

VP160 Recitation Class VI

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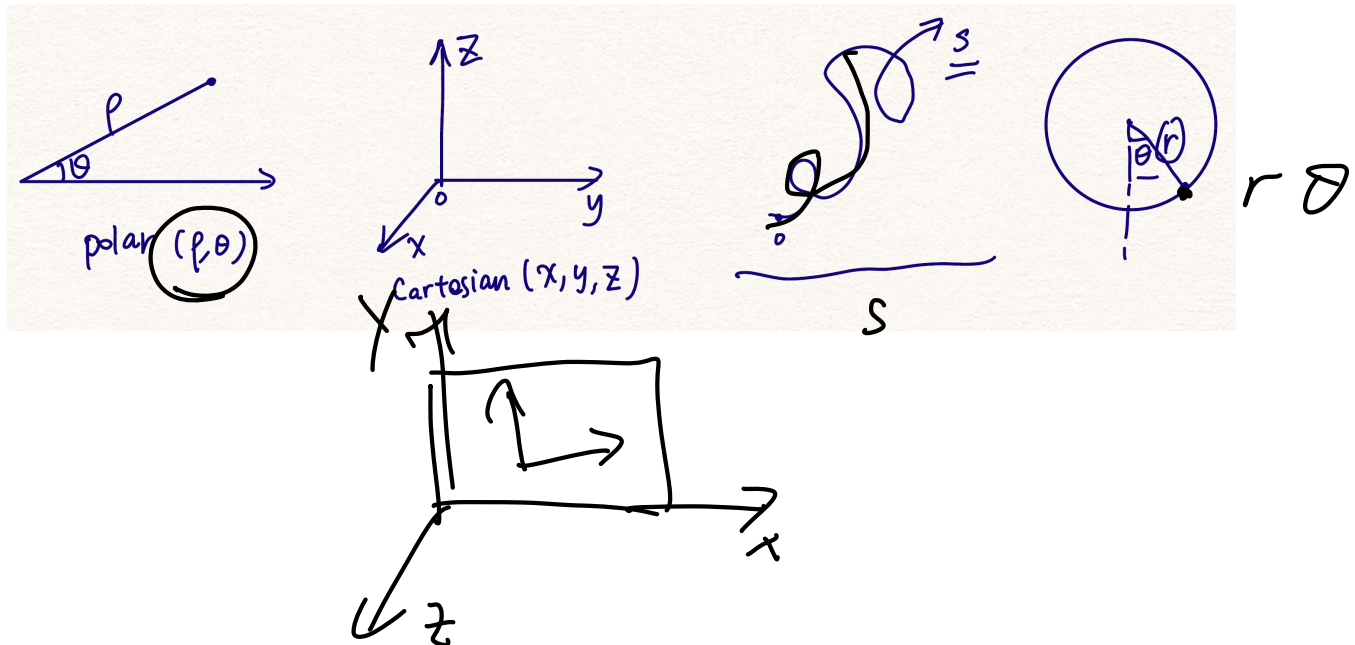
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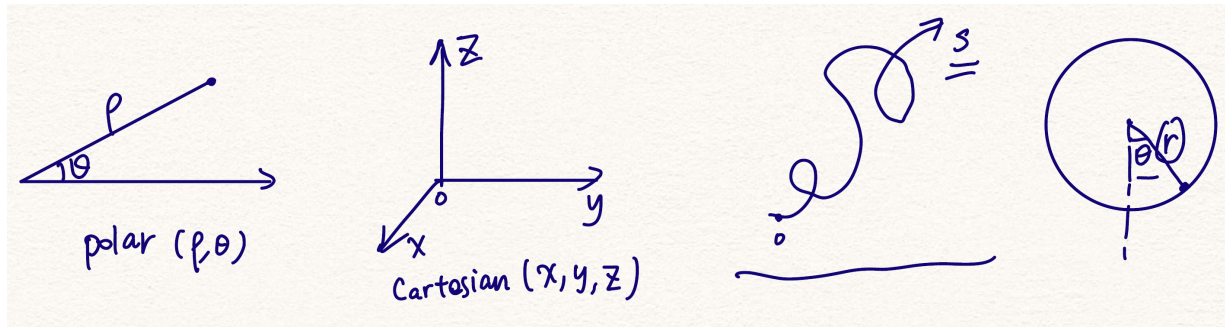
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$$\begin{cases} q_1(t) \\ q_2(t) \\ \dots \\ q_n(t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{q}_1(t) \\ \dot{q}_2(t) \\ \dots \\ \dot{q}_n(t) \end{cases} \quad (\text{generalized velocity})$$

