

Question 1

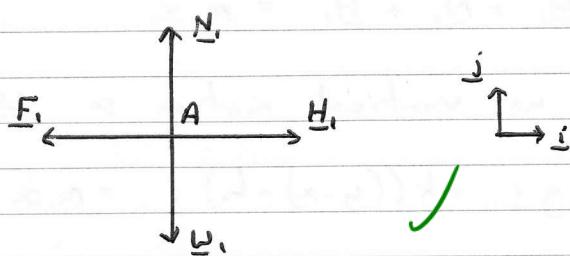
$$\left( \frac{1}{16} \right)$$

- a) The position of the centre of mass of the two particles is

$$\underline{r}_g = \frac{m_1 \underline{x} + m_2 \underline{y}}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{2}{2}$$

$\underline{r}_g$  is a vector

- b) The force diagram for A is



The forces in vector form are

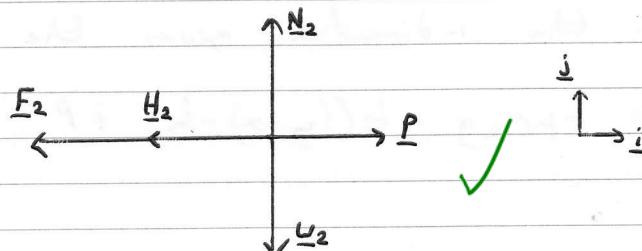
$$\underline{w}_i = -m_i g \underline{j}, \quad \underline{N}_i = -\underline{w}_i = m_i g \underline{j} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{F}_i = -\mu |\underline{N}_i| \underline{i} = -\mu m_i g \underline{i} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\& \quad \underline{H}_i = k((y-x) - L_0) \underline{i} \quad \checkmark$$

The spring force,  $\underline{H}_i$ , is internal, the other three,  $\underline{w}_i$ ,  $\underline{N}_i$  and  $\underline{F}_i$  are external.

The force diagram for B is



Forces in vector form

$$\underline{w}_2 = -m_2 g \underline{i}, \quad \underline{N}_2 = -\underline{w}_2 = m_2 g \underline{i} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{F}_2 = -\mu(N_2 \underline{i}) = -\mu m_2 g \underline{i} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\underline{H}_2 = -k((y-x) - l_0) \underline{i}, \quad k \underline{P} = P \underline{i} \quad \checkmark$$

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The spring force,  $\underline{H}_2$ , is internal ✓ the other 4,  $\underline{W}_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $\underline{F}_2$  and  $\underline{P}$  are external. ✓

c) From Newton's 2nd Law, For particle A then

$$\underline{F}_1 + \underline{U}_1 + \underline{N}_1 + \underline{H}_1 = m_1 \ddot{\underline{x}} \quad \text{vector equation}$$

there is no vertical motion so  $\underline{U}_1 + \underline{N}_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\mu m_1 g \underline{i} + k((y-x) - l_0) \underline{i} = m_1 \ddot{\underline{x}} \underline{i}$$

Resolving for the  $i$ -direction gives the equation of motion for particle A

$$m_1 \ddot{x} = k((y-x) - l_0) - \mu m_1 g$$

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Similarly for particle B

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$$\underline{F}_2 + \underline{U}_2 + \underline{N}_2 + \underline{H}_2 + \underline{P} = m_2 \ddot{\underline{y}}$$

As before, there is no movement vertically so

$$\underline{U}_2 + \underline{N}_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\mu m_2 g \underline{i} - k((y-x) - l_0) \underline{i} + P \underline{i} = m_2 \ddot{\underline{y}} \underline{i}$$

