

A particle moves with a central acceleration which varies inversely as the cube of the distance. If it is projected from an apse at a distance a from the origin with a velocity which is $\sqrt{2}$ times the velocity for a circle of radius a , then find the equation to the path.

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Ans)

Let the central acc. be P .
Let a be the distance.

$$P \propto \frac{1}{a^3}$$

$$P = \frac{\mu}{a^3}, \quad \mu \text{ is a constant of proportionality}$$

Let the velocity of projⁿ be V .

Given that

$$V = V_{\text{circle}} \sqrt{2}$$

where

$$\frac{(V_{\text{circle}})^2}{a} = P$$

$$\frac{(V_{\text{circle}})^2}{a} = \frac{\mu}{a^3}$$

$$V_{\text{circle}} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{a}$$

Now, we know that,

$$\frac{P}{a^2 v^2} = \left(\frac{d^2 v}{da^2} \right) + v$$

$$\frac{P}{v^2} = h^2 \left(\left(\frac{d^2 v}{d\phi^2} \right) + v \right)$$

$$\frac{\mu \cdot v^3}{v^2} = h^2 \left(\frac{d^2 v}{d\phi^2} + v \right) \quad \left(\because v = \frac{1}{v} \right)$$

$$\mu \cdot v = h^2 \left(\frac{d^2 v}{d\phi^2} + v \right)$$

Multiplying by $2 \left(\frac{dv}{d\phi} \right)$ & integrating,

$$2v \cdot \left(\frac{dv}{d\phi} \right) \cdot \mu = h^2 \left(2 \left(\frac{dv}{d\phi} \right) \frac{d^2 v}{d\phi^2} + 2v \frac{dv}{d\phi} \right)$$

$$v^2 = \frac{v^2 \cdot \mu}{+A} = h^2 \left(\left(\frac{dv}{d\phi} \right)^2 + v^2 \right)$$

Now, $v^2 = \mu \cdot v^2 + A$

When $r = \frac{1}{v} = a$, $\frac{dv}{d\phi} = 0$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{a} \cdot \sqrt{2} \right)^2 = \mu \cdot \frac{1}{a^2} + A$$

$$\frac{2\mu}{a^2} = \frac{\mu}{a^2} + A$$

$$A = \frac{\mu}{a^2}$$

Also, $\frac{2\mu}{a^2} = h^2 \left(0 + \frac{1}{a^2} \right)$

$$h^2 = 2\mu$$

Putting these values back,

$$u \cdot v^2 + \frac{u}{a^2} = 2u \left(\left(\frac{dv}{dQ} \right)^2 + v^2 \right)$$

$$v^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} = 2 \left(\frac{dv}{dQ} \right)^2 + 2v^2$$

$$2 \left(\frac{dv}{dQ} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{a^2} - v^2$$

$$2 \left(\frac{dv}{dQ} \right)^2 = \frac{1 - a^2 v^2}{a^2}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{dv}{dQ} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{1 - a^2 v^2}}{a}$$

$$\frac{a\sqrt{2} \cdot dv}{\sqrt{1 - a^2 v^2}} = dQ$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot dv}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - v^2}} = dQ$$

Integrating,

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sin^{-1}(v \cdot a) = Q + B$$

Now, when $r = \frac{1}{a} = a$, $Q = 0$

$$\sqrt{2} \sin^{-1}(1) = B$$

$$B = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$\sqrt{2} \sin^{-1}(v/a) = 0 + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sin^{-1}(av) = \left(\frac{0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$av = \cos\left(\frac{0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

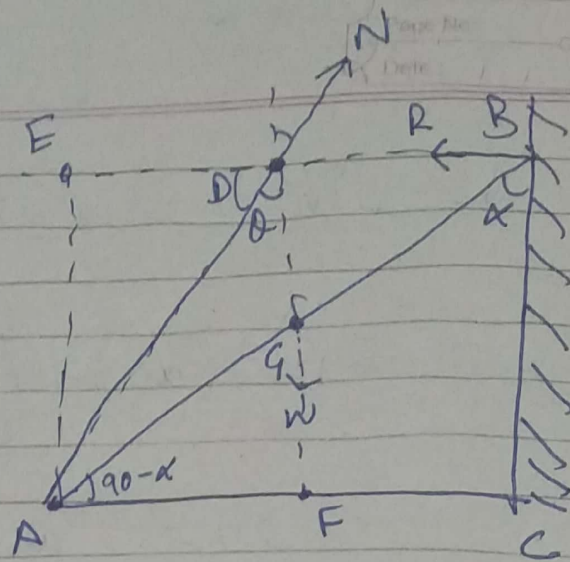
$$v = a \sec\left(\frac{0}{\sqrt{2}}\right) //$$

A uniform rod AB of length $2a$ movable about a hinge at A rests with other end against a smooth vertical wall. If α is the inclination of the rod to the vertical, prove that the magnitude of reaction of the hinge is

$$\frac{1}{2} W \sqrt{4 + \tan^2 \alpha}$$

where W is the weight of the rod.

