

## ASSIGNMENT-07

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Q1. Solutions for the Harmonic Oscillator:

The simplest Harmonic Oscillator we can think of is an oscillating block attached to a spring.



$$F_{\text{spring}} = -kx$$

$$\Rightarrow m\ddot{x} = -kx \Rightarrow m \cdot \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0 \quad (\text{2nd Order ODE})$$

$$\text{Consider } \omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m},$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2x + \omega_0^2x = 0 \quad \left[ D = \frac{d}{dt} ; D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 + \omega_0^2)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D + i\omega_0)(D - i\omega_0)x = 0$$

$$(D + i\omega_0)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Dx = -i\omega_0x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -i\omega_0x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x} = \int -i\omega_0 dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln x = -i\omega_0 t + c$$

$$\Rightarrow x = Ae^{-i\omega_0 t}$$

$$(D - i\omega_0)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = Be^{i\omega_0 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = Ae^{-i\omega_0 t} + Be^{i\omega_0 t} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} e^{i\omega_0 t} = \cos \omega_0 t + i \sin \omega_0 t \\ e^{-i\omega_0 t} = \cos \omega_0 t - i \sin \omega_0 t \end{cases}$$

$$x = (A+B)\cos\omega_0 t - i(A-B)\sin\omega_0 t$$

Real Part :

$$x = x_0 \cos\omega_0 t$$

Generally,

$$\boxed{x = x_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)} \rightarrow \text{Soln of the Harmonic Oscillator.}$$

$x_0$  = Amplitude

$\omega_0$  = Frequency

\* Now, to prove that the total energy of a Harmonic Oscillator is constant,

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 x_0^2 \sin^2 \omega_0 t$$

$$x = x_0 \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$v = \dot{x} = -x_0 \omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t$$

$$PE = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2 \cos^2 \omega_0 t$$

$$v^2 = x_0^2 \omega_0^2 \sin^2(\omega_0 t)$$

$$\because m\omega_0^2 = k; \frac{k}{m} = \omega_0^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E = K + V = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2 (\sin^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_0 t) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{E = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2}$$

Total Energy  
is const.

QED.

Q2. Angular Momentum:  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$

Angular Momentum about A,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{L}_{\text{sys}}(A) &= \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{p}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{p}_2 \\ &= \vec{r} \times \vec{p} + (-\vec{r}) \times (-\vec{p}) \\ &= 2(\vec{r} \times \vec{p})\end{aligned}$$

Angular Momentum about B,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{L}_{\text{sys}}(B) &= \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{p}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{p}_2 \\ &= (-\vec{d}) \times \vec{p} + (-(\vec{d} + 2\vec{r})) \times (-\vec{p}) \\ &= -\vec{d} \times \vec{p} + (\vec{d} + 2\vec{r}) \times \vec{p} \\ &= \cancel{-\vec{d} \times \vec{p}} + \cancel{\vec{d} \times \vec{p}} + 2\vec{r} \times \vec{p} \\ &= 2(\vec{r} \times \vec{p})\end{aligned}$$

Here, we see that angular momentum calculated from points A and B, both turn out to be same, and hence we can conclude that when the linear momentum of a system adds up to zero (0), the angular momentum doesn't depend on the position from where it is calculated.

### Q3. The Parallel Axis Theorem. :-

Consider the moment of inertia of the body around an axis that we choose to lie in the  $z$ -direction. The  $\vec{r}$  vector from the  $z$ -axis to particle ' $j$ ' is,

$$\vec{r}_j = x_j \hat{i} + y_j \hat{j}$$

$$\text{and, } I = \sum_j m_j r_j^2$$

If the Centre of Mass is at  $\vec{R} = X\hat{i} + Y\hat{j} + Z\hat{k}$ , the vector  $\vec{r}_\perp$  from the  $z$ -axis to the Centre of Mass is,

$$\vec{R}_\perp = X\hat{i} + Y\hat{j}$$

If the vector from the axis through the center of mass to particle ' $j$ ' is  $\vec{r}'_j$ , then the moment of inertia around the center of mass is

