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MATHEMATICS**

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**COURSE TITLE: DYANAMICS 2**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer Questions ONE and Any other TWO**

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**QUESTION ONE [30MKS]**

- a. A particle moves so that its position as a function of time is  $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 4t^2\hat{j} + t\hat{k}$ , write the expression for (3mks)
- Its velocity
  - Acceleration as a function of time
- b. A truck is traveling south at a speed of 70km/h toward an intersection. A car is traveling east towards the intersection at a speed of 80km/h. what is the velocity of the car relative to the truck? (5mks)
- c. Two particles of masses  $m_1=1\text{kg}$  and  $m_2=2\text{kg}$  have position vectors given by  $\vec{r}_1 = (2t\hat{i} - 4\hat{j})m$  and  $\vec{r}_2 = (5t\hat{i} - 2t\hat{j})m$  respectively where  $t$  is time. Determine the velocity and linear momentum of the center of mass of the two-particle system at any time and at  $t=1\text{s}$  (4mks)
- d. A car drives north at 25m/s for 60s, then turns east and drives at 30m/s for 120s. What is the magnitude and direction of the average velocity for the trip? (5mks)
- e. A rocket moves with speed  $v_{rel} = 0.866$  (so  $\gamma = 2$ ) along the x-direction in the laboratory. In the rocket frame an event occurs at coordinates  $x' = 10\text{m}$ ,  $y' = 7$  meters,  $z' = 3$  meters, and  $t' = 20$  seconds of light-travel time with respect to the reference event. What are the coordinates of the event as observed in the laboratory? (5mks)
- f. Determine the virtual work  $\delta W$  done by the force  $\vec{F} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  where  $i$  and  $j$  are the unit vectors in the x and y directions over a virtual displacement  $\delta q$  with the constants  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Use the generalized coordinates  $q_1 = r$  and  $q_2 = \theta$  (4mks)
- g. A stationary person observes that rain is falling vertically down at 30km/h. a cyclist is moving on the level road at 10km/h. in which direction should the cyclist hold his umbrella to protect himself from rain? (4mks)

**QUESTION TWO [20MKS]**

- a. A particle moving with initial velocity  $\vec{v} = 50\text{m/s } \hat{j}$  undergoes an acceleration  $\vec{a} = [(35 + 2t^3)\hat{i} + (4 - t^2)\hat{j}]\text{m/s}^2$ . what are the particles position and velocity after 3s assuming it starts at the origin (8mks)
- b. A delighted math's graduate throws her cap into the air with an initial velocity of 24.5m/s at  $36.9^\circ$  above the horizontal. The cap is later caught by another student. Find (6mks)
- The total time the cap is in the air
  - The total horizontal distance travelled (ignore air resistance)

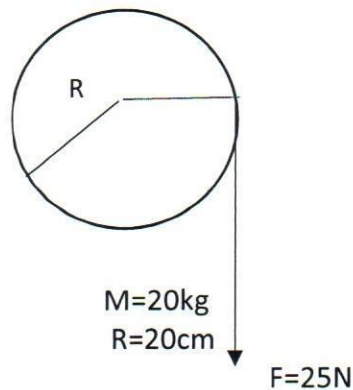
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- c. The angular speed of a motor wheel is increased from 1200rpm to 3120rpm in 16 s. determine the angular acceleration and number of revolutions the engine makes during this time. (6mks)

**QUESTION THREE [20MKS]**

- a. A surveyor measures a street  $L=100\text{m}$  long in earth frame  $S$ . use the Lorentz transformation to obtain an expression for its length as measured from spaceship  $S'$ , moving by at speed  $0.20c$ , assuming the  $x$  coordinates of the two frame coincide at  $t=0$ . (6mks)
- b. A cord of negligible mass is wound round the rim of a fly wheel of mass  $20\text{ kg}$  and radius  $20\text{ cm}$ . A steady pull of  $25\text{ N}$  is applied on the cord as shown. The flywheel is mounted on horizontal axle with frictionless bearings. (7mks)



- i. Compute the angular acceleration of the wheel.
  - ii. Find the work done by the pull, when  $2\text{m}$  of the cord is unwound.
  - iii. Find also the kinetic energy of the wheel at this point. Assume that the wheel starts from rest.
- c. Suppose a ballistic missile is first due eastward at  $43^\circ\text{N}$  latitude. If the missile travels  $1000\text{km}$  at a speed of  $500\text{m/s}$ , by how much is it deflected due to Coriolis force? (7mks)

**QUESTION FOUR [20MKS]**

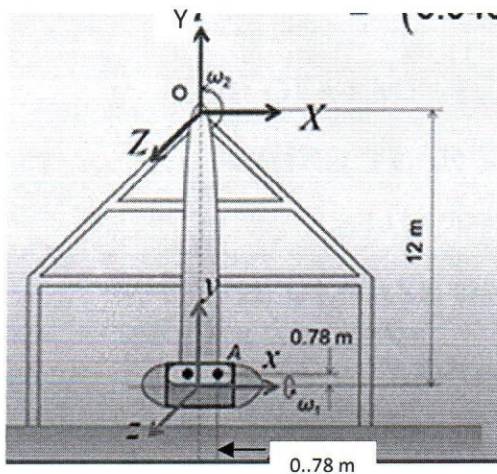
- a. Two particles of masses  $m_1=1\text{kg}$  and  $m_2=2\text{kg}$  are moving in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. Their position vectors relative to the origin are  $\vec{r}_1 = (t^2\hat{i} - 2t\hat{j})\text{m}$  and  $\vec{r}_2 = (3t\hat{i} + \hat{j})\text{m}$  where  $t$  is time. Find (10mks)
- i. the total angular momentum of the system, the total external torque acting on the system, total kinetic energy of the system all relative to the origin at any time
  - ii. Repeat (i) relative to center of mass
- b. Consider a pendulum made of a spring with a mass  $m$  on the end. The spring is arranged to lie in a straight line (which we can arrange by, say, wrapping the spring around a rigid

massless rod). The equilibrium length of the spring is  $l$ . Let the spring have length  $l + x(t)$  and let its angle with the vertical be  $\theta(t)$ . Assuming that the motion takes place in a vertical plane, find the equations of motion for  $x$  and  $\theta$ . (5mks)

- c. An airplane propeller is rotating with uniform angular speed of 1800rpm. The blades of the propeller are 6ft long. Determine the linear speed of a point 2ft from the axis and 6ft from the axis. (5mks)

**QUESTION FIVE [20 MKS]**

- a. The figure below shows a ride in an amusement park. The main arm carries a cock pit to seat two occupants. The main arm rotates at an angular speed  $\omega_2$  relative to the ground. Determine the absolute velocity and acceleration at point A for the position shown if  $\omega_1 = 2.4 \text{ rad/s}$  and  $\omega_2 = 0.24 \text{ rad/s}$  (8mks)



- b. In a particle accelerator, when electrons accelerated to  $0.999c$  collide with a target, the collision produces a muon which moves in the direction of the electron with a speed of  $0.95c$ . What is the muon's momentum in the lab frame and in the frame of the electron beam? (mass of muon  $1.9 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg}$ ) (6mks)
- c. A flywheel of diameter 2ft spins about the axis through its center and perpendicular to the plane of the wheel at 1000rpm. The wheel weighs 20lbf (pound-force). assuming the wheel to be a thin, uniform disk, find its kinetic energy. ( $1\text{lbf} = 32.2\text{lbm} \times 1 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$ ) (6mks)