$b + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

using (4) and (1)

$$a + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = m^{-1/2} l^{1/2} \tau^{1/2} \Rightarrow \text{Final equation.}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{l \tau}{m}}$$

~~For the circle~~

$x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$

$r = 8 + 8 \cos \theta$

~~$r^2 = (8 + 8 \cos \theta)^2$~~

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 8 \left(1 + \frac{x}{r}\right) \Rightarrow r = \frac{8(r+x)}{r}$$

~~$r^2 = 8(r+x)$~~

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 8(x^2 + y^2 + x)$$

Q9. Convert  $(-1, -1)$  into polar coordinates.

Let us first get  $r$

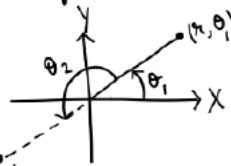
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Now let's get  $\theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{-1}\right) \\ &= \tan^{-1} \tan(\pi/4) = \pi/4\end{aligned}$$

But this value of  $\theta$  is not the correct answer as it belongs to the first quadrant whereas the point in question  $(-1, -1)$  corresponds to the third quadrant.

From adjacent figure, we know  $(r, \theta_1)$  and  $(-r, \theta_2)$  where  $\theta_2 = \theta_1 + \pi$  represent same point in a polar graph.



So, correct value of  $\theta$  will be  $\pi/4 + \pi = \frac{5\pi}{4}$  which lies in third quadrant.

Answer  $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4})$  ✓

Answer: Magnitude of vector A = Magnitude of vector B = 10 units

Angle between vector A and the positive x-axis =  $30^\circ$

Angle between vector B and the positive y-axis =  $45^\circ$

First, let's represent vectors A and B in component form:

Vector A ( $A_x, A_y$ ):

$A_x$  = Magnitude of A \*  $\cos$  (angle with x-axis)

$$A_x = 10 * \cos(30^\circ) = 10 * \sqrt{3}/2 = 5\sqrt{3}$$

$A_y$  = Magnitude of A \*  $\sin$  (angle with x-axis)

$$A_y = 10 * \sin(30^\circ) = 10 * 1/2 = 5$$

So, vector A can be represented as  $A = 5\sqrt{3}i + 5j$

Vector B ( $B_x, B_y$ ):

$B_x$  = Magnitude of B \*  $\cos$  (angle with y-axis)

$$B_x = 10 * \cos(45^\circ) = 10 * 1/\sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$B_y$  = Magnitude of B \*  $\sin$  (angle with y-axis)

$$B_y = 10 * \sin(45^\circ) = 10 * 1/\sqrt{2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

So, vector B can be represented as  $B = 5\sqrt{2}i + 5\sqrt{2}j$

Now, let's calculate the dot product ( $A \cdot B$ ):

$$A \cdot B = (5\sqrt{3}i + 5j) \cdot (5\sqrt{2}i + 5\sqrt{2}j)$$

Using the dot product formula,  $A \cdot B = (A_x * B_x) + (A_y * B_y)$ :

$$A \cdot B = (5\sqrt{3} * 5\sqrt{2}) + (5 * 5\sqrt{2})$$

$$A \cdot B = (25\sqrt{6}) + (25\sqrt{2})$$

$$A \cdot B = 25(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}) \text{ units}$$

Now, let's calculate the cross-product ( $A \times B$ ):

The cross product of two vectors in 2D is always a scalar, and its magnitude can be calculated as:

$$|A \times B| = |A| * |B| * \sin(\theta)$$

Where  $\theta$  is the angle between vectors A and B, which is 90 degrees in this case because they are perpendicular. Also,  $|A| = 10$  and  $|B| = 10$ .

$$|A \times B| = 10 * 10 * \sin(90^\circ) = 100 * 1 = 100 \text{ units}$$

Q.11 A particle sliding along a radial groove in a rotating turntable has polar coordinates at time  $t$  given by  $r = ct$ ,  $\theta = \Omega t$ , where  $c$  and  $\Omega$  are positive constants. Find the velocity and acceleration vectors of the particle at time  $t$  and find the speed of the particle at time  $t$ . Deduce that, for  $t > 0$ , the angle between the velocity and acceleration vectors is always acute.