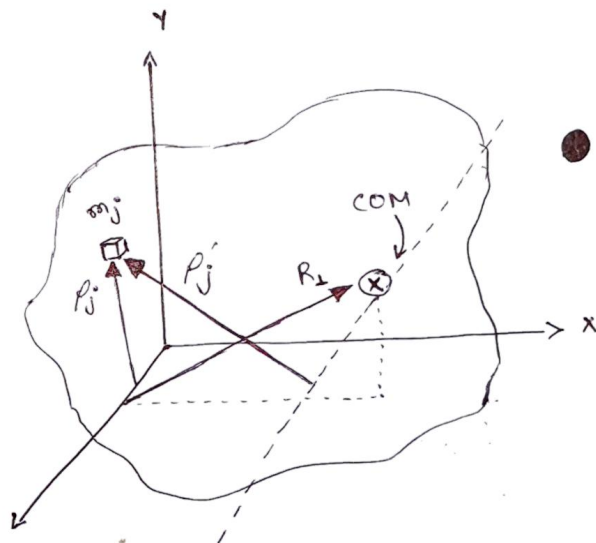
$$I_0 = \sum m_j r_j'^2$$

From the diagram,

$$\vec{r}_j = \vec{r}'_j + \vec{R}_\perp$$

So that,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \sum m_j r_j^2 \\ &= \sum m_j (\vec{r}_j \cdot \vec{r}_j) \\ &= \sum m_j (\vec{r}'_j + \vec{R}_\perp) \cdot (\vec{r}'_j + \vec{R}_\perp) \\ &= \sum m_j (r_j'^2 + 2\vec{r}'_j \cdot \vec{R}_\perp + R_\perp^2) \end{aligned}$$



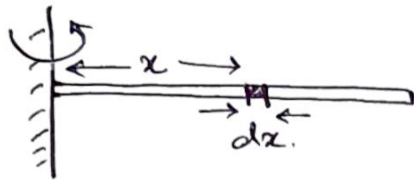
The middle term vanishes by def<sup>n</sup> of the center of mass:

$$\sum m_j \vec{r}'_j = \sum m_j (\vec{r}_j - \vec{R}_\perp) = M(\vec{R}_\perp - \vec{R}_\perp) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

If we designate the magnitude of  $\vec{R}_\perp$  by  $l$ , then,

$$I = I_0 + Ml^2$$

## Verification of Parallel Axis Theorem :-



Let the mass of the rod be ' $m$ ' and its length be ' $l$ '.

$$\frac{dm}{dx} = \lambda = \frac{M}{l}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Moment of Inertia (I)} = \int dm \cdot x^2.$$

$$= \int \lambda dx \cdot x^2.$$

$$= \lambda \int x^2 dx.$$

$$= \frac{M}{l} \int_0^l x^2 dx.$$

$$= \frac{M}{l} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^l$$

$$= \frac{M}{l} \cdot \frac{l^3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{Ml^2}{3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I = \frac{Ml^2}{3}} \rightarrow \text{from the attached end.}$$

Verifying this using Parallel Axis Theorem:

$$I = I_{\text{com}} + Mx^2$$

$$= \frac{Ml^2}{12} + M\left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2.$$

$$= \frac{Ml^2}{12} + \frac{Ml^2}{4}$$

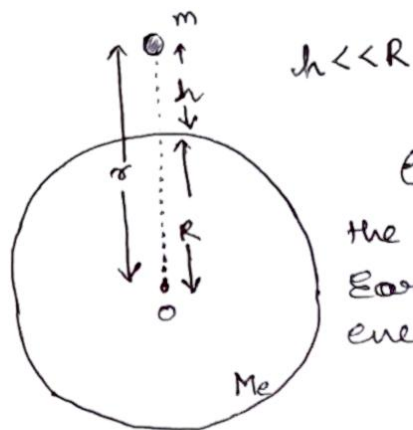
$$= \frac{Ml^2 + 3Ml^2}{12}$$

$$= \frac{4Ml^2}{12}$$

$$= \frac{Ml^2}{3} \quad (\text{which is equal to what we derived analytically}).$$



