

# WebAssign

## CH05-HW02-SP12 (Homework)

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MI3 5.3.X.023

You throw a ball straight up in the air. At the instant the ball reaches its highest location, what is the direction of the momentum  $\vec{p}$  of the ball?

zero magnitude

At the instant the ball reaches its highest location, what is the direction of the rate of change of

momentum  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$  of the ball?

-y

At the instant the ball reaches its highest location, what is the direction of the net force  $\vec{F}_{net}$  acting on the ball?

-y

You launch a fan cart to the right along a track, with the fan blowing against the motion. At the instant the cart reaches its farthest location to the right (just before moving back to the left), what is the direction of the momentum  $\vec{p}$  of the cart?

zero magnitude

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change of momentum  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$  of the cart?

-x

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-x

A block oscillates up and down at the end of a vertical spring. At the instant the block reaches its lowest position, what is the direction of the momentum  $\vec{p}$  of the block?

zero magnitude

At the instant the block reaches its lowest position, what is the direction of the rate of change of

momentum  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$  of the block?

+y

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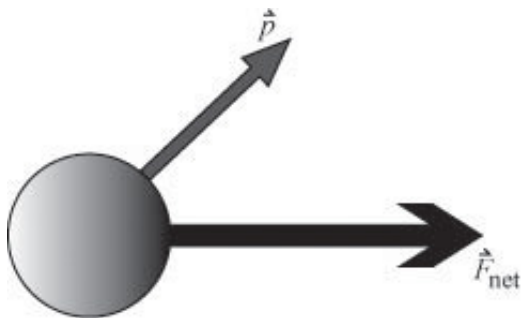
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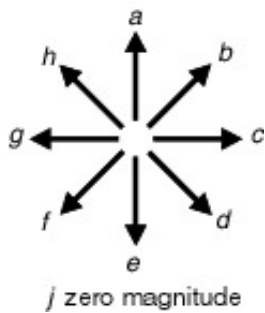
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In the questions below,  is rate of change of the ball's momentum,  is the component of  that is parallel to the ball's momentum, and  is the component perpendicular to the ball's momentum.



What is the direction of  at this instant?  ✓



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At this instant, the ball's speed is:

- ☐ not changing
- ☐ decreasing
- ☒ increasing

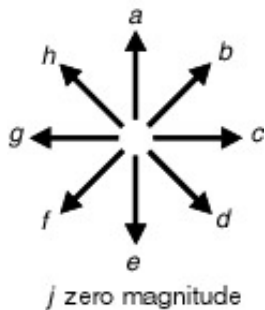
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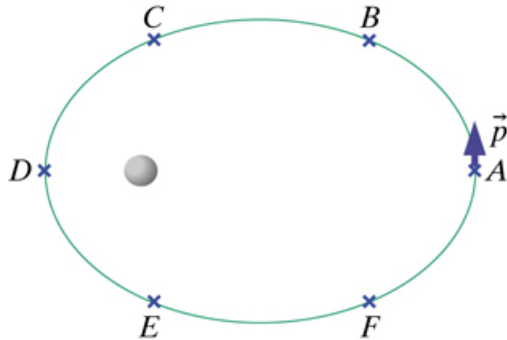
- ☐ increasing
- ☒ decreasing
- ☐ not changing



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A comet orbits a star in an elliptical orbit, as shown. The momentum of the comet at location A is also shown.



Use the directions shown to answer the following questions.



At location **A**:

What is the direction of the gravitational force exerted on the comet by the star?



Is the parallel component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?



Is the perpendicular component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?



Is  $\frac{d|\vec{p}|}{dt}$ , the rate of change of the magnitude of the comet's momentum, positive, negative, or zero?



Is  $\vec{p}$ , the direction of the comet's momentum, changing or not changing?



At location **C**:

What is the direction of the gravitational force exerted on the comet by the star?



Is the parallel component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?



Is the perpendicular component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?



Is  $\frac{d|\vec{p}|}{dt}$ , the rate of change of the magnitude of the comet's momentum, positive, negative, or zero?



Is  $\vec{p}$  the direction of the comet's momentum, changing or not changing?



At location **F**:

What is the direction of the gravitational force exerted on the comet by the star?



Is the parallel component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?

Is the perpendicular component of the net force on the comet zero or nonzero?

Is  $\frac{d|\vec{p}|}{dt}$ , the rate of change of the magnitude of the comet's momentum, positive, negative, or zero?

Is  $\vec{p}$ , the direction of the comet's momentum, changing or not changing?