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Resolving for the  $i$ -direction gives the equation of motion

$$m_2 \ddot{y} = -\mu m_2 g - k((y-x) - l_0) + P$$

Question 1 (cont)

d) Using equation (10) of unit 19, the equation of motion of the centre of mass is

$$\underline{F}^{\text{ext}} = M \ddot{\underline{r}}_c$$

From part (a), the centre of mass is

$$\underline{r}_c = \frac{m_1 \underline{x} + m_2 \underline{y}}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Differentiating twice gives us

$$\ddot{\underline{r}}_c = \frac{m_1 \ddot{\underline{x}} + m_2 \ddot{\underline{y}}}{m_1 + m_2}$$

From part (c) we know that

$$m_1 \ddot{\underline{x}} = -\mu m_1 g + k((\underline{y} - \underline{x}) - \underline{b}_0)$$

and  $m_2 \ddot{\underline{y}} = -\mu m_2 g - k((\underline{y} - \underline{x}) - \underline{b}_0) + P$

so  $m_1 \ddot{\underline{x}} + m_2 \ddot{\underline{y}} = -\mu(m_1 + m_2)g + P$

hence the equation of motion of the centre of mass is

$$M \ddot{\underline{r}}_c = (-\mu(m_1 + m_2)g + P) \underline{i}$$

To verify that this is equivalent to treating the system as a particle of mass  $m_1 + m_2$  subject to only external forces. Then the external forces are

$$\underline{F}_1 + \underline{F}_2 \approx P$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underline{F}^{\text{ext}} &= -\mu m_1 g + \mu m_2 g + P \\ &= -\mu(m_1 + m_2)g + P \end{aligned}$$

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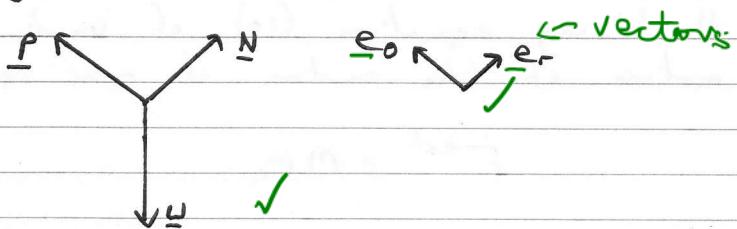
hence they are equivalent.

Question 2

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a) The force diagram is

what are  $\underline{P}$   $\underline{N}$   $\underline{U}$  worth saying.



b) In terms of the unit vectors they are

$$\underline{P} = P e_\theta \quad \checkmark, \quad \underline{N} = |N| e_r \quad \checkmark$$

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$$k \quad \underline{U} = -mg \cos \theta e_\theta - mg \sin \theta e_r \quad \checkmark$$

c) Using Newton's 2nd Law then

vectors

$$m \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{P} + \underline{N} + \underline{U}$$

From equation (21) of unit 20

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = -R \dot{\theta}^2 e_r + R \ddot{\theta} e_\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow -mR \dot{\theta}^2 e_r + mR \ddot{\theta} e_\theta = -mg \cos \theta e_\theta - mg \sin \theta e_r + |N| e_r + Pe_\theta$$

Resolving radially, i.e.  $e_r$  gives

$$-mR \dot{\theta}^2 = |N| - mg \sin \theta \quad \checkmark$$

Resolving tangentially gives

$$mR \ddot{\theta} = P - mg \cos \theta \quad \checkmark$$

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hence as required

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{P - mg \cos \theta}{mR} \quad \checkmark$$

Question 2 (cont)

d) From part (c)

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{P - mg \cos \theta}{mR} = f(\theta)$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{\theta}^2) = \frac{d(\dot{\theta}^2)}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 2\dot{\theta}\ddot{\theta} = 2\dot{\theta}f(\theta)$$

$$\text{So } \dot{\theta}^2 = 2 \int f(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \int \frac{P - mg \cos \theta}{mR} d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2P\theta - 2mg \sin \theta}{mR}$$

Now from part (c) we know that

$$-mR\dot{\theta}^2 = |N| - mg \sin \theta$$

Substituting gives

$$-mR \left[ \frac{2P\theta - 2mg \sin \theta}{mR} \right] = |N| - mg \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2mg \sin \theta - 2P\theta = |N| - mg \sin \theta$$

hence the magnitude of the normal reaction is

$$|N| = 3mg \sin \theta - 2P\theta$$

e) Initially  $\theta = 0$ . If  $P = \frac{1}{2}mg$  then  $|N| > P$ , so the particle would fall vertically down. hence leaving the cylinder at  $\theta = 0$  Why?