Q4. Gravitational Potential Energy near the surface of the earth :-



Consider the Earth and mass system, with  $r$ , the distance between the mass  $m$  and the Earth's centre. Then the gravitational potential energy,

$$U = - \frac{GM_e m}{r}$$

Here,  $r = R_e + h$ , where  $R_e$  is the radius of the Earth.  $h$  is the height above the Earth's surface,

$$U = - G \frac{M_e m}{(R_e + h)}$$

If  $h \ll R_e$ , the equation can be modified as,

$$U = - G \frac{M_e m}{R_e (1 + h/R_e)}$$

$$\Rightarrow U = - G \frac{M_e m}{R_e} \left(1 + \frac{h}{R_e}\right)^{-1}$$

By using Binomial Expansion and neglecting the higher order,

$$U = - G \frac{M_e m}{R_e} \left(1 - \frac{h}{R_e}\right) \quad \text{--- } *_1$$

We know that, for a mass  $m$  on the Earth's surface,

$$G \frac{M_e m}{R_e} = mg R_e \quad \text{--- } *_2$$



Substituting  $*$  in  $*$ , we get,

$$U = -mgR_c + mgh$$

It is clear that the first term in the above expression is independent of the height 'h'. For example, if the object is taken from height  $h_1$  to  $h_2$  then the potential energy at  $h_1$  is:

$$U(h_1) = -mgR_c + mgh_1$$

$$U(h_2) = -mgR_c + mgh_2$$

$\therefore$  The potential energy difference between  $h_1$  &  $h_2$  is,

$$U(h_2) - U(h_1) = \Delta U = mg(h_2 - h_1)$$

Q5. The work done by a conservative force along any path from a to b is,

$$\oint_{\vec{r}_a}^{\vec{r}_b} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \text{function of } (\vec{r}_b) - \text{function of } (\vec{r}_a)$$

$$\text{or, } \oint_{\vec{r}_a}^{\vec{r}_b} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = -U(\vec{r}_b) + U(\vec{r}_a)$$

where,  $U(\vec{r})$  is a function, defined by the above expression, known as the potential energy function. For a conservative force, the work-energy theorem  $W_{ba} = K_b - K_a$  becomes,

$$W_{ba} = -U_b + U_a$$

$$= K_b - K_a$$

or, rearranging,

$$K_a + U_a = K_b + U_b$$

The left-hand side of this equation,  $K_a + U_a$ , depends on the speed of the particle and its potential energy at  $\vec{r}_a$ , without reference to  $\vec{r}_b$ . Similarly, the right-hand side depends on the speed and potential energy at  $\vec{r}_b$ , without reference to  $\vec{r}_a$ . Because  $\vec{r}_a$  and  $\vec{r}_b$  are arbitrary and not specially chosen points, this can be true only if each side of the equation equals a constant. Denoting this constant by  $E$ , we have,

$$K_a + U_a = K_b + U_b = E$$

$E$  is called the total mechanical energy of the particle or less precisely, the total energy. In this case, the total energy is conserved.