Ans 2



We have,

AB a rod hinged at A.
G is the com of the rod.

$$AG = GB = a$$

Since, the system is in equilibrium under the action of 3 forces, the forces must be concurrent. They meet at D.

→ W is the weight of the rod downwards

→ N is the reaction at the hinge at A.

→ R is the reaction at the wall at B.

$$\text{Let } \angle ADG = \theta$$

Applying Lami's at D;

$$\frac{R}{\sin(\pi - \theta)} = \frac{W}{\sin(90^\circ + \theta)} = \frac{N}{\sin(90^\circ)}$$

$$\frac{R}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{W}{\cos \alpha} = N$$

$$N = \frac{W}{\cos \alpha} \quad - (1)$$

~~Taking moments around B to eliminate R.~~

In $\triangle ADE$,

$$\tan(90 - \alpha) = \frac{AE}{DE}$$

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{BC}{AF} \quad - (2)$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\cos(90 - \alpha) = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{AC}{2a}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{AC}{2a} \quad - (3)$$

In $\triangle AGF$,

$$\cos(90 - \alpha) = \frac{AF}{AG}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{AF}{a} \quad - (4)$$

from (3) & (4)

$$AF = \frac{AC}{2} \quad - (5)$$

In $\triangle ABC$,

$$\sin(90 - \alpha) = \frac{BC}{AB}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{BC}{2a} \quad - (6)$$

$$\tan(90-\alpha) = \frac{BC}{AC}$$

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$$\cot \alpha \cdot (AC) = BC \quad - (7)$$

Using (5) & (7) in (2)

$$\cot \theta = \frac{(AC) \cot \alpha}{AC} \cdot 2$$

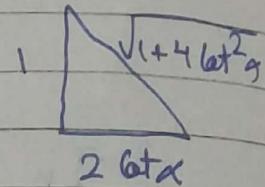
$$\cot \theta = 2 \cot \alpha \quad - (8)$$

Putting (8) in (1)

$$N = \frac{W}{\cot \theta}$$

$$= \frac{W}{2 \cot \alpha} \sqrt{1 + 4 \cot^2 \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{W}{2} \sqrt{4 + \tan^2 \alpha} //$$



Two weights P and Q are suspended from a fixed point O by strings OA , OB and are kept apart by a light rod AB . If the strings OA and OB make angles α and β with the rod AB , show that the angle θ which the rod makes with the vertical is given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{P + Q}{P \cot \alpha - Q \cot \beta}$$

Using (3) & (4) in (2),

$$P(AQ \sin \theta) = Q(AB \sin \theta - AQ \sin \theta)$$

$$P(AQ) = Q(AB) - Q(AQ)$$

$$AB = \frac{AQ(P+Q)}{Q} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Also,

$$AQ + QB = AB$$

$$QB = AB - AQ$$

$$= AQ \left(\frac{P}{Q} \right) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Using (5) & (6) in (1),

$$\frac{AQ(P+Q)}{Q} \cot \theta = AQ \left(\frac{P}{Q} \right) \cot \alpha - AQ \cot \beta$$

$$\frac{(P+Q)}{Q} \cot \theta = \frac{P}{Q} \cot \alpha - \cot \beta$$

$$\frac{(P+Q)}{Q} \cot \theta = \frac{(P \cot \alpha - Q \cot \beta)}{Q}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{P \cot \alpha - Q \cot \beta}{(P+Q)}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{P+Q}{P \cot \alpha - Q \cot \beta} \quad //$$

A square $ABCD$, the length of whose sides is a , is fixed in a vertical plane with two of its sides horizontal. An endless string of length $l (> 4a)$ passes over four pegs at the angles of the board and through a ring of weight W which is hanging vertically. Show that the tension of the string is $\frac{W(l-3a)}{2\sqrt{l^2-6la+8a^2}}$. 20

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ABCD is a square of edge length 'a'.