- (e) The particle leaves the surface of the cylinder when the normal reaction is zero. With the given force  $P$  we have  $|N| = mg(3 \sin \theta - \theta)$ , so this is zero when  $3 \sin \theta - \theta = 0$ . To find which root of this equation is appropriate we look at the sign of the acceleration. Using the result from part (c) we have

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mg - mg \cos \theta}{mR} = \frac{g}{R} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \cos \theta \right).$$

As  $\theta = 0$  when  $t = 0$ , the initial acceleration is negative and so the particle moves clockwise.

The solution  $\theta = 0$  of the equation  $3 \sin \theta - \theta = 0$  is the appropriate solution of the equation, and hence the particle leaves the surface when  $\theta = 0^\circ$ , to the nearest degree.

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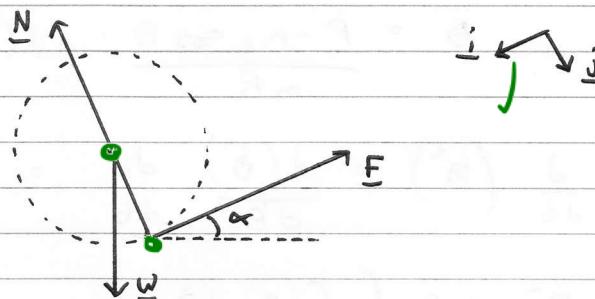
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Question 3

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a) The Force diagram for the sphere is

You were asked to show the point of action. i.e for  $\underline{F}$  and  $\underline{N}$  the point of contact between sphere and surface for  $\underline{w}$  centre.



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b) Applying Newton's second law then

$$m \ddot{x}_i = \underline{w} + \underline{N} + \underline{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_g (\sin \alpha \underline{i} + \cos \alpha \underline{j}) - |\underline{N}| \underline{j} - |\underline{F}| \underline{i}$$

resolving for the  $i$ -direction gives

$$m \ddot{x}_i = m_g \sin \alpha - |\underline{F}| \quad \checkmark$$

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so the linear acceleration is

$$\ddot{x} = g \sin \alpha - \frac{|\underline{F}|}{m}$$

c) From the force diagram in part (a) we can see that both the weight,  $\underline{w}$  and the normal force,  $\underline{N}$ , cut through the centre of the sphere so the torque for these two forces is zero

However, the torque for the friction force is

$$\Gamma = (R \underline{j}) \times (-\underline{F}_i) = R |\underline{F}| k \quad \checkmark$$

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Question 3 (cont)

d) Note that as the sphere rotates anti-clockwise than the distance travelled,  $x$  is

$$x = R\theta \quad /$$

differentiating twice gives ✓

$$\ddot{x} = R\ddot{\theta}$$

Now from table 1 in unit 21 the moment of inertia for a homogeneous solid sphere is

$$I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2 \quad /$$

and from part (c) we know that

$$\Gamma_{\text{rel}} = R|\underline{F}|k$$

so  $\Gamma_{\text{axis}} = R|\underline{F}| \quad /$

From the equation of relative rotational motion we know

$$\Gamma_{\text{axis}} = I\ddot{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow R|\underline{F}| = \frac{2}{5}MR^2\ddot{\theta} \quad /$$

$$\text{but } \ddot{\theta} = \frac{\ddot{x}}{R}$$

$$\text{so, } R|\underline{F}| = \frac{2}{5}MR\ddot{x} \quad /$$

$$\text{therefore } |\underline{F}| = \frac{2}{5}M\ddot{x} \quad /$$

Now from part (b) we know

$$M\ddot{x} = Mg \sin \alpha - |\underline{F}|$$

$$\Rightarrow M\ddot{x} = Mg \sin \alpha - \frac{2}{5}M\ddot{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{5}\ddot{x} = g \sin \alpha \quad /$$

hence as required the acceleration of the sphere is

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{5}{7} g \sin \alpha$$

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e) From unit 3 we have the equation