A peculiar property of energy is that the value of  $E$  is arbitrary; only changes in  $E$  have physical significance. This comes about because the equation

$$U_b - U_a = - \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

defines only the difference in potential energy between  $a$  and  $b$ , and not the potential energy itself. However, since  $E = K + U$ , adding an arbitrary constant to  $U$  increases  $E$  by the same amount. As a corollary, the above equation implies that the work by a conservative force  $\vec{F}$  around a closed path is zero:

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = 0$$

For non-conservative forces :-

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}^c + \vec{F}^{nc}$$

where  $\vec{F}^c$  and  $\vec{F}^{nc}$  are the conservative and the non-conservative forces, respectively. Since the work-energy theorem is true whether or not the forces are conservative, the total work by  $\vec{F}$  as the particle moves from a to b is

$$\begin{aligned} W_{ba}^{\text{total}} &= \int_a^b \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int_a^b \vec{F}^c \cdot d\vec{r} + \int_a^b \vec{F}^{nc} \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= -U_b + U_a + W_{ba}^{nc} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $U$  is the potential energy associated with the conservative force and  $W_{ba}^{nc}$  is the work by the non-conservative force. The work-energy theorem,  ~~$W_{ba}^{nc}$~~   $W_{ba}^{\text{total}} = K_b - K_a$ , now has the form,

$$-U_b + U_a + W_{ba}^{nc} = K_b - K_a$$

or,

$$K_b + U_b - (K_a + U_a) = W_{ba}^{nc}$$

If we define the total mechanical energy by  $E = K + U$ , as before, then,  $E$  is no longer constant, but depends on the state of the system. We have,

$$E_b - E_a = W_{ba}^{nc}$$


This result is a generalisation of the statement of conservation of mechanical energy.

Q6. Time average of a force :  $\vec{F}_{avg} = \frac{\int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}(t) \cdot dt}{t_f - t_i}$

Initial State :  $v_b \downarrow$  (Before bouncing) at  $t_b$

Final State :  $v_a \uparrow$  (After bouncing) at  $t_a$

From Momentum Principle :  $\int \vec{F} \cdot dt = \Delta \vec{p}$

Free Body :   $\Rightarrow \int_{t_b}^{t_a} (N - mg) dt = p_y(t_a) - p_y(t_b)$

For  $N_{avg}$  at a given time interval ( $\therefore$ , assume the time interval is very small)

$$(N_{avg} - mg) \Delta t = p_y(t_a) - p_y(t_b)$$

$$= mv_a - m(-v_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow (N_{avg} - mg) \Delta t = m(v_a + v_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{avg} = \frac{m(v_a + v_b)}{\Delta t} + mg$$

In the question,  $\Delta t$  is given as  $T$ , so the answer becomes,

$$N_{avg} = \frac{m(v_a + v_b)}{T} + mg$$

For very small values of  $\Delta t = T$ , the  $N_{avg}$  is larger.

Q7.  $m r \omega^2 = G \frac{m M}{r^2}$

$$\Rightarrow m r \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2 = G \frac{m M}{r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow T^2 = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{G M} \right) r^3 \quad [T^2 \propto r^3]$$

The above formula works only for ideal circular orbits.  
In the above question, putting in all the values, we get,

$$\Rightarrow T^2 = \left( \frac{4\pi^2}{G m_1} \right) r^3 \Rightarrow r^3 = T^2 \cdot \frac{G m_1}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{sat}}^3 = \frac{T^2 G m_1}{4\pi^2} \Rightarrow r_{\text{sat}} = \left( \frac{T^2}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot G m_1 \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{r_{\text{sat}} = \left( \frac{T}{2\pi} \right)^{2/3} (G m_1)^{1/3}}$$

Q8. Let the neutral point between the planets be situated at a distance  $x=r$  from the origin or,  $x=0$ . For it to remain neutral,

$$\frac{G m_1}{r^2} = \frac{G m_2}{(d-r)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (d-r)^2 = \left( \frac{m_2}{m_1} \right) r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow d^2 + r^2 - 2rd = c r^2, \text{ where } c = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - c r^2 - 2rd + d^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-c) r^2 - 2rd + d^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2d \pm \sqrt{4d^2 - 4(1-c) \cdot d^2}}{2(1-c)}$$



