

$$T = 4W \left(\frac{2a \sin \theta - a}{a} \right)$$

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...(2)

From (1) and (2), we have $2W = 4W (2 \sin \theta - 1)$

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$$4 \sin \theta = 3 \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)$$

Hence, the required angle between AB and BC $= 2\theta = 2 \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)$.

Some Miscellaneous Solved Examples:

Example 12.

A solid hemisphere is supported by a string fixed to a point on its rim and to a point on a smooth vertical wall with which the curved surface is in contact. If θ and ϕ are the inclinations of the string and the plane base of the hemisphere to the vertical,

show that $\tan \phi = \frac{3}{8} + \tan \theta$.

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Solution. Let O be the point of suspension in the wall, AB the base of the hemisphere, C its centre, G its centre of gravity, M the point of contact of the hemisphere and the wall and OA the string. Let l be the length of the string OA and let a be the radius of the hemisphere.

$$\therefore CA = a \text{ and } CG = \frac{3a}{8}$$

Since O is a fixed point, so all the distances will be measured from this point O.

Let d be the depth of G below O

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d &= OM + FG = OL + LM + CG \sin \phi \\ &= l \cos \theta + AC \cos \phi + \frac{3a}{8} \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = l \cos \theta + a \cos \phi + \frac{3a}{8} \sin \phi \quad \dots(1)$$

The normal reaction at M is perpendicular to the wall.

\therefore MC is horizontal

Let the system be given a small virtual displacement such that θ becomes $\theta + \delta\theta$ and ϕ becomes $\phi + \delta\phi$.

W, the weight of the hemisphere will be the only force doing work. The reaction at M does not appear in the equation of virtual work

$$\therefore \text{Equation of virtual work is } W \cdot \delta(d) = 0$$

or

$$\delta(d) = 0 \quad [\because W \neq 0]$$

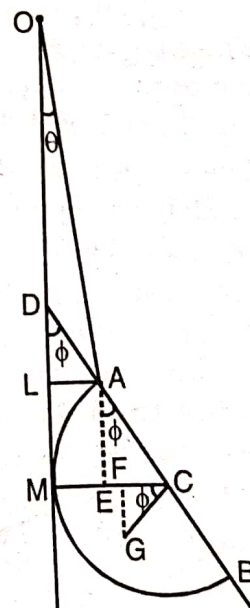


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or
$$\delta \left[l \cos \theta + a \cos \phi + \frac{3a}{8} \sin \phi \right] = 0$$

or
$$-l \sin \theta \cdot \delta \theta - a \sin \phi \delta \phi + \frac{3a}{8} \cos \phi \delta \phi = 0$$

or
$$l \sin \theta \cdot \delta \theta = \left(\frac{3}{8} \cos \phi - \sin \phi \right) \cdot a \delta \phi \quad \dots(2)$$

[$\because EM = AL$]

Again,

$$\begin{aligned} a &= CM = CE + EM = CE + AL \\ &= CA \sin \phi + OA \sin \theta \\ &= a \sin \phi + l \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

or

$$l \sin \theta = a - a \sin \phi$$

Differentiating,
$$l \cos \theta \cdot \delta \theta = -a \cos \phi \delta \phi \quad \dots(3)$$

Dividing (2) by (3), we get
$$\tan \theta = -\frac{3}{8} + \tan \phi$$

Hence

$$\tan \phi = \frac{3}{8} + \tan \theta.$$

Example 2. A particle moves with a central acceleration $\mu \left(r + \frac{a^4}{r^3} \right)$, being projected from an apse at a distance 'a' with a velocity $2a \sqrt{\mu}$.

Prove that it describes the curve $r^2 (2 + \cos \sqrt{3}\theta) = 3a^2$.

Solution. Here, $F = \mu \left(r + \frac{a^4}{r^3} \right) = \mu (u^{-1} + a^4 u^3)$... (1)

where $u = \frac{1}{r}$

Differential equation of central orbit is

$$h^2 \left(u + \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} \right) = \frac{F}{u^2} = \mu \frac{(u^{-1} + a^4 u^3)}{u^2} = \mu (u^{-3} + a^4 u) \quad \dots (2)$$

Multiplying by $2 \frac{du}{d\theta}$, we get

$$h^2 \left[2u \frac{du}{d\theta} + 2 \frac{du}{d\theta} \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} \right] = 2\mu [u^{-3} + a^4 u] \frac{du}{d\theta}$$

Integrating, we get

$$h^2 \left[u^2 + \left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right] = 2\mu \left[-\frac{1}{2} u^{-2} + \frac{a^4 u^2}{2} \right] + c$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} v^2 &= h^2 \left[\left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 + u^2 \right] \\ &= \mu (-u^{-2} + a^4 u^2) + c \end{aligned} \quad \dots (3)$$

Initially, at an apse, $u = \frac{1}{a}$, $\frac{du}{d\theta} = 0$ and $v = 2a \sqrt{\mu}$ [Given]

\therefore From (3), $4a^2 \mu = \frac{h^2}{a^2} = \mu (-a^2 + a^2) + c$

\therefore $h^2 = 4\mu a^4$ and $c = 4\mu a^2$

Putting the values of h^2 and c in (3), we get

$$4\mu a^4 \left[\left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 + u^2 \right] = \mu (-u^{-2} + a^4 u^2) + 4\mu a^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \quad 4a^4 \left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 &= -\frac{1}{u^2} + a^4 u^2 - 4a^4 u^2 + 4a^2 \\ &= \frac{-1 + a^4 u^4 - 4a^4 u^4 + 4a^2 u^2}{u^2} \\ &= \frac{-1 - 3a^4 u^4 + 4a^2 u^2}{u^2} \\ &= \frac{-1 - \left(\sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}{u^2} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}{u^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2a^2 \frac{du}{d\theta} = \pm \frac{\left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}}{u}$$

$$\text{or} \quad - \frac{2\sqrt{3}a^2 u du}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}} = \sqrt{3} d\theta$$

[Taking -ve sign]

$$\text{Put } \sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = t \text{ so that } 2\sqrt{3}a^2 u du = dt$$

$$\therefore - \frac{dt}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 - t^2}} = \sqrt{3} d\theta$$

$$\text{Integrating, } \cos^{-1}(t\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}\theta + A \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\text{Initially, when } u = \frac{1}{a}, \text{ i.e., } t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \theta = 0$$

$$\therefore A = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{ From (4), } \cos^{-1}(t\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}\theta$$

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$$\text{or} \quad t\sqrt{3} = \cos \sqrt{3}\theta$$

$$\text{or} \quad \sqrt{3} \left(\sqrt{3}a^2 u^2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \cos \sqrt{3}\theta$$

$$\text{or} \quad 3a^2 u^2 - 2 = \cos \sqrt{3}\theta$$

$$\text{or} \quad 3a^2 u^2 = 2 + \cos \sqrt{3}\theta$$

$$\text{Hence, } 3a^2 = r^2 [2 + \cos \sqrt{3}\theta]$$

$$\left[\because u = \frac{1}{r} \right]$$

which is the required path.