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

where  $x_0 = v_0 = 0$ , and  $x = L$ , and  $a = \ddot{x}$

which rearranged

$$\Rightarrow t^2 = \frac{2L}{\ddot{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2L}{\frac{5}{7} \sin \alpha}$$

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hence the time it would take the sphere roll the distance  $L$  is

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{14L}{5g \sin \alpha}}$$

#### Question 4

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{-y}}{x^2}$$

a) The differential equation is of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) h(y)$$

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so we can use the method of separation of variables

Question 4 (cont)

$$\Rightarrow e^y dy = x^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int e^y dy = \int x^2 dx \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow e^y = -x^{-1} + C \quad \checkmark$$

taking the log of both sides gives the <sup>general</sup> solution explicitly

$$y = \ln\left(C - \frac{1}{x}\right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{Cx-1}{x}\right) \quad \checkmark$$

b) Given  $y(1) = 0$ , then substituting gives

$$0 = \ln(C-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

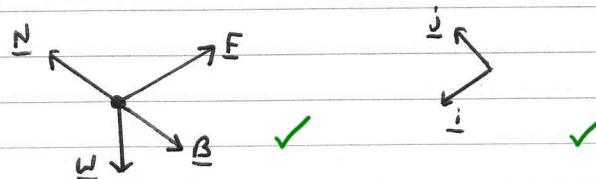
hence the particular solution is

$$y = \left(\frac{2x-1}{x}\right) \quad \checkmark$$

Question 5

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a) The Force diagram is



$$N = |N| j$$

$$\text{Now } N = mg j \quad \times \quad F = -M|N|i \quad \times \quad B = -B j \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } w = mg (\sin \alpha i - \cos \alpha j) \quad \checkmark$$

b) From Newton's second law

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x}_i &= N + \underline{w} + \underline{B} + \underline{F} \quad \checkmark \\ \Rightarrow m\ddot{x}_i &= |\underline{N}| \underline{j} + mg(\sin \alpha \underline{i} - \cos \alpha \underline{j}) - \underline{B} \underline{j} - \mu |\underline{N}| \underline{i} \\ &\quad + mg(\sin \alpha \underline{i} - \cos \alpha \underline{j}) - \mu mg \underline{i} - \underline{B} \underline{j} \end{aligned}$$

resolving for the  $i$ -direction then

$$m\ddot{x}_i = mg \sin \alpha \underline{i} - \mu |\underline{N}| \quad (1)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_i = mg \sin \alpha - \mu mg \underline{x}$$

hence the acceleration is positive in  $\underline{j}$

$$\ddot{x} = g \sin \alpha - \mu g \quad 0 = -mg \omega \sin \alpha + |\underline{N}| - B$$

$$|\underline{N}| = mg \sin \alpha + B$$

Substitute this into (1) ..

Question 6

$$\ddot{x} = g \sin \alpha - \mu g \omega \alpha + \frac{B}{m}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & -5 & -3 \\ 4 & -7 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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a) Given  $\underline{v}^* = (-1, 1, 1)^T$  we need to find  $\lambda$  where

$$A \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} -8 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & -5 & -3 \\ 4 & -7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ -12 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = -12$ , hence the corresponding eigenvalue is  $\lambda = -12$

b) Given that one eigenvalues is  $-4$  then to find the corresponding eigenvector is need to solve

