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Preface

The University Physics is one of the important basic courses for the students of science and engineering. The students will get to know the fundamental structure and the interaction of matters, master the movement rules in the most elementary and general forms (mechanical, heat, electromagnetic motions, the motion of microcosmic particles etc.), and train the ability of analysing physical phenomena and solving the problems of physics by learning this subject.

The textbooks, in general, put the primary emphasis on the first two goals above, and cannot do full justice to the task of exposing students to all varieties of practical problems. The authors' intention in producing this book has been to avoid the mentioned deficiency and let the students to get a real "feeling" of all the important laws and principles of physics. Four parts of physics—Mechanics, Heat and Molecular Physics, Electromagnetism, Optics and Quantum Physics—will be included in the series of books.

Mechanics is the study of mathematical models describing the relationships between the phenomena which are observed to cause bodies to move and the observed motions of those bodies. Only one type of mathematical models of motion will be described here, which is the classical

model due to Newton, so it is called Newtonian mechanics or classical mechanics. Our *Mechanics* is just involved in this field.

Mechanics contains over 300 problems which are typical and valuable in different branches of classical mechanics. All the important concepts, principles and laws relevant to the subject stand at the beginning of each chapter. The analytic process and completed solution of these problems are given and further discussion to the results of some problems has been made. In this way the students could extend their understanding on the physical meanings of these results. All of the problems are calculated in SI units and in each chapter they have been carefully graded with the more difficult ones following the easier ones. Most of the problems have been clearly illustrated by the special designed diagrams.

We hope that the students will attain the following aims through learning the *Mechanics*.

1. To grasp the quantities of physics such as vector of position, displacement, velocity, acceleration, to master how to calculate the angular velocity and angular acceleration, tangential and normal acceleration while a particle moves along a circle, and to be able to analyse the problems of relative motion.

2. To solve the problems of statics generally by using the conditions of equilibrium of forces.

3. To master Newton's three laws of motion to solve the dynamical problems for a particle.

4. To understand how to calculate the work done by constant forces or variable forces, to grasp the features about the work done by conservative forces and therefore know how to calculate the potential energy, and to be able skillfully use the kinetic energy theorem, work-energy theorem, conservation law of momentum, etc.

5. To learn how to use rotation law with a fixed axis and conservation law of angular momentum to solve the dynamical problems for a rigid body.

All these aims are covered by five chapters in this book.

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CHAPTER 1

KINEMATICS OF PARTICLES

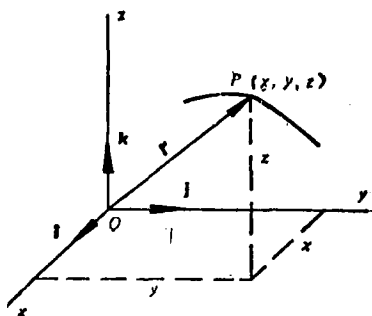
Important Concepts, Principles And Laws

A. Superposition Principle of Motions

The transfer of a particle from one place to another may be viewed as a simple displacement or as a superposition of several independent motions.

B. Equation of Motion

A particle's position P may be described by rectangular coordinates x, y and z or by a position vector r (Fig.). The position of a moving particle is a function of time t . The functional



Figure

relations are called the equation of motion of a particle.

$$x = f_1(t), \quad y = f_2(t), \quad z = f_3(t)$$

and

$$r = r(t)$$

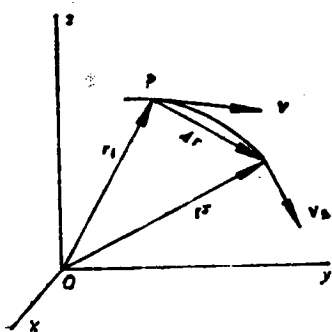
or

$$r = xi + yj + zk$$

where i, j and k are unit vectors along the x -, y - and z - axes respectively.