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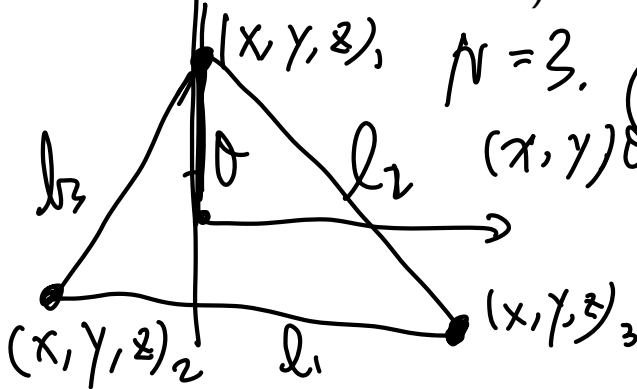
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$$z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = 0$$

$$(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2 = l_1^2$$

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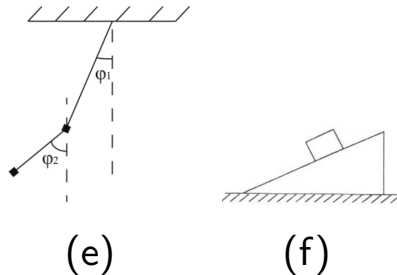
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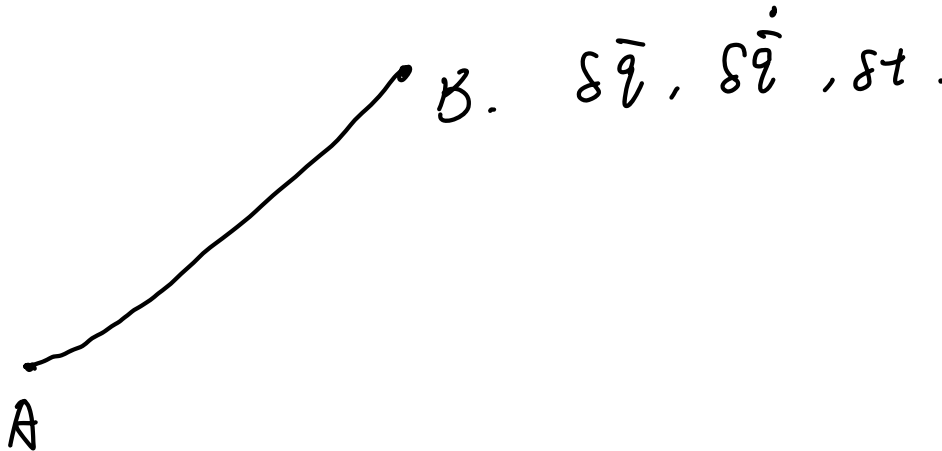
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Learn more about variational and how to derive Hamilton's Principle, visit

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Exercise 2

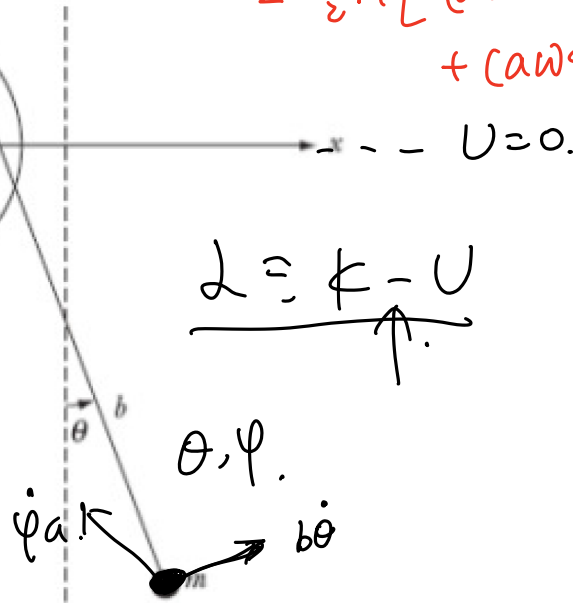
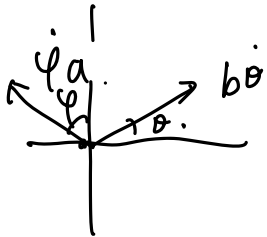
A simple pendulum of length b and mass m moves attached to a massless rim of radius a rotating with constant angular velocity ω . How many degrees of freedom do we have here? Find the Lagrangian.