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

Question 6 (cont)

$$\lambda = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 7 & -3 \\ 4 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & -7 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4a + 7b - 3c = 0 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$4a - b - 3c = 0 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

$$4a - 7b + 3c = 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{---(3)}$$

$$(2) + (3) \Rightarrow 8a - 8b = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow b = c \quad \checkmark$$

hence a corresponding eigenvector is  $(1, 1, 1)^T \checkmark$

Question 7

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$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 2xy^2 - 6xy + 5x + 2$$

a) For  $(1, 3)$  to be a stationary point we need to verify

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4x + y^2 - 6y + 5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xy - 6x \quad \checkmark$$

substituting gives

$$\frac{\partial f(1, 3)}{\partial x} = 4 + 9 - (6 \times 3) + 5 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f(1, 3)}{\partial y} = 2(1 \times 3) - 6 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

hence  $(1, 3)$  is a stationary point of  $f$ . ✓

b) To classify the stationary point then let

$$A = F_{xx} = 4, \quad B = F_{xy} = 2y - c$$

$$C = F_{yy} = 2 \quad ✓$$

$$\text{then as } AC - B^2 = 4 \times 2 - (2 \times 3 - c) > 0$$

so  $(1, 3)$  is a local maximum

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### Question 8

a) From equation (25) of unit 9, the total mechanical energy is

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + U(x)$$

where  $U(x)$  is the potential energy of the sum of spring energy and the gravitational potential energy.

$$\text{These are } U(x) = -mgx + \frac{1}{2}k(x-1)^2$$

which are 9 and 10 in the handbook page 67

hence the total mechanical energy for the system is

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}k(x-1)^2 - mgx$$

b) If  $x=2m$  then  $v=1\text{ms}^{-1}$  the total mechanical energy of the system is

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 1^2 + \frac{1}{2} \times 4(2-1)^2 - 2 \times 10 \times 2$$

$$= 1 + 2 - 40$$

Question 8 (cont)

$$\text{so } E = -37$$

Using the law of conservation of mechanical energy then  $E$  is constant.

So at the springs natural length,  $x=1$

$$\Rightarrow -37 = v^2 + 0 - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = -17$$

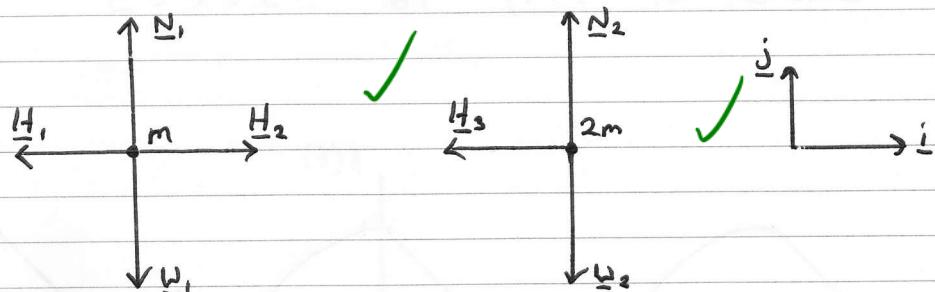
hence the value of  $v$  is not real, implying the system never reaches  $x=1$ .

Therefore the spring is never compressed during the motion.

Question 9

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a) The force diagrams are



remember  $\Delta H$  when we move from equilibrium position

b) Applying Newton's second law of motion then

$$m \ddot{r}_1 = \Delta H_1 + \Delta H_2 + N_1 + W_1 \quad \left. \right\} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } 2m \ddot{r}_2 = \Delta H_3 + N_2 + W_2$$