C. Displacement Δr (or change in a particle's position)

Let the position vector of a particle be r_1 at instant t_1 and r_2 at instant t_2 (Fig.). The displacement Δr of the particle in time interval $\Delta t = t_2 - t_1$ is the vector difference



Figure

defined by the time interval during which this displacement is covered.

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t}$$

E. Instantaneous Velocity v (or simply velocity)

The velocity of a particle is defined as the limiting value of the average velocity as the time interval approaches zero.

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \bar{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t} = \frac{dr}{dt}$$

or
$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}i + \frac{dy}{dt}j + \frac{dz}{dt}k = v_x i + v_y j + v_z k$$

where v_x , v_y , and v_z are x -, y -, and z -components of velocity v respectively.

F. Average Acceleration \bar{a}

This vector acceleration is defined as the ratio of the change in velocity ($\Delta v = v_2 - v_1$) to the elapsed time.

of r_2 and r_1 .

$$\Delta r = r_2 - r_1$$

or
$$\Delta r = \Delta x i + \Delta y j + \Delta z k$$

where Δx , Δy , Δz are x -, y - and z - components of vector displacement Δr respectively.

D. Average Velocity \bar{v}

Average velocity is de-

fined as displacement divi-

$$\overline{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

G. **Instantaneous Acceleration a** , commonly called acceleration.

The acceleration of a particle is defined as the limiting value of the average acceleration as the elapsed time approaches zero.

$$a = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \overline{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} i + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} j + \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} k \\ &= \frac{dv_x}{dt} i + \frac{dv_y}{dt} j + \frac{dv_z}{dt} k \\ &= a_x i + a_y j + a_z k \end{aligned}$$

Where a_x , a_y , and a_z are x -, y -, and z -components of acceleration a respectively.

H. **Normal Acceleration a_n and Tangential Acceleration a_t**

In a curved motion the change rate of direction of a particle's velocity is measured by normal acceleration a_n , and the change rate of speed of a particle is measured by tangential acceleration a_t . Their magnitudes are respectively

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}, \quad a_t = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

where ρ is the radius of curvature. The resultant acceleration in curved motion is

$$a = a_n + a_t$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}, \quad \tan \phi = \frac{a_t}{a_n}$$

where ϕ shows the direction of the resultant acceleration.

In the case of circular motion, the radius of curvature ρ becomes radius R of the circle, and a_n is called centripetal acceleration.

I. Angular Displacement θ , Angular Velocity ω , and Angular Acceleration α

The circular motion of a particle or the rotation of a rigid body are described by angular displacement θ , angular velocity ω , and angular acceleration α . Angular displacement θ is defined as the sweeping angle in time t by a rotating radius R or a linking line from the moving particle to rotating center, when the unit of angle is radians,

$$\theta = \frac{s}{R}$$

where s is the length of an arc.

The angular velocity is defined as the limiting value of the angular displacement as the elapsed time approaches zero,

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

The unit of angular velocity is one radian per second, simply 1s^{-1} .

The angular acceleration is defined as the limiting value of the change of angular velocity as the elapsed time approaches zero,

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

The unit of angular acceleration is $1\text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$ or 1 s^{-2} .

The relations between angular and linear quantities are

$$v = \omega R, \quad a_t = \alpha R$$

Where R is the rotating radius.

J. Relative Motion

Let there be a resting frame K fixed on the earth, and a moving frame K' with respect to the earth. If the vector positions of a moving particle P relative to the origins of the frames K and K' are r and r' respectively at an instant and the vector position of the two frames' origins is R , then as shown in the Fig.

$$r = r' + R$$

We take first derivative of above equation with respect to time t , get

$$v = v' + V$$

where v is called the absolute velocity of the

particle, v' is called the relative velocity and V is called the velocity of following.

We take the second derivative of the equation with respect to t , get

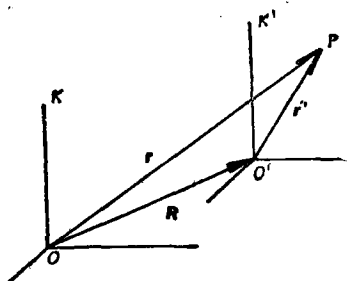
$$a = a' + A$$

Where a , a' and A are called the particle's absolute acceleration, relative acceleration and the acceleration of following respectively.

