



**Q.1/** Is the force field  $\vec{F} = -(2ax + by)\hat{i} - (bx + 2cy)\hat{j}$  conservative?  
If it is conservative find the corresponding potential energy function.

[12 Marks]

**Q.2/** Write the differential equation of the following:

[12 Marks]

- i) Differential equation for constrained motion of a particle.
- ii) Differential equation for projectile motion with quadratic air resistance.
- iii) Differential equation for motion of the charged particle in electromagnetic field.
- iv) Differential equation for motion of the particle on the curve.

**Q.3/** Consider a particle sliding under gravity in a smooth cycloidal trough, represented by the parametric equation:

$$x = A(2\theta + \sin 2\theta) \quad \text{where } A \text{ is constant and } \theta \text{ is the parameter.}$$

Show that the particle undergoes simple harmonic motion.

[12 Marks]

*Good Luck*

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**Ans. of Q.1:**

$$\vec{F} = -(2ax + by)\hat{i} - (bx + 2cy)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -(2ax + by) & -(bx + 2cy) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0+0) + \hat{j}(0-0) + \hat{k}(-b+b) = 0$$

The force is conservative and there is a potential energy function such that:  $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}V$

$$F_x = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \Rightarrow V(y, z) = -\int F_x dx = \int (2ax + by) dx = ax^2 + bxy + c_1$$

$$F_y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \Rightarrow V(x, z) = -\int F_y dy = \int (bx + 2cy) dy = bxy + cy^2 + c_2$$

$$F_z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \Rightarrow V(x, y) = -\int F_z dz = 0 + c_3$$

Thus, the potential energy is the combination of the potentials:

$$V(x, y, z) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + c$$

**Ans. of Q.2:**

- i) Differential equation for constrained motion of a particle.

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F} + \vec{R}$$

- ii) Differential equation for projectile motion with quadratic air resistance.

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}} = m\vec{g} - cv^2\hat{t} \quad m\ddot{\vec{r}} = m\vec{g} - cv\vec{v}$$

- iii) Differential equation for motion of the charged particle in electromagnetic field.

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

- iv) Differential equation for motion of the particle on the curve.

$$F_s = m\ddot{s} = -\frac{dV(s)}{ds}$$

### Ans. of Q.3:

#### The Isochronous Problem

The differential equation of motion  $F_s = m\ddot{s} = -mg \sin \theta$   
If this equation represents SHM we must have:  
 $m\ddot{s} = -ks$  or  $s = c \sin \theta$

Now, we can find  $x$  &  $y$  in terms of  $\theta$ , as follows:

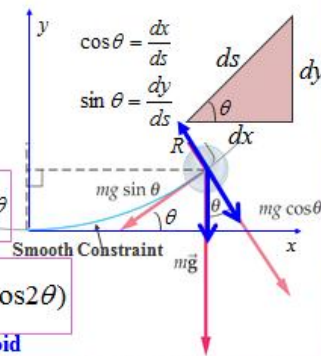
$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{ds}{d\theta} = \cos \theta (c \cos \theta) = c \cos^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{dy}{ds} \frac{ds}{d\theta} = \sin \theta (c \cos \theta)$$

$$\int_0^x dx = \int_0^\theta c \cos^2 \theta d\theta \quad \& \quad \int_0^y dy = \int_0^\theta c \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$x = \frac{c}{4} (2\theta + \sin 2\theta) \quad \& \quad y = \frac{c}{4} (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

Parametric Equations of a Cycloid



$$x = A(2\theta + \sin 2\theta)$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{ds}{d\theta} \quad \longrightarrow \quad 2A + 2A \cos 2\theta = \cos \theta \frac{ds}{d\theta}$$

$$2A(1 + \cos 2\theta) = \cos \theta \frac{ds}{d\theta} \quad \longrightarrow \quad 4A \cos^2 \theta = \cos \theta \frac{ds}{d\theta}$$

$$\frac{ds}{d\theta} = 4A \cos \theta \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^s ds = \int_0^\theta 4A \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$s = 4A \sin \theta = c \sin \theta \quad \text{where } c=4A$$