**If a particle is moving in a plane and has polar coordinates  $r, \theta$  at time  $t$ , then its velocity and acceleration vectors are given by**

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + (r\dot{\theta})\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}},$$
$$\mathbf{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{\mathbf{r}} + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}.$$

In this problem,

$$r = ct, \quad \dot{r} = c, \quad \ddot{r} = 0,$$

and

$$\theta = \Omega t, \quad \dot{\theta} = \Omega, \quad \ddot{\theta} = 0.$$

Using these in the expressions for the velocity and acceleration, we get

$$\mathbf{v} = c\hat{\mathbf{r}} + (ct)\Omega\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = c(\hat{\mathbf{r}} + \Omega t\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$$

and

$$\mathbf{a} = (0 - (ct)\Omega^2)\hat{\mathbf{r}} + (0 + 2c\Omega)\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = c\Omega(-\Omega t\hat{\mathbf{r}} + 2\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}).$$

The *speed* of the particle at time  $t$  is thus given by  $|\mathbf{v}| = c(1 + \Omega^2 t^2)^{1/2}$

To find the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} &= c^2\Omega(-\Omega t + 2\Omega t) = c^2\Omega^2 t \\ &> 0\end{aligned}$$

for  $t > 0$ . Hence, for  $t > 0$ , the angle between  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  is acute. ■

Q.12 A light rope fixed at one end of a wooden clamp on the ground passes over a tree branch and hangs on the other side. It makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the ground. A man weighing (60 kg) wants to climb up the rope. The wooden clamp can come out of the ground if an upward force greater than 360 N is applied to it. Find the maximum acceleration in the upward direction with which the man can climb safely. Neglect friction at the tree branch. Take  $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ .



Ans: Let  $T$  be the tension in the rope.

The upward force on the clamp is  $T \sin 30^\circ = T/2$ .

The maximum tension that will not detach the clamp from the ground is, therefore, given by

$$T/2 = 360 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Or, } T = 720 \text{ N.}$$

If the acceleration of the man in the upward direction is  $a$ , the equation of motion of the man is



T= 600 N= (60 kg) a

The maximum acceleration of the man for safe climbing is, therefore

$$a = (720 \text{ N} - 600 \text{ N})/60\text{kg} = 2\text{m/s}^2$$

Q.13 A cricketer can throw a ball to a maximum horizontal distance of 100 m. How high above the ground can the cricketer throw the same ball?

Ans:

Maximum horizontal distance, R=100m

The cricketer will only be able to throw the ball to the maximum horizontal distance when the angle of projection 45 degree

The maximum horizontal range for a projection velocity v is given by the relation:

$$R_{\max}=u^2/g$$

$$100=u^2/g$$

The ball will achieve the maximum height when it is thrown vertically upward. For such motion, the final velocity v is zero at the maximum height H.

Acceleration, a= -g

Using the third equation of motion:

$$v^2 - u^2 = 2aH$$

$$v^2 - u^2 = -2gH$$

$$u^2 = 2gH$$

$$H = \frac{u^2}{2g}$$

$$H = \frac{100}{2} = 50\text{m}$$

Q14 Consider an automobile moving along a straight horizontal road with a speed  $v_0$ . If the coefficient of static friction between the tires and the road is  $\mu_s$ , what is the shortest distance in which the automobile can be stopped?

Soln:

Q1. If we assume the motion is along the positive  $x$ -direction and the frictional force  $f_s$  is constant, we have uniformly decelerated motion of the automobile of weight  $W$ .

Using final speed  $v = 0$  in  $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2ax$

We obtain  $x = -v_0^2/2a$  .....(1)

where negative sign indicates that  $a$  points in the negative  $x$ -direction.