where  $r_1 = x_i$  and  $r_2 = y_i$

Using Hooke's law then

$$H_1 = 2k((l_0 + x_i) - l_0) \hat{s} = -2kx_i$$

$$\leftarrow H_2 = k((l_0 + y_i) - l_0) \hat{s} = k(y_i - x_i)$$

$$\leftarrow H_3 = -H_2 = -k(y_i - x_i)$$

Substituting these into ① gives us the equations of motion for each particle

$$m\ddot{x}_i = -3kx_i + k(y_i - x_i)$$

$$2m\ddot{y}_i = -k(y_i - x_i)$$

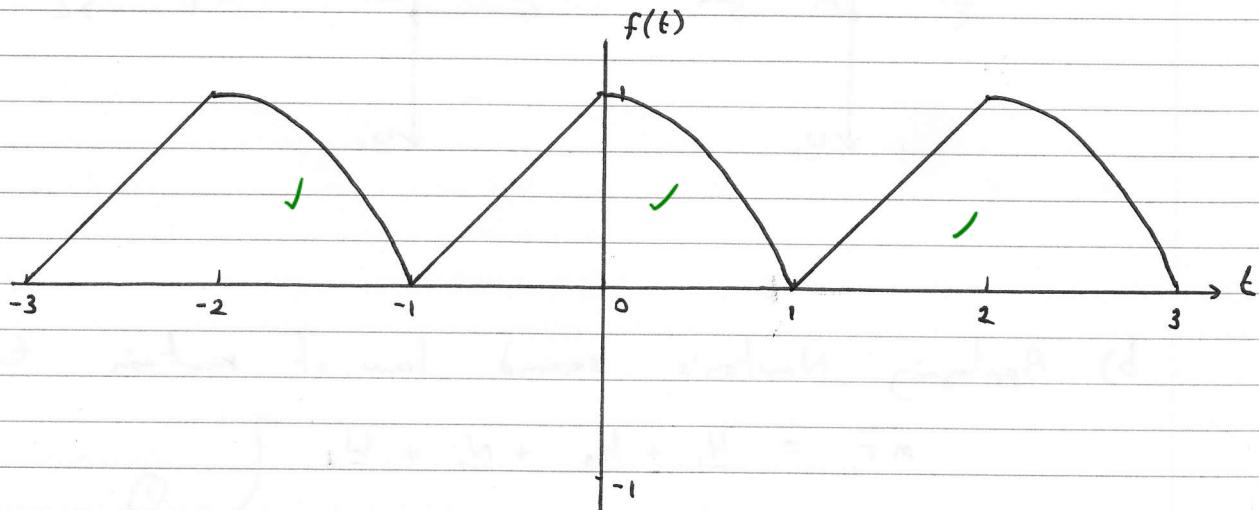
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### Question 10

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t+1 & -1 < t \leq 0 \\ -t^2+1 & 0 < t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(t+2) = f(t)$$

a) Sketch of  $f(t)$  for  $-3 \leq t \leq 3$



Question 10 (cont)

As  $f(-t) \neq f(t)$  or  $f(-t) \neq -f(t)$  then the function is neither odd or even.

b) From page 80 of the handbook

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} f(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, } A_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^0 t+1 dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 -t^2+1 dt \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ \frac{1}{2}t^2 + t \right]_0^1 + \left[ -\frac{t^3}{3} + t \right]_0^1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 0 - \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) + \left( -\frac{1}{3} + 1 \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

hence  $A_0 = \frac{7}{12}$

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Question 11

$$\underline{v}(r, \theta, \phi) = 3r^2 \sin \theta \cos \phi \underline{e}_r + r^2 \cos \phi \cos \theta \underline{e}_\theta - r^2 \sin \phi \underline{e}_\phi$$

From page 87 of the handbook the curl of a vector field in spherical coordinates is

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \underline{F} &= \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial F_\theta} - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\cot \theta}{r} F_\theta \right) \underline{e}_r \\ &+ \left( -\frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{r} F_\phi \right) \underline{e}_\theta \\ &+ \left( \frac{\partial F_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} F_\theta \right) \underline{e}_\phi \quad -① \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \underline{V}_r = 3r^2 \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$\underline{V}_\theta = r^2 \cos \phi \cos \theta$$

$$\text{and } \underline{V}_\phi = -r^2 \sin \phi \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial \underline{V}_\phi}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{V}_\theta}{\partial \phi} = -r^2 \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}_\phi}{\partial r} = -2r \sin \phi \quad \checkmark, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{V}_r}{\partial \phi} = -3r^2 \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{& } \frac{\partial \underline{V}_\theta}{\partial r} = 2r \cos \phi \cos \theta \quad \checkmark, \quad \frac{\partial \underline{V}_r}{\partial \theta} = 3r^2 \cos \theta \cos \phi$$

