

## Notes for lecture 6

1. Date: May 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Reading: the lecture material is based on Sections 2.7 of Chapter 2 of the main textbook (refer to Chapter2.7.pdf file).
3. The lecture (see LectureNotes5.pdf file) generalizes polar coordinates to 3D space and considers the following coordinates
  - a. Cylindrical coordinates.
    - i. This is a straightforward generalization. The position of a particle is measured by  $r$  and  $\theta$  (as in polar coordinates) together with height  $z$ .
    - ii. Velocity and acceleration vectors can be represented with respect to some moving (changing) coordinate system  $(\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta, \mathbf{e}_z)$ .
  - b. Spherical coordinates.
    - i. The position of a particle is now measured not by  $x, y, z$ , but by the radial distance  $r$  and two angles  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$ .
    - ii. Velocity and acceleration vectors can be represented with respect to some moving (changing) coordinate system  $(\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta, \mathbf{e}_\varphi)$ .
4. Ch2D.swf file in the Resources (same as before) is provided
  - a. When playing the file please do not push Main Menu button, when returning please use Chapter Menu button.
  - b. The content of Ch2D.swf file relevant to this lecture (yellow text corresponding to Coordinate Systems-> Three-dimensional)
5. Additional Internet resources.
  - a. Cylindrical coordinates  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cylindrical\\_coordinate\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cylindrical_coordinate_system)
  - b. Spherical coordinates [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spherical\\_coordinate\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spherical_coordinate_system)
  - c. *Please pay attention to the fact that the notation in the Internet resources can be different from the one we use in this class!*
6. Additional Internet resources (curves). If want to know more about the curves we used in the illustrative examples
  - a. Helix <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helix>
  - b. Conical spiral [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conical\\_spiral](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conical_spiral)
7. Loxodrome [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhumb\\_line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhumb_line)
8. The deadline for submitting assignment (see Quiz6.pdf) is May 26.