Applying 2<sup>nd</sup> law of motion to the  $x$ -component of the motion

$$-f_s = ma = (W/g)a$$

That gives  $a = -g(f_s/W)$  .....(2)

From the  $y$ -components we obtain

$$N - W = 0 \rightarrow N = W$$

Hence,  $\mu_s = \frac{f_s}{N} = f_s/W$  and thus from Eq. 2 we found

$$a = -\mu_s g$$

Then from Eq. (1) we can find the distance of stopping which is

$$x = -\frac{v_0^2}{2a} = \frac{v_0^2}{2g\mu_s}$$

Q.15 A small body was launched up an inclined plane set at an angle  $\theta = 15^\circ$  against the horizontal. Find the coefficient of friction if the time of the ascent of the body is  $\beta = 2$  times less than the time of its descent.

Ans:

**Q3. Case 1:** When the body is launched up:

Let  $k$  be the coefficient of friction and  $s$  is the distance traversed along the incline at time  $t_1$ .

Retarding force on the block is

$$mg \sin \alpha + k mg \cos \alpha$$

Hence, the retardation is

$$a_1 = g(\sin \alpha + k \cos \alpha)$$

The kinematic equation along the incline

$$S = \frac{1}{2} a_1 t_1^2 \rightarrow t_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a_1}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

**Case 2:** When the body comes down:

The net force on the body is

$$mg \sin \alpha - k mg \cos \alpha$$

Hence, its acceleration is

$$a_2 = g(\sin \alpha - k \cos \alpha)$$

Let,  $t_2$  is the time required to traverse distance  $s$  along the incline

The kinematic equation along the incline

$$S = \frac{1}{2} a_2 t_2^2 \rightarrow t_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2s}{a_2}} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From Eqs. (1) and (2)

$$\frac{t_1}{t_2} = \sqrt{\frac{a_2}{a_1}} \rightarrow \left(\frac{t_1}{t_2}\right)^2 = \frac{a_2}{a_1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^2 = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{g(\sin \alpha - k \cos \alpha)}{g(\sin \alpha + k \cos \alpha)} = \frac{(\sin \alpha - k \cos \alpha)}{(\sin \alpha + k \cos \alpha)}$$

$$\sin \alpha + k \cos \alpha = \beta^2 \sin \alpha - \beta^2 \cos \alpha$$

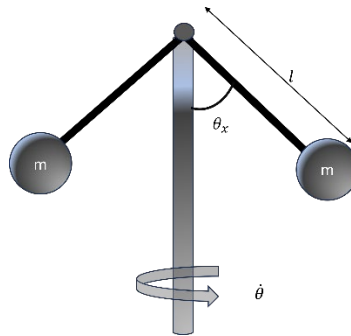
$$(\beta^2 + 1)k \cos \alpha = (\beta^2 - 1) \sin \alpha$$

$$k = \frac{(\beta^2 - 1)}{(\beta^2 + 1)} \tan \alpha$$

Since  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  and  $\beta = 2$

$$k = 0.16$$

Q.16 A device consists of mass of equal magnitude  $m$  tethered to a central shaft as shown in the figure. At a constant rotational speed of the central shaft the masses will be at a constant angle  $\theta_x$  wrt to the central shaft. Considering length of the tethers are  $l$  and acceleration due to gravity  $g$ .



(a) Rate of spinning of the shaft is  $\omega = \dot{\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta_x}}$

(b) If we want to spin it exactly at 60 rpm, what will be the angle  $\theta_x$  if  $m=0.5\text{kg}$  and  $l=1\text{m}$

Solution:

8. A device consist of of two masses of equal magnitude  $m$  tethered to a central shaft. At a constant rotational speed of the central shaft the masses will equilibrate at a constant angle  $\theta_x$  wrt the central shaft. Considering length of the tethers are of length  $l$  find the expression for the rate of spinning of the shaft.

