

UPSC 2020
Mechanics

SuccessClap

(6c) Write Hamiltonian, Find the eqn of motion of a particle of mass m constrained on surface of cylinder by $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$, R is constant. The particle is subject to a force directed towards origin & proportional to distance r of the particle from origin given by $F = -kv$, k is const.

Note:

1) Same question is asked in UPSC 2006.
So solve all PQs from 1992.
Do not stick PQs for 10 years only

2) Checkout Video Soln of UPSC 2006 in
Youtube of SuccessClap.

3) SAME Question is present in Question
Bank of SuccessClap. So practice all
Hamiltonian & Lag problems from
Success Clap Question Bank.

→ Its Cylindrical Coordinate system

$$v^2 = \dot{\rho}^2 + \rho^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2 \quad (\text{Remember Formula})$$

ρ is distance from origin in xy plane

$$\rho = R$$

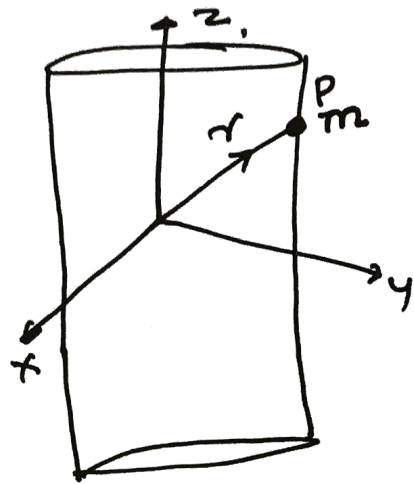
is constant in our problem

$$v^2 = \dot{R}^2 + R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2$$

$$v^2 = R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

$$\dot{R} = 0$$



→ We need V (Potential)

Given $F = -kr$

But $F = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$

$$-\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = -kr$$

$$V = \int kr dr = \frac{kr^2}{2}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} kr^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2)$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

But $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$
const on Cylinder

→ $L = T - V$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2)$$

→ Canonical momenta

$$p_\theta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = mR^2 \dot{\theta} \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{p_\theta}{mR^2}$$

$$p_z = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{z}} = m\dot{z} \Rightarrow \dot{z} = \frac{p_z}{m}$$

→ Hamiltonian = $\sum p_j \dot{q}_j - L$

$$= (p_\theta \dot{\theta} + p_z \dot{z}) - \left[\frac{1}{2} m (R^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{p_\theta^2}{mR^2} + \frac{p_z^2}{m} - \left[\frac{1}{2} m \left(\frac{R^2 p_\theta^2}{m^2 R^4} + \frac{p_z^2}{m^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2) \right]$$

$$H = \frac{p_\theta^2}{2mR^2} + \frac{p_z^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} k (R^2 + z^2)$$

→ Eqs of motion

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\theta} = \frac{p_\theta}{mR^2}$$

$$\dot{p}_\theta = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\dot{z} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_z} = \frac{p_z}{m}$$

$$\dot{p}_z = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = -kz$$

$\dot{p}_\theta = 0$ (Angular momentum conserved)

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \dot{z} = \frac{p_z}{m} \\ \dot{p}_z = -kz \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \ddot{z} = \frac{\dot{p}_z}{m} = -\frac{kz}{m}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{z} + \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)z = 0}$$

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