K. Vector Operations

Let two vectors A and B have the following coordinate expressions:

$$A = A_x i + A_y j + A_z k$$



Figure

$$B = B_x i + B_y j + B_z k$$

The addition and difference of the two vectors are as follows:

$$A \pm B = (A_x \pm B_x)i + (A_y \pm B_y)j + (A_z \pm B_z)k$$

The scalar product of the two vectors is

$$A \cdot B = AB \cos \theta$$

where θ is the angle between A and B . Alternately the scalar product can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot B &= (A_x i + A_y j + A_z k) \cdot (B_x i + B_y j + B_z k) \\ &= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \end{aligned}$$

The vector product of the two vectors is

$$A \times B = C$$

The magnitude of C is defined by

$$C = AB \sin \theta$$

Where θ is the smaller angle between A and B . The direction of C is defined to be perpendicular to the plane formed by A and B and determined by the rule of right-hand-thread screw.

The vector product is also expressed as follows:

$$A \times B = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y)i + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z)j + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x)k$$

or

$$A \times B = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

1-1 Given three vectors

$$A = 4i + 3j - k, \quad B = 3i - j + k, \quad C = 2i - 3j.$$

Find:

$$1) A + B \quad 2) A - B \quad 3) A_x + B_y - C_z \quad 4) A \cdot i$$

5) $A \cdot C$ 6) $(A \cdot C)B - (A \cdot B)C$ 7) $A \times B$

8) $A \times B \times C$

Answers:

1) $7i + 2j$ 2) $i + 4j - 2k$ 3) 3 4) 4 5) -1

6) $-19i + 25j - k$ 7) $2i - 7j - 13k$ 8) $-39i - 26j + 8k$

1-2 The vector displacements of two particles emitted from a point at the same time are

$$r_1 = 4i - 2j + 9k \text{ and } r_2 = 2i + 9j + 4k$$

1) Plot these vectors and write the displacement of the second particle relative to the first.

2) Find the values of r_1 , r_2 and Δr

3) Find the three angles of the triangle formed by these three vectors.

Solution:

1) $\Delta r = r_2 - r_1 = 2i + 9j + 4k - (4i - 2j + 9k) = -2i + 11j - 5k$
and see the Fig. 1-1.

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \quad r_1 &= \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + 9^2} \\ &= \sqrt{101} = 10.05 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 &= \sqrt{2^2 + 9^2 + 4^2} \\ &= \sqrt{101} = 10.05 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta r &= \sqrt{2^2 + 11^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{150} = 12.25 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

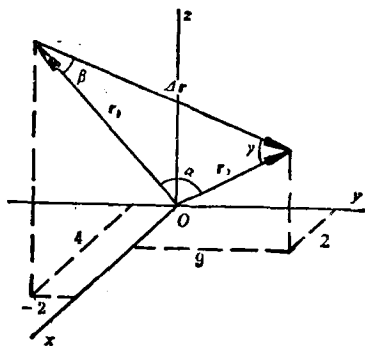


Figure 1-1

3) Let the three angles are α, β and γ , see Fig. 1-1.
Since $(\Delta r)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1r_2 \cos \alpha$, hence

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - (\Delta r)^2}{2r_1r_2} = \frac{101 + 101 - 150}{2(10.05)^2} = 0.26$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 75.4^\circ$$

and since $r_1 = r_2$, therefore

$$\beta = \gamma = \frac{180^\circ - \alpha}{2} = \frac{180^\circ - 75.4^\circ}{2} = 52.3^\circ$$