Substituting into ① gives

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \underline{V} &= \left( \frac{1}{r} \cdot 0 - \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left( -r^2 \sin \phi \cos \theta \right) + \frac{\cot \theta}{r} \left( -r^2 \sin \phi \right) \right) \underline{e}_r \\ &+ \left( -(-2r \sin \phi) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left( -3r^2 \sin \theta \sin \phi \right) - \frac{1}{r} \left( -r^2 \sin \phi \right) \right) \underline{e}_\theta \\ &+ \left( 2r \cos \phi \cos \theta - \frac{1}{r} \left( 3r^2 \cos \theta \cos \phi \right) + \frac{1}{r} \left( r^2 \cos \phi \cos \theta \right) \right) \underline{e}_\phi \\ &\Rightarrow \left( 0 + r \sin \phi \cot \theta - r \cot \theta \sin \phi \right) \underline{e}_r \\ &+ \left( 2r \sin \phi - 3r \sin \phi + r \sin \phi \right) \underline{e}_\theta \\ &+ \left( 2r \cos \phi \cos \theta - 3r \cos \phi \cos \theta + r \cos \phi \cos \theta \right) \underline{e}_\phi \\ &= 0 \underline{e}_r + 0 \underline{e}_\theta + 0 \underline{e}_\phi \quad \checkmark \\ &= \underline{0} \text{ (vector)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the curl test, as  $\operatorname{curl} \underline{V} = 0$  then  $\underline{V}$  is everywhere conservative.

Question 12

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Let A be the particle of mass  $m$ , and B the particle of mass  $3m$

Let  $\dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_1$  be the velocity of particle A before the collision, where  $\dot{x}_1 = S$  ✓

and let  $\dot{R}_1 = \dot{x}_1$  and  $\dot{R}_2 = \dot{x}_2$  be the velocities of particles A and B respectively after the collision.

By the principle of conservation of linear momentum we have

$$m\dot{x}_1 = m\dot{x}_1 + 3m\dot{x}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

Reducing in the i-direction and dividing by  $m$  gives

$$\dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_1 + 3\dot{x}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 + 3\dot{x}_2 = S \quad -①$$

As the collision is elastic then the kinetic energy is conserved. So after impact we have

$$\frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_1^2 = \frac{2S}{2}m = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}3m\dot{x}_2^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x}_1^2 + 3\dot{x}_2^2 = 2S \quad -②$$

$$① \rightarrow \cancel{\dot{x}_1} \quad \dot{x}_1 = S - 3\dot{x}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

Substituting into eq ② gives

$$(S - 3\dot{x}_2)^2 + 3\dot{x}_2^2 = 2S$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\dot{x}_2^2 - 30\dot{x}_2 + 2S + 3\dot{x}_2^2 = 2S$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\dot{x}_2^2 - 30\dot{x}_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\dot{x}_2(2\dot{x}_2 - S) = 0$$

$$\text{So either } \dot{x}_2 = 0, \text{ or } \dot{x}_2 = \frac{S}{2}$$

Now  $\dot{x}_2 = 0$  is impossible, so  $\dot{x}_2 = \frac{S}{2}$  ✓

$$① \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = \frac{5}{2}$$

Hence, after the collision both particles have velocity  
 $\frac{5}{2} \hat{i}$  no one is  $\frac{5}{2} \hat{i}$  the other  $-\frac{5}{2} \hat{i}$

Leave you to check this!