$$f = 2$$

$$y \neq 0 \quad U \neq 0.$$

$$U(\varphi, \theta) = m g a \sin \omega t + m g (a \sin \omega t - b \cos \theta).$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m \left[(b \dot{\theta} \cos \theta - \dot{\varphi} a \sin \varphi)^2 + (\dot{\varphi} a \cos \varphi + b \dot{\theta} \sin \theta)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\varphi} a)^2.$$

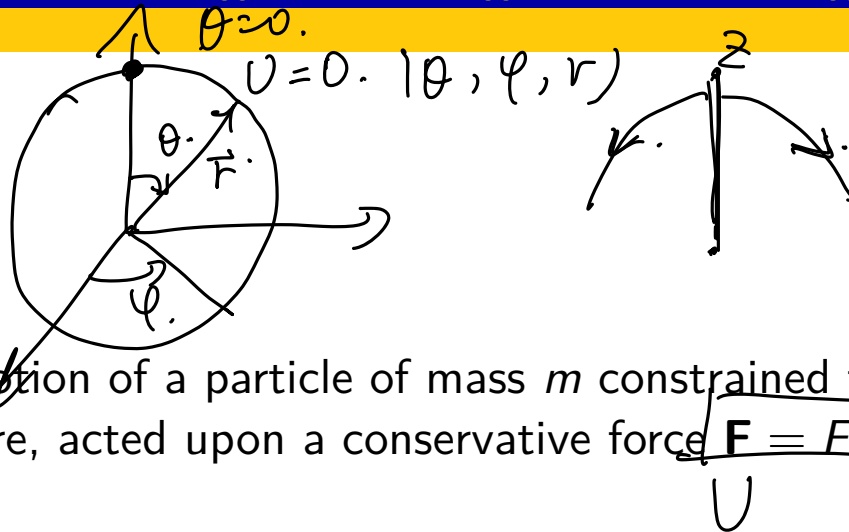


$$\mathcal{L} = (a \sin \omega t - b \cos \theta) m g - \frac{1}{2} m \left[(a \omega \cos \omega t + b \dot{\theta} \sin \theta)^2 + (a \omega \sin \omega t - b \dot{\theta} \cos \theta)^2 \right]$$

$$U = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{L} = K - U$$

$$\theta, \varphi.$$



Exercise 3

Find the equations of motion of a particle of mass m constrained to move on the surface of a sphere, acted upon a conservative force $\vec{\mathbf{F}} \equiv F_0 \hat{n}_\theta$ with F_0 a constant.

Hint. To find the potential energy find the scalar product $\vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{r}}$ for the infinitesimal displacement on the sphere and use the fact that it is equal to $-dU$ (the force is conservative).

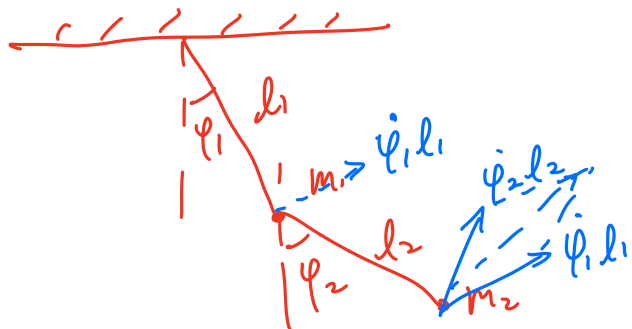
$$-du = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}:$$

$$U = \int_0^u du = - \int_0^\theta F_0 \cdot r d\theta = - F_0 r \theta \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise 4

Double pendulum:

- (1) identify the generalized coordinates;
- (2) find the Lagrangian;
- (3) write down the Euler-Lagrange equations of motion;



$$U = -l_1 \cos \varphi_1 m_1 g - (l_1 \cos \varphi_1 + l_2 \cos \varphi_2) m_2 g$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} m_1 (l_1 \dot{\varphi}_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 [(l_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 \cos \varphi_1 + l_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 \cos \varphi_2)^2 + (l_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 \sin \varphi_1 + l_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 \sin \varphi_2)^2]$$

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$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} \quad m = \text{const}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F = ma & \xrightarrow{\vec{t}} \int F \cdot dt = \int m a dt = m \Delta v \Rightarrow \text{Impulse} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\vec{r}} \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int m \cdot a dr = \int m \cdot \frac{dv}{dr} \frac{dr}{dt} \cdot dr \quad \text{Theorem} \\
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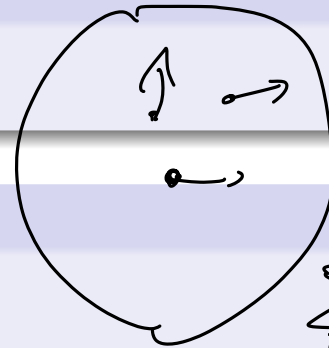
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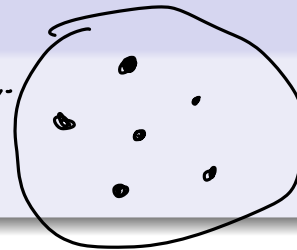
$$\sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i = \text{const}$$

$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sum m_i \vec{r}_c = \sum m_i \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt}$$

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$$M \cdot \vec{v}_c = \vec{p} \quad \vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_1 = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \vec{F}_{\text{ext}} dt$$



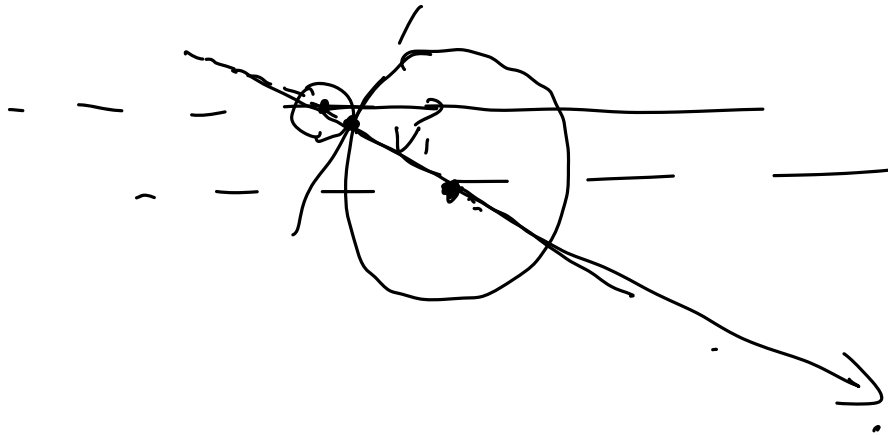
- If $\vec{F}_{\text{ext}} = 0$, for a system, $\Delta\vec{p} = 0 \Leftrightarrow p = \text{Const}$ (Conservation of momentum)

Application of Conservative of Momentum

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$$\vec{p}_{\text{before}} = \vec{p}_{\text{after}}$$

$$\vec{p}_0 = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2$$



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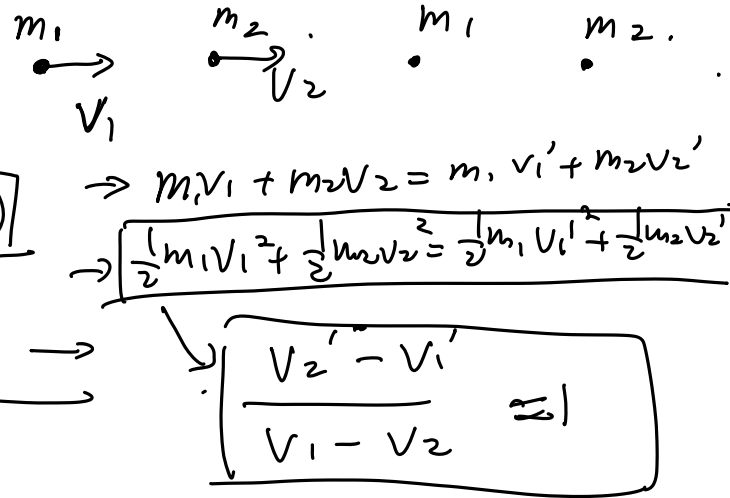
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▶ Completely Inelastic

