



**Q.1/** Express the vector  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  in terms of the triad  $\hat{i}', \hat{j}', \hat{k}'$  for rotation of the coordinate system about the **x-axis** through an angle  $60^\circ$ . Show that the magnitude of the vector  $\vec{A}$  is unchanged after the rotation. [15 Marks]

**Q.2/** [7+8 Marks]

(a) For a particle moving in a circular path of radius  $2m$  with a velocity function  $v=2t^2m/s$ . What is the magnitude of its total acceleration at  $t = 1 s$  ?

(b) What are the position vector, velocity and acceleration in polar coordinates?.

**Q.3/** For harmonic oscillator system with:  $F(x) = -kx$  : [15 Marks]

(i) What is the solution of the system?

(ii) What are the potential energy, total energy and kinetic energy for a system?

(iii) Plot the graph of the energies of (ii) as a functions of time  $t$  and position  $x$ .

**Q.4/** [9+6 Marks]

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(B) Choose the correct answer:

(i) What is the magnitude of the free-fall acceleration at a point that is a distance  $2R_e$  above the surface of the Earth, where  $R_e$  is the radius of the Earth:

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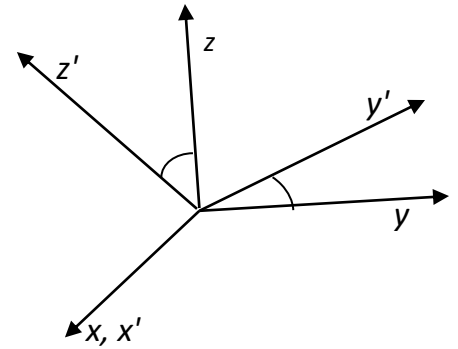
(ii) For an object falling from rest with linear drag. At what time the speed of the article is at 99.3% of terminal speed? (  $t = 3\tau$ ,  $t = 4\tau$ ,  $t = 5\tau$ ,  $t = 10\tau$ , None of them )

(iii) What is the natural frequency for damping harmonic oscillator when the damping constant

(  $\beta = \omega_0 / 2$  )? (  $\omega_0$ ,  $\frac{\omega_0}{2}$ ,  $\omega_0\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}$ ,  $\omega_0\sqrt{\frac{15}{16}}$ , None of them )

**Ans. of Q.1:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 0 & \cos \frac{\pi}{2} & \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} & \cos 60 & \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - 60) \\ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} & \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + 60) & \cos 60 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(60) & \sin(60) \\ 0 & -\sin(60) & \cos(60) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 + 3\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} + 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} A_{x'} &= 2 \\ A_{y'} &= -2 + 3\sqrt{3} = 3.196 \\ A_{z'} &= 2\sqrt{3} + 3 = 6.464 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 = (2)^2 + (4)^2 + (6)^2 = 4 + 16 + 36 = 56$$

$$\vec{A}' = (2)\hat{i}' + (-2 + 3\sqrt{3})\hat{j}' + (2\sqrt{3} + 3)\hat{k}'$$

$$\begin{aligned} A'^2 &= (2)^2 + (-2 + 3\sqrt{3})^2 + (2\sqrt{3} + 3)^2 \\ &= 4 + 4 + 27 - 12\sqrt{3} + 12 + 9 + 12\sqrt{3} \\ &= 56 = A^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Ans. of Q.2:**

**(a) magnitude of total acceleration**

$$\vec{a} = \dot{v} \hat{t} + \frac{v^2}{R} \hat{n} \quad v = 2t^2 \Rightarrow \dot{v} = 4t \Rightarrow \text{at } t = 1\text{ s} \quad v = 2\text{ m/s} \ \& \ \dot{v} = 4\text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{\dot{v}^2 + \frac{v^4}{R^2}} = \sqrt{4^2 + \frac{2^4}{2^2}} = \sqrt{16 + 4} = \sqrt{20} = 4.47\text{ m/s}^2$$

**(b)**

**Velocity in Polar Coordinates**

The instantaneous velocity is defined as:

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

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

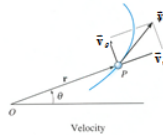
Thus, the velocity vector has two components:

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_r + \vec{v}_\theta = v_r\hat{r} + v_\theta\hat{\theta} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$$

where

$v_r = \dot{r}$  ... Radial component of velocity

$v_\theta = r\dot{\theta}$  ... Transverse component of velocity



The speed of the particle at any given instant is the sum of the squares of both components or:

$$v = \sqrt{v_r^2 + v_\theta^2} = \sqrt{\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2}$$