$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2d \pm \sqrt{4d^2 - 4d^2(1-c)}}{2(1-c)}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{2d} \pm \cancel{2d} \sqrt{1-(1-c)}}{\cancel{2}(1-c)}$$

$$= \frac{d \pm d \sqrt{1-1+c}}{(1-c)}$$

$$= d \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{c}}{(1-c)}$$

$$= d \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{c}}{1-c} \right) \text{ or } d \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{c}}{1-c} \right).$$

$$= d \left( \frac{\cancel{1} \sqrt{c}}{(1+\sqrt{c})(1-\sqrt{c})} \right)$$

$$\therefore r = d \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{c}}{1-c} \right) \text{ or } r = d \left( \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{c}} \right)$$

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$$\therefore \boxed{r = d \left( \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{c}} \right)} \leftarrow \text{where, } c = \frac{m_2}{m_1} = \text{constant.}$$

Q9. Derive velocity & accel<sup>n</sup> in polar coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{r}(\theta) &= \cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j} \\ \hat{\theta}(\theta) &= -\sin\theta \hat{i} + \cos\theta \hat{j}\end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned}\hat{r}(\theta) &= \cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j} \\ \hat{\theta}(\theta) &= -\sin\theta \hat{i} + \cos\theta \hat{j}\end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Polar coordinates}$$

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} \rightarrow \text{Cartesian coordinates}$$

Combining the two, we get,

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} = r(\cos\theta \hat{i} + \sin\theta \hat{j})$$

By orthogonality we have,

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r\cos\theta \\ y &= r\sin\theta\end{aligned}$$

as we expect.

Using Newton's notation for time derivatives can help make equations easier to read.

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \dot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(\cos\theta)\hat{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(\sin\theta)\hat{j}$$

$$= -\sin\theta \cdot \dot{\theta}\hat{i} + \cos\theta \cdot \dot{\theta}\hat{j}$$

$$= (-\sin\theta \hat{i} + \cos\theta \hat{j}) \dot{\theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$$



Similarly, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} &= (-\cos\theta\hat{i} - \sin\theta\hat{j})\dot{\theta} \\ &= -\dot{\theta}\hat{r}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Summarising the above results,

$$\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} = -\dot{\theta}\hat{r}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\hat{r}) = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \text{Radial Velocity Comp.} \\ \uparrow \text{A Cross-Radial Component of Velocity} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}) \\ &= \ddot{r}\hat{r} + \dot{r}\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + r\dot{\theta}\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \ddot{r}\hat{r} + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{\theta} - r\dot{\theta}^2\hat{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{r} + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{\theta}}$$

Radial / Centrifugal  
Acceleration.

Tangential Acceleration.  
OR  
CORIOLIS Acceleration.

Case 1: Radial Acceleration. The term  $\ddot{r}\hat{r}$  is the acceleration due to change in radial speed. The second term  $-r\dot{\theta}^2\hat{r}$  is the centripetal acceleration.

Case 2: Tangential Acceleration. The term  $r\ddot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$  is the accel<sup>n</sup> that arises from the changing tangential speed. The next term  $2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$  is the Coriolis accel<sup>n</sup>. It occurs due to Coriolis force which is a fictitious force that appears to act in a rotating coordinate system.

Q.10: Polar Curve :  $r = 2(\cos\theta - \sin\theta)$  — (1)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = r\cos\theta \\ y = r\sin\theta \end{array} \right\} \text{Converting to Cartesian Coordinates}$$

Substituting these in (1), we get,

$$r = \frac{2x}{r} - \frac{2y}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 2x - 2y.$$

$$\text{we know, } r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 = 2x - 2y \quad \text{Since, } r^2 = 2x - 2y.$$

So, eq<sup>n</sup> of circle becomes,

$$(x - (2/2))^2 + (y + (2/2))^2 = \sqrt{\frac{2^2 + 2^2}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 2} \quad \text{which is the eq<sup>n</sup> of a circle with centre at } (1, -1) \text{ and radius} = \sqrt{2} \text{ units.}$$