(b) if we want to spin it exactly at 60 rpm, find the angle  $\theta_x$  of the tethers considering  $m=0.5\text{kg}$ ,  $l=1\text{m}$ . (convert rpm into rad/sec)  
 $g=10\text{ m/s}^2$

The handwritten solution includes a free-body diagram of one mass. The forces acting on it are tension  $T$  along the tether, gravity  $mg$  vertically downwards, and a centripetal force  $T \sin \theta_x$  towards the shaft. The angle between the tether and the vertical is  $\theta_x$ , and the angle between the tether and the horizontal is  $90^\circ - \theta_x$ . The radius of the circular path is  $r$ .

The force balance equations are:

$$\sum F_z = mg - T \cos \theta_x = 0$$

$$T = \frac{mg}{\cos \theta_x}$$

For the radial direction, the centripetal force is provided by the horizontal component of tension:

$$\sum F_r = T \sin \theta_x = m a_r$$

Since the mass is moving in a circle with constant radius, the radial acceleration is  $a_r = -r \dot{\theta}^2$ . The final expression for the angular velocity is:

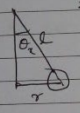
$$\omega = \dot{\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta_x}}$$

T goes opposite to  $\vec{F}_g$  DATE \_\_\_\_\_

$$\Rightarrow -T \sin \theta_2 = m a_r$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{mg \sin \theta_2}{\cos \theta_2} = m \times (-r \dot{\theta}^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow g \tan \theta_2 = -r \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{g \sin \theta_2}{\cos \theta_2} = -l \sin \theta_2 \dot{\theta}^2$$


$$\Rightarrow \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{g}{l \cos \theta_2}$$

$$\frac{x}{l} = \sin \theta_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta_2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = l \sin \theta_2$$

(b) ~~3600 rpm = 3600 rev/min~~  $1 \text{ rpm} = \frac{1 \text{ revolution}}{1 \text{ min (60 sec)}}$

$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ Rev} = 2\pi \text{ rad/sec}$

~~$3600 \text{ rpm} = \frac{3600 \times 2\pi \text{ rad}}{60 \times 60 \text{ sec}}$~~

$\dot{\theta} = 2\pi \text{ rad/sec}$

We need to find  $\theta_2$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta_2}}$$

(b)  $1 \text{ rpm} = \frac{1 \text{ revolution}}{1 \text{ min}}$   $\frac{360^\circ}{2\pi}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ rpm} = \frac{1 \text{ revolution}}{60 \text{ sec}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 \text{ rpm} = \frac{60 \text{ revolution}}{60 \text{ sec}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 \text{ rpm} = 1 \text{ revolution/sec}$$

$$1 \text{ revolution} \cong 2\pi \text{ rad}$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 \text{ rpm} = 2\pi \text{ rad/sec} = \dot{\theta}$$

We need to find  $\theta_2$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi = \sqrt{\frac{g}{l \cos \theta_2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{4\pi^2 l}{g} \right) = \frac{1}{\cos \theta_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta_2 = \frac{g}{4\pi^2 l}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{10}{4\pi^2 \times 1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_2 = 1.314 \text{ rad} \quad [2\pi \text{ rad} = 360^\circ]$$

$$= 75.35^\circ$$

Q.17 Considering the identities:

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{du}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{du} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} \cdot \mathbf{B}, \quad (b) \quad \frac{d}{du}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{du} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} \times \mathbf{B}$$

If  $\mathbf{A} = 5t^2\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j} - t^3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = \sin t\mathbf{i} - \cos t\mathbf{j}$ , find (a)  $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$ , (b)  $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B})$ , (c)  $\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A})$ .

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{B} \\ &= (5t^2\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j} - t^3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\cos t\mathbf{i} + \sin t\mathbf{j}) + (10t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3t^2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\sin t\mathbf{i} - \cos t\mathbf{j}) \\ &= 5t^2 \cos t + t \sin t + 10t \sin t - \cos t = (5t^2 - 1) \cos t + 11t \sin t \end{aligned}$$

