

Notes for lecture 5

1. Date: May 12th.
2. Reading: the lecture material is based on Sections 2.6 of Chapter 2 of the main textbook (refer to Chapter2.6.pdf file).
3. The lecture (see LectureNotes5.pdf file and also LectureNotes5_add.pdf for detailed derivation and illustrative examples) communicates the following issues
 - a. Polar coordinates.
 - i. The position of a particle is now measured not with respect to a path along which the particle is traveling (see previous lecture), but with respect to a fixed coordinates systems (frame of reference). However, it is measured not by x and y coordinates, but by curvilinear coordinates r and θ .
 - ii. Velocity and acceleration vectors are represented not with respect to some fixed coordinate system but with respect to some moving (changing) coordinate system ($\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta$). That is the most important point of the class.
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 button corresponding to Coordinate Systems-> Two-dimensional->Polar)
5. To learn more about polar coordinates, you can refer to Wikipedia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polar_coordinate_system#:~:text=In%20mathematics%2C%20the%20polar%20coordinate,angle%20from%20a%20reference%20direction
and (Khan Academy resources)
<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/multivariable-calculus/integrating-multivariable-functions/double-integrals-a/v/polar-coordinates-1?form=MY01SV&OCID=MY01SV>
6. The deadline for submitting assignment (see Quiz5.pdf) is May 19.