

Mechanics Ch 4 - 7 Nov 02 Zita @ fac meetings

HW # 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 17, 18

4.1 Find the force for each of the following potential energy functions:

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla}U$$

- (a) $U = cxyz + C$
- (b) $U = \alpha x^2 + \beta y^2 + \gamma z^2 + C$
- (c) $U = ce^{-(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)}$
- (d) $U = cr^n$ in spherical coordinates

$$(d) \vec{F} = -\hat{e}_r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} - \hat{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \theta} - \hat{e}_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \phi} = -\hat{e}_r cr^{n-1}$$

4.2 By finding the curl, determine which of the following forces are conservative:

- (a) $F = ix + jy + kz$
- (b) $F = iy - jx + kz^2$
- (c) $F = iy + jx + kz^3$
- (d) $F = -kr^{-n}\hat{e}_r$ in spherical coordinates

$$\text{If } \nabla \times \vec{F} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_r & r\hat{e}_\theta & r\sin\theta\hat{e}_\phi \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ F_r & rF_\theta & r\sin\theta F_\phi \end{vmatrix}$$

4.4 A particle of mass m moving in three dimensions under the potential energy function

$U(x, y, z) = \alpha x + \beta y^2 + \gamma z^3$ has speed v_0 when it passes through the origin.

- What will its speed be if and when it passes through the point $(1, 1, 1)$?
- If the point $(1, 1, 1)$ is a turning point in the motion ($v = 0$), what is v_0 ?
- What are the component differential equations of motion of the particle?

(Note: It is not necessary to solve the differential equations of motion in this problem.)

$E = \text{constant} = U(x, y, z) + \frac{1}{2} m v^2$. At the origin,

$$E(x=0, y=0, z=0) = \quad + \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2$$

(a) $E(1, 1, 1) = \quad + \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2$, Let $E_1 = E_0$, solve for v_1 :

(b) If $v_1 = 0$ then solve $E_0 = E_1$ for v_0 :

(c) $\vec{F} = m \vec{a} = m \ddot{\vec{x}} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \hat{x}_i$ is equivalent to

$$m \ddot{x} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$$

$$m \ddot{y} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$$

$$m \ddot{z} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

- 4.6 Show that the variation of gravity with height can be accounted for approximately by the following potential energy function:

$$V = mgz \left(1 - \frac{z}{r_e} \right)$$

- (b) in which r_e is the radius of the Earth. Find the force given by the above potential function. From this find the component differential equations of motion of a projectile under such a force. If the vertical component of the initial velocity is v_{0z} , how high does the projectile go? (Compare with Example 2.3.2.)

From Ex. 2.3.2 (and we did this in class week 2!)

$$53 \quad F(z) = -mg \frac{r_e z}{(r_e + z)^2} \rightarrow V(z) = -mg \frac{r_e z}{r_e + z}$$

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For small x , $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)x^2 + \dots$ small terms

$$\text{Let } (x = \frac{z}{r_e}): (1 + \frac{z}{r_e})^{-1} =$$

Write $V(z)$ in terms of x , then apply that expansion.

$$(b) \quad \vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V = -\hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} V(z) =$$

4.6 @ Diff eq is $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$:

$$F_x = m\ddot{x}$$

$$F_y = m\ddot{y}$$

$$F_z = m\ddot{z}$$

① Solve the diff eq as you usually do for space-dependent forces:

$$F_z(z) = m\ddot{z} = m \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} = m \frac{dz}{dt} \frac{dz}{dz} = m \dot{z} \frac{dz}{dz}$$

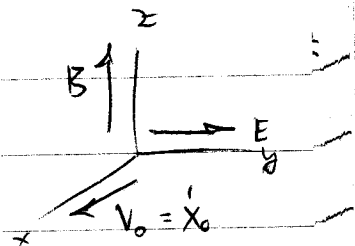
$$\int \dot{z} dz = \int \frac{F(z)}{m} dz$$

v_{0z}

Integrate, evaluate, solve for h .

- 4.17 An electron moves in a force field due to a uniform electric field \mathbf{E} and a uniform magnetic field \mathbf{B} that is at right angles to \mathbf{E} . Let $\mathbf{E} = jE$ and $\mathbf{B} = kB$. Take the initial position of the electron at the origin with initial velocity $\mathbf{v}_0 = v_0$ in the x direction. Find the resulting motion of the particle. Show that the path of motion is a cycloid:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= a \sin \omega t + bt & b &= \dot{x}_0 - \omega a \\ y &= a(1 - \cos \omega t) & a &= \frac{1}{\omega} \left(-\frac{eE}{m} + \omega \dot{x}_0 \right) \\ z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Cycloidal motion of electrons is used in an electronic tube called a magnetron to produce the microwaves in a microwave oven.

This is very similar to what we're doing in EMU Ch 5!

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ 0 & 0 & B \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$F_x = \quad = m\ddot{x} \quad F_y = \quad = m\ddot{y} \quad F_z = \quad = m\ddot{z}$$

- Integrate or differentiate to uncouple equations and solve for $(\dot{x} - \dot{x}_0) = \frac{qB}{m} y$ and $\dot{y} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \theta_0)$
- Then apply initial conditions $\dot{y}(0) = 0$ to find θ_0
 $y(0) = 0$ to find A
- Integrate \dot{x} and \dot{y} to get $x(t)$ and $y(t)$

TRICK: Show that $\ddot{y} + \omega^2 y = -\frac{eE}{m} + \omega \dot{x}_0$ has solution

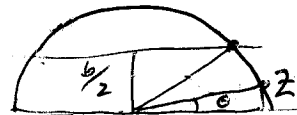
$$y = \frac{1}{\omega} \left(-\frac{eE}{m} + \omega \dot{x}_0 \right) + A \cos(\omega t + \theta_0)$$

$$\text{to get } \dot{y} = 0 \quad -A\omega \sin(\omega t + \theta_0)$$

Sub $y = a(1 - \cos \omega t)$ into \dot{x} equation.

- 4.18 A particle is placed on a smooth sphere of radius b at a distance $b/2$ above the central plane. As the particle slides down the side of the sphere, at what point will it leave?

$$h_i = \frac{b}{2}$$



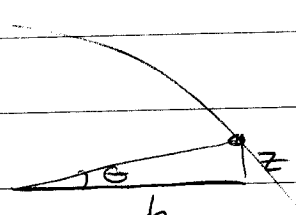
$$E_i = E_f \text{ when it falls off at same height } z$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m h_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} m h_f^2 \quad h_f = z$$

Solve for v above; $v^2 =$

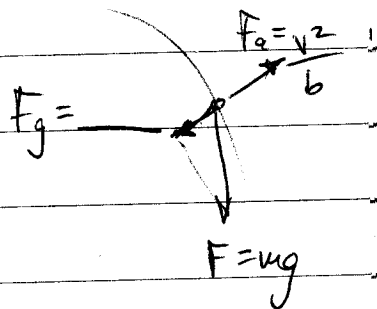
Now from $F = -\frac{mv^2}{r} = -\frac{mv^2}{b}$

$$\frac{z}{b} =$$



Ball falls off when

$$F_g = F_c$$



Find z where the ball falls off.