Another Method.  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 5t^2 \sin t - t \cos t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) &= \frac{d}{dt}(5t^2 \sin t - t \cos t) = 5t^2 \cos t + 10t \sin t + t \sin t - \cos t \\ &= (5t^2 - 1) \cos t + 11t \sin t \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 5t^2 & t & -t^3 \\ \cos t & \sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 10t & 1 & -3t^2 \\ \sin t & -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [t^3 \sin t \mathbf{i} - t^3 \cos t \mathbf{j} + (5t^2 \sin t - t \cos t) \mathbf{k}] \\ &\quad + [-3t^2 \cos t \mathbf{i} - 3t^2 \sin t \mathbf{j} + (-10t \cos t - \sin t) \mathbf{k}] \\ &= (t^3 \sin t - 3t^2 \cos t) \mathbf{i} - (t^3 \cos t + 3t^2 \sin t) \mathbf{j} + (5t^2 \sin t - \sin t - 11t \cos t) \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Another Method.

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 5t^2 & t & -t^3 \\ \sin t & -\cos t & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -t^3 \cos t \mathbf{i} - t^3 \sin t \mathbf{j} + (-5t^2 \cos t - t \sin t) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (t^3 \sin t - 3t^2 \cos t) \mathbf{i} - (t^3 \cos t + 3t^2 \sin t) \mathbf{j} + (5t^2 \sin t - 11t \cos t - \sin t) \mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A}) &= \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \cdot \mathbf{A} = 2\mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{dt} \\ &= 2(5t^2\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j} - t^3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (10t\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3t^2\mathbf{k}) = 100t^3 + 2t + 6t^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Another Method. } \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = (5t^2)^2 + (t)^2 + (-t^3)^2 = 25t^4 + t^2 + t^6$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{dt}(25t^4 + t^2 + t^6) = 100t^3 + 2t + 6t^5.$$

Q.18 Acceleration of a particle at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 12\cos(2t)\hat{i} + 8\sin(2t)\hat{j} + 16t\hat{k}$$

If  $\vec{v} = 0$  and  $\vec{r} = 0$  at  $t=0$ (initial conditions), calculate the value of  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{r}$  at any time  $t$ .

(hint: compute the constant of integration using the initial conditions given in the problem)

Soln:

The acceleration of a particle at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = 12 \cos 2t \mathbf{i} - 8 \sin 2t \mathbf{j} + 16t \mathbf{k}$$

If the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and displacement  $\mathbf{r}$  are zero at  $t=0$ , find  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  at any time.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Integrating, } \mathbf{v} &= \mathbf{i} \int 12 \cos 2t \, dt + \mathbf{j} \int -8 \sin 2t \, dt + \mathbf{k} \int 16t \, dt \\ &= 6 \sin 2t \mathbf{i} + 4 \cos 2t \mathbf{j} + 8t^2 \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{c}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  when  $t=0$ , we find  $\mathbf{0} = 0\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{c}_1$  and  $\mathbf{c}_1 = -4\mathbf{j}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \mathbf{v} &= 6 \sin 2t \mathbf{i} + (4 \cos 2t - 4) \mathbf{j} + 8t^2 \mathbf{k} \\ \text{so that } \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} &= 6 \sin 2t \mathbf{i} + (4 \cos 2t - 4) \mathbf{j} + 8t^2 \mathbf{k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Integrating, } \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{i} \int 6 \sin 2t \, dt + \mathbf{j} \int (4 \cos 2t - 4) \, dt + \mathbf{k} \int 8t^2 \, dt \\ &= -3 \cos 2t \mathbf{i} + (2 \sin 2t - 4t) \mathbf{j} + \frac{8}{3} t^3 \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{c}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$  when  $t=0$ ,  $\mathbf{0} = -3\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{c}_2$  and  $\mathbf{c}_2 = 3\mathbf{i}$ .