1-3 In a coordinate system, the position vector of a thrown baseball is given by

$$r = 1.2i - 8tj + (6t - 4.9t^2)k$$

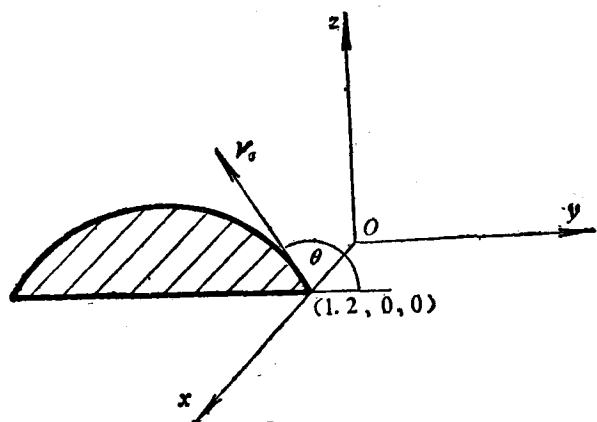


Figure 1-2

- 1) Find the baseball's coordinates at $t = 0$.
- 2) Find the ball's initial velocity and its velocity at any other instant.

3) What is the ball's acceleration?

4) Draw the trajectory of the ball.

Solution:

a) When $t = 0$, $r = 1.2i$ m. The coordinates of the ball's initial position is $(1.2, 0, 0)$.

b) $v = \frac{dr}{dt} = -8j + (6 - 9.8t)k \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. This shows the

ball's plane of motion parallel to the yz plane.

When $t = 0$, $\mathbf{v}_0 = -8\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{v_{0y}^2 + v_{0z}^2} = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + 6^2} = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{v_{0z}}{v_{0y}} = \arctan \left[-\frac{6}{8} \right] = 143^\circ 08'$$

where θ is the angle between the initial velocity vector \mathbf{v}_0 and the y axis.

c) The ball's acceleration is found by differentiation.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} [-8\mathbf{j} + (6 - 9.8t)\mathbf{k}] \\ &= -9.8\mathbf{k}, \text{ i.e. } -9.8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \text{ is the constant of} \\ &\quad \text{acceleration.} \end{aligned}$$

d) The ball's trajectory is a parabola (Fig. 1-2).

1-4 A particle has the following equation of motion

$$y = 6 \times 10^{-2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} t \text{ m}$$

1) Sketch graphs of position, velocity, and acceleration of the particle as functions of time t .

2) Find the values of y , v and a when $t = 1.0$ s.

3) Find time, velocity and acceleration at $y = 3 \times 10^{-2}$ m.

4) In what position does the particle have maximum velocity and acceleration?

Solution:

1) The equations of y , v and a are functions of t and expressed as follows:

$$y = 6 \times 10^{-2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} t \tag{1}$$

$$v = \frac{dy}{dt} = 6 \times 10^{-2} \left[\frac{\pi}{3} \right] \cos \frac{\pi}{3} t = 2\pi \times 10^{-2} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} t \quad (2)$$

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \times 10^{-2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} t \quad (3)$$

We can sketch the required graphs, according to equations (1), (2) and (3). (See Fig. 1-3)

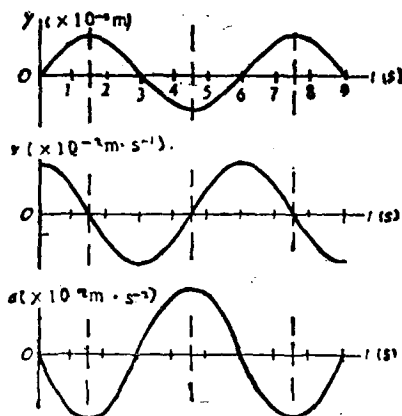


Figure.1-3

2) When $t = 1.0$ s, the above equations become

$$y_1 = 6 \times 10^{-2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 5.20 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

$$v_1 = 2\pi \times 10^{-2} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 3.14 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \times 10^{-2} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = -5.70 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

3) From equation (1) at $y = 3 \times 10^{-2}$ m, we have

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{3} t = \frac{3 \times 10^{-2}}{6 \times 10^{-2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$