OABCD is a string of length ℓ passing over the pegs at A, B, C, D.

T is the tension in the string.

W is the weight of a ring at O.

Resolving forces at O,

$$2T \cos \theta = W$$

$$T = \frac{W}{2 \cos \theta} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Consider $\triangle OAE$,

$$OA = \frac{\ell - 3a}{2}$$

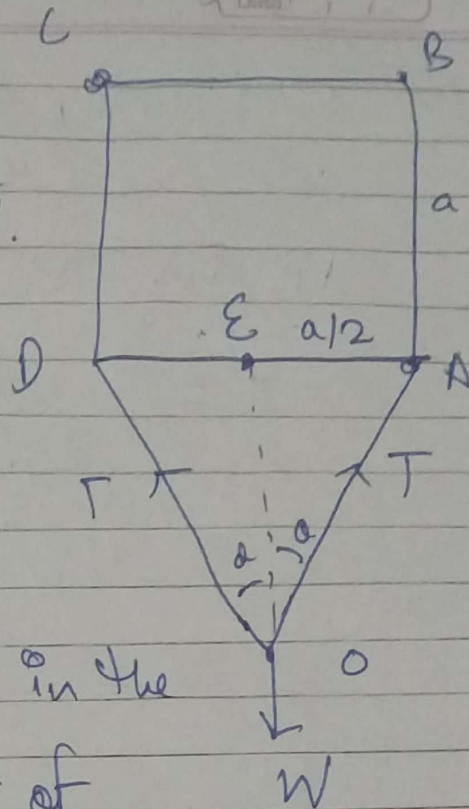
$$AE = a/2$$

$$OE = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\ell - 3a}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{OE}{OA}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\ell^2 + 9a^2 - 6a\ell - a^2}{4}}}{\frac{\ell - 3a}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\ell - 3a}{2}$$



$$= \frac{\sqrt{4^2 + 8a^2 - 6a4}}{4-3a}$$

Putting this in (1),

$$T = \frac{W(4-3a)}{2\sqrt{4^2 + 8a^2 - 6a4}}$$

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A particle moves in a straight line. Its acceleration is directed towards a fixed point O in the line and is always equal to $\mu \left(\frac{a^5}{x^2} \right)^{1/3}$ when it is at a distance x from O . If it starts from rest at a distance a from O , then find the time, the particle will arrive at O .

Ans 6

$$\left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right) = -\mu \left(\frac{a^5}{x^2}\right)^{1/3}$$

(-ve because x is decreasing)

Multiplying by $2\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)$ & integrating

$$2\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right) = -\mu \left(\frac{a^5}{x^2}\right)^{1/3} \cdot 2\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = -\mu \cdot a^{5/3} x^{1/3} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 + A$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = -6\mu a^{5/3} x^{1/3} + A$$

Now, it is given,

at $t=0$,

$$x = a$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = 0$$

$$0 = -6\mu a^2 + A$$

$$A = 6\mu a^2$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 = 6\mu a^2 - 6\mu a^{5/3} x^{1/3}$$

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right) = \pm \sqrt{6\mu a^2 - 6\mu a^{5/3} x^{1/3}}$$

Since x is decreasing,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sqrt{6ua^2 - 6ua^{5/3} \cdot x^{1/3}}$$

$$\frac{dx}{\sqrt{6ua^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^{1/3}}{a^{1/3}}}} = -dt$$

Integration

$$\int_{x=a}^0 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{6ua^2} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{1/3}}} = \int_{t=0}^{t_1} -dt$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6ua^2}} \int_{x=a}^0 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{1/3}}} = -t_1$$

$$\text{Let } \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{1/3} = \sin \theta$$

$$x^{1/6} = a^{1/6} \sin \theta$$

$$dx = 6 \cos \theta \cdot a^{1/6} \cdot x^{5/6} d\theta$$

$$dx = 6a^{1/6} \cos \theta \cdot a^{5/6} \sin^5 \theta d\theta$$

$$dx = 6a \cos \theta \cdot \sin^5 \theta d\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6ua^2}} \int_{\pi/2}^0 \frac{6a \cdot \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta d\theta}{\cos \theta} = -t_1$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{u}} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^5 \theta d\theta = +t_1$$

$$t_1 = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{u}} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8\sqrt{6}}{15\sqrt{u}} //$$