$$e = 0$$

★ stick to each other

$$\frac{0}{\square - \square} = 0$$

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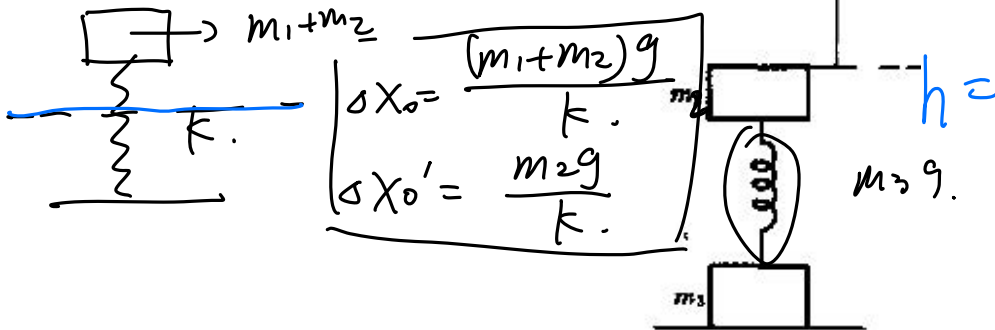
Exercise 5

Assume m_1, m_2, m_3, k is known. Release m_1 , the collision between m_1 and m_2 is completely inelastic. Find h so that m_3 can just leave the ground.

$$v_1 = \sqrt{2hg}$$

$$m_1 v_1 = (m_1 + m_2) v_1'$$

$$v_1' = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \sqrt{2hg}$$



$$A = \sqrt{\frac{2m_1^2g}{m_1+m_2} + \frac{m_1^2g^2}{k^2}}$$

$$A = \Delta X_0 + \frac{m_3g}{k}$$

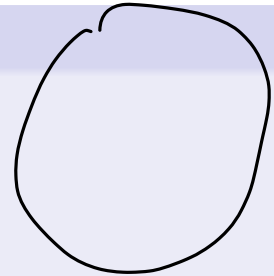
$$h = \frac{(m_1+m_2)[(m_1+m_2+m_3)^2 - m_2^2]}{2km_1^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2)v_1'^2 + \frac{1}{2}k\left(\frac{m_1g}{k}\right)^2$$

Center of Mass

$$\vec{r}_C = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum m_i}$$

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$$\frac{\iiint \rho(x, y, z) \cdot dV}{\int dm}$$

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Pappus Law

First Theorem:

$$4\pi r^2 = 2\pi \cdot \pi r \cdot X$$

$$S = 2\pi(S)X$$

$$X = \frac{2r}{\pi}$$

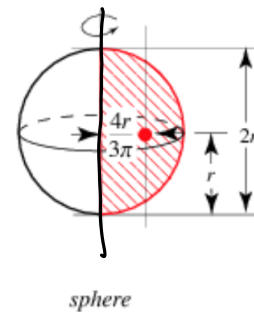
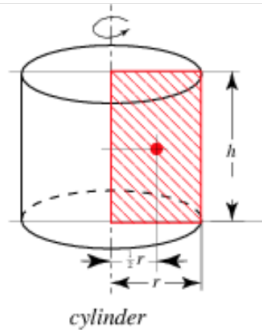
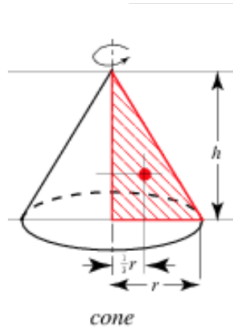
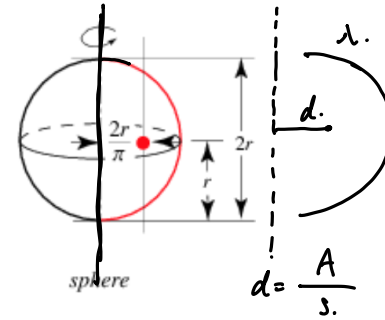
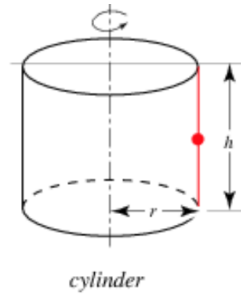
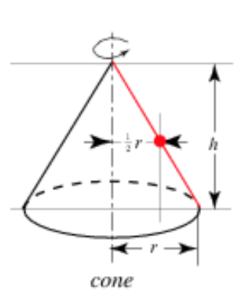
Second Theorem:

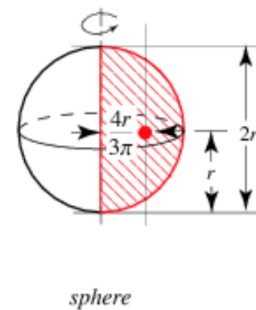
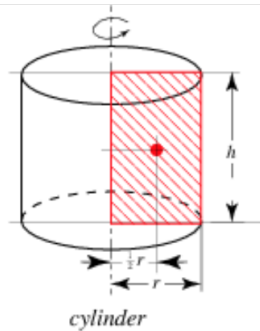
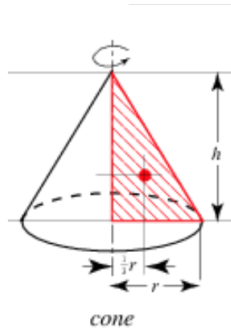
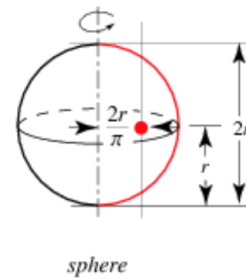
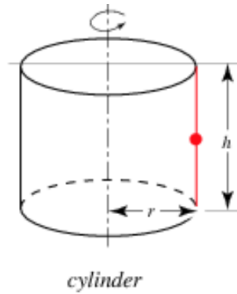
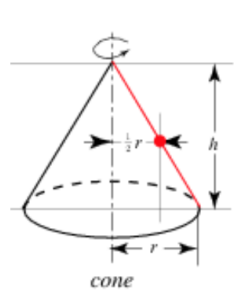
$$V = 2\pi A x$$

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = 2\pi \cdot \pi r^2 \cdot X$$

$$X = \frac{4r}{3\pi}$$

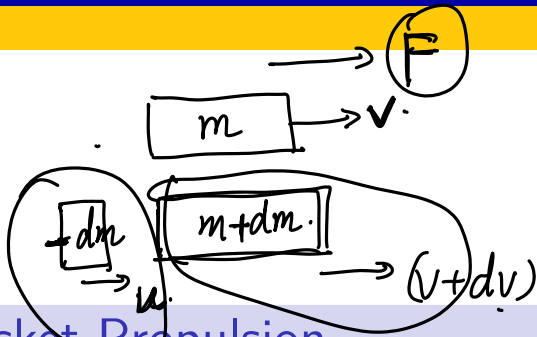
where x is the distance from the reference axis and the center of mass.





● An important fact:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{ext}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{p} = \text{Const} \Leftrightarrow \vec{v}_c = \text{Const}$$



$$Fdt = p_2 - p_1$$

$$dm$$

$$Fdt = (m+dm)(v+dv) - dm \cdot u - mv.$$

Rocket Propulsion

$$mv + Fdt = (m + dm)(v + dv) - udm \quad \leftarrow \textcircled{1}.$$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = (u - v) \frac{dm}{dt} + F$$

Reminder

What FoR are we looking at?

In the ground FoR

Exercise 6

A rope with length l and mass m is placed vertically. At the beginning, the lower end of the rope just touches the ground. Release the rope, find the support force of the ground with respect to x .

Diagram illustrating the rope falling from a height x . The rope has length l and mass m . The diagram shows the rope falling from a height x and hitting the ground. The support force N is shown acting upwards on the rope.

Equations and notes:

- $st.$ (standing)
- $[v \rightarrow 0.] \lambda \cdot v_{ot.}$
- $\lambda(l-x)g$
- $F_{ot} = (\lambda \cdot v_{ot}) \cdot v$
- $F = \lambda v^2 = \lambda (\sqrt{2(l-x)g})^2$
- $F = 2\lambda(l-x)g$
- $N = F + \lambda(l-x)g = 3\lambda(l-x)g$

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