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MI3 5.4.X.020

A review of the basics of circular motion: The radius of a merry-go-round is 11 meters, and it takes 8 seconds to go around once. We want to calculate the speed of an atom in the outer rim. First, how far does the atom go in 8 s? (This distance is the circumference of the circle.)

distance =  m

Therefore, what is the speed of the atom?

speed =  m/s

What is the direction of the velocity of this atom?

- ☐ towards the center

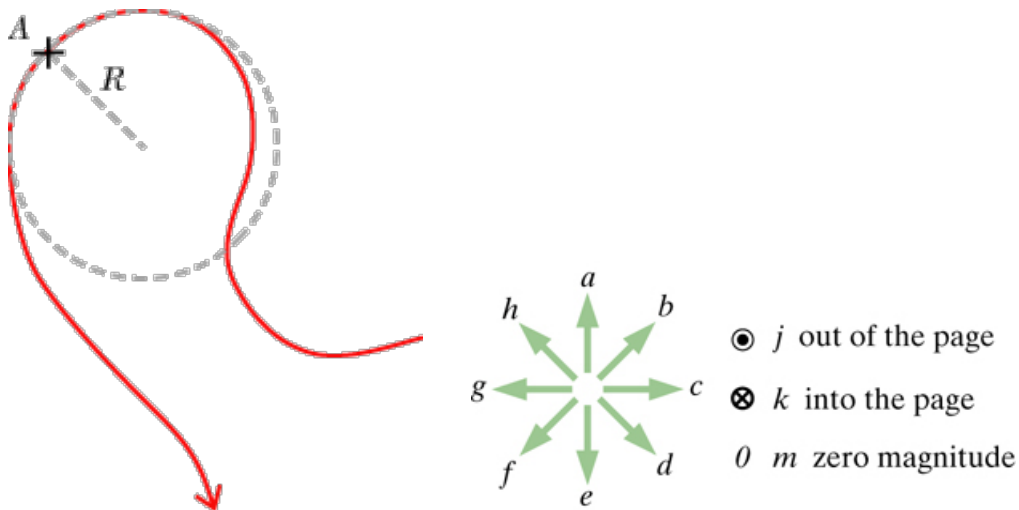
☐ away from the center

☒ tangential

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MI3 5.5.X.032



A proton follows the curving path shown in red. The dotted gray circle is the kissing circle tangent to the path when the proton is at location A. The proton is traveling at a constant speed of  $4.0 \times 10^5$  m/s, and the radius of the kissing circle is  $0.07$  m. The mass of a proton is  $1.7 \times 10^{-27}$  kg. Refer to the directional arrows shown at right when answering the questions below.

When the proton is at location A, what are the magnitude and direction of  $\frac{d|\vec{p}|}{dt} \vec{p}$ , the parallel component of  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$ ?

magnitude =  ✓ kg·m/s/s  
 ✓

When the proton is at location A, what are the magnitude and direction of  $|\vec{p}| \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$ , the perpendicular component of  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$ ?

magnitude =  ✓ kg·m/s/s  
 ✓

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MI3 5.5.X.034

A child of mass  $29$  kg sits on a wooden horse on a carousel. The wooden horse is  $4.5$  m from the center of the carousel, which rotates at a constant rate and completes one revolution every  $5.4$  seconds.


(a) What are the magnitude and direction of  $\frac{d|\vec{p}|}{dt} \vec{p}$ , the parallel component of  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$  for the child?

magnitude:  ✓ kg·m/s/s

- ☐ tangential, in direction of velocity
- ☐ tangential, opposite direction of velocity
- ☐ radial, outward
- ☐ radial, inward
- ☒ magnitude is zero, so direction is undefined




(b) What are the magnitude and direction of  $|\vec{p}|\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$ , the perpendicular component of  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$  for the child?

magnitude:   kg·m/s/s

- ☐ tangential, in direction of velocity
- ☐ tangential, opposite direction of velocity
- ☐ radial, outward
- ☒ radial, inward
- ☐ magnitude is zero, so direction is undefined



(c) What are the magnitude and direction of the net force acting on the child?

magnitude:   N

- ☐ tangential, in direction of velocity
- ☐ tangential, opposite direction of velocity
- ☐ radial, outward
- ☒ radial, inward
- ☐ magnitude is zero, so direction is undefined



(d) What objects in the surroundings contribute to this horizontal net force acting on the child?  
(There are also vertical forces, but these cancel each other if the horse doesn't move up and down.  
Select all that apply.)

- ☐ The centrifugal force
- ☒ The wooden horse
- ☐ The child



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