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{r} = (3 - 3 \cos 2t) \mathbf{i} + (2 \sin 2t - 4t) \mathbf{j} + \frac{8}{3} t^3 \mathbf{k}.$$

Q.19 If  $\vec{F} = 3xy\hat{i} - y^2\hat{j}$  evaluate work done  $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  along the curve  $C$  in  $xy$  plane given by the equation  $y = 2x^2$  in the limit  $(0,0)$  to  $(1,2)$

Soln:

Since the integration is performed in the  $xy$  plane ( $z=0$ ), we can take  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_C (3xy\mathbf{i} - y^2\mathbf{j}) \cdot (dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j}) \\ &= \int_C 3xy \, dx - y^2 \, dy\end{aligned}$$

*First Method.* Let  $x=t$  in  $y=2x^2$ . Then the parametric equations of  $C$  are  $x=t, y=2t^2$ . Points  $(0,0)$  and  $(1,2)$  correspond to  $t=0$  and  $t=1$  respectively. Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{t=0}^1 3(t)(2t^2) \, dt - (2t^2)^2 \, d(2t^2) = \int_{t=0}^1 (6t^3 - 16t^5) \, dt = -\frac{7}{6}$$

*Second Method.* Substitute  $y=2x^2$  directly, where  $x$  goes from 0 to 1. Then

$$\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{x=0}^1 3x(2x^2) \, dx - (2x^2)^2 \, d(2x^2) = \int_{x=0}^1 (6x^3 - 16x^5) \, dx = -\frac{7}{6}$$

Note that if the curve were traversed in the opposite sense, i.e. from  $(1,2)$  to  $(0,0)$ , the value of the integral would have been  $7/6$  instead of  $-7/6$ .

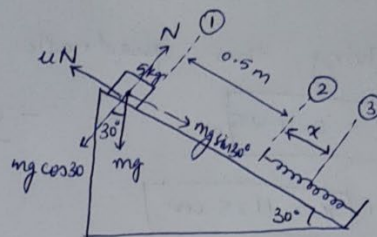
Q.20 A block of mass 5 kg resting on a 30 degree inclined plane is released. The block after travelling a distance of 0.5 m along the inclined plane hits a spring of stiffness 15N/cm. Find the maximum compression of the spring. Assume the coefficient of friction between the block and inclined plane as 0.2.



Solution:

given:  $m = 5 \text{ kg}$ ,  $\mu = 0.2$

$$k = 15 \text{ N/cm} = 15 \frac{\text{N}}{10^{-2} \text{ m}} = 1500 \text{ N/m}$$



\* Apply work-Energy Principle b/w position ① & ②, i.e.

$$W_{12} = T_2 - T_1 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

and for that we need corresponding forces that are acting on the system.

Position 1:  $v_1 = 0$   $T_1 = 0$   
 2:  $v_2 = ?$   $T_2 = ?$   
 3:  $v_3 = 0$   $T_3 = 0$

∴  $N = mg \cos 30 = 5 \times 9.8 \times \cos 30 = 42.48 \text{ N}$

$$f = \mu N = 0.2 \times 42.48 \text{ N} = 8.496 \text{ N}$$

∴ eqn (a) gives us. (if F & displacement are in same dir<sup>n</sup> then + & vice versa.)

$$(+ mg \sin 30) \cdot (0.5) - (\mu N) \cdot 0.5 = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times 9.8 \times \sin 30 \times 0.5 - 8.496 \times 0.5 = \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times v_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 24.53 \times 0.5 - 4.248 = \frac{5}{2} v_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2^2 = 3.2068 \Rightarrow \boxed{v_2 = 1.79 \text{ ms}^{-1}} \quad \text{This is the velocity by which block hits the spring.}$$

Now, we have  $v_2 = 1.79 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  so  $T_2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2$ .

\* Applying work-Energy Principle b/w position ② & ③.

also as the block hits the spring it starts to compress it say after  $x$ -distance we have max. compression.

so the <sup>work done due to</sup> spring force we have will be given as.

$$W_{sp} = \frac{1}{2} k (0^2 - x^2) = -\frac{1500}{2} x^2 = -750 x^2 \text{ J}$$

$$\therefore W_{23} = T_3 - T_2$$

$$+(mg \sin 30) \cdot x - \mu N x - 750 x^2 = 0 - \frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times (1.79)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 24.53 x - 8.496 x - 750 x^2 = -8.01$$