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**Acceleration in Polar Coordinates**

The instantaneous acceleration is defined as:

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

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

After manipulation, the acceleration can be expressed as:

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_r + \vec{a}_\theta = a_r\hat{r} + a_\theta\hat{\theta} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{r} + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})\hat{\theta}$$

where  $a_r = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2$  ... Radial acceleration

$a_\theta = r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}$  ... Transverse acceleration

$r = \text{constant}$  (i.e. stone on a string):  $\vec{a} = -r\dot{\theta}^2\hat{r} + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{\theta} = -r\omega^2\hat{r} + r\alpha\hat{\theta}$

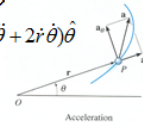
Here,  $a_r = -r\omega^2 = -v^2/r$  is the centripetal acceleration and  $a_\theta = r\alpha$  is any angular acceleration.

When  $r$  is not constant, all terms are necessary.

In general, the magnitude of total acceleration is:

$$a = \sqrt{a_r^2 + a_\theta^2} = \sqrt{(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)^2 + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})^2}$$

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**Ans. of Q.3:**

**2nd way** Let the trial solution of Eq(1) is  $x = e^{qt}$

Then:  $\dot{x} = qe^{qt}$  &  $\ddot{x} = q^2e^{qt}$

$$\ddot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

Substituting into Eq(1), we obtain:

$$(q^2 + \frac{k}{m})e^{qt} = 0 \Rightarrow e^{qt} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \therefore (q^2 + \frac{k}{m}) = 0 \quad \therefore q = \pm\sqrt{-\frac{k}{m}} = \pm i\omega$$

Thus, there are two solutions of Eq(1):  $e^{+i\omega t}$  &  $e^{-i\omega t}$

The general solution is a linear combination of them:

$$x = A_1e^{i\omega t} + A_2e^{-i\omega t}$$

Or  $x = A\cos(\omega t + \phi) \rightarrow x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  is the angular frequency of the motion

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**Energy Consideration in SHM**

$$x = x_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \dot{x} = -x_m \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

**1. The potential energy**

$$V = -\int F(x)dx = -\int -kx dx = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

**2. The kinetic energy**

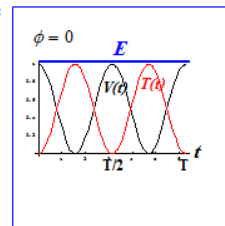
$$T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2x_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

**3. The total energy is**

$$E = T + V = \frac{1}{2}kx_m^2 = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \text{const.}$$

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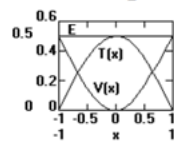
$$F(x) = -\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = -kx$$

$$T_s = T(x) + V(x)$$

$$T(x) = T_s - V(x) = \frac{1}{2}k(A - x^2)$$

$$V(x) = \int_0^x kx dx = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$E = T_s = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$$



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**Ans. of Q.4:**

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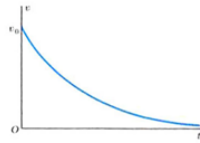
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Determine the **velocity** in terms of  $t$ .

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -kv \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{v} = -k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{v_0}^v \frac{dv}{v} = -k \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{v}{v_0}\right) = -kt \Rightarrow v = v_0 e^{-kt}$$



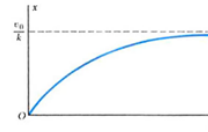
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Determine the  $x$  in terms of  $t$ .

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = v_0 e^{-kt} \Rightarrow dx = v_0 e^{-kt} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^x dx = \int_0^t v_0 e^{-kt} dt$$

$$x = -\frac{v_0}{k} [e^{-kt}]_0^t = \frac{v_0}{k} [1 - e^{-kt}]$$

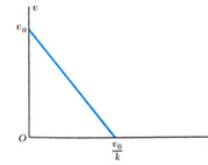


Determine the  $v$  in terms of  $x$ .

$$a = \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = -kv \Rightarrow v \frac{dv}{dx} = -kv$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{v_0}^v dv = -k \int_0^x dx$$

$$v = v_0 - kx$$



$$v = v(x) = dx/dt \rightarrow x = x(t)$$

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