# Physics 1<sup>st</sup> Exam Solution

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#### Exercise 1: (06 points)

### 1) The time equation of the uniform rectilinear motion

We choose the *OX* axis as a rectilinear reference frame and establish the initial condition t = 0;  $x = x_0$  (initial abscissa).

Starting from the definition above and through integration, we can express the abscissa x as a function of time.

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{0.5} \quad \mathbf{v} = \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_0 \Rightarrow dx = \mathbf{v}_0.dt \Rightarrow \int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{v}_0.dt \quad \mathbf{0.5} \\ \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}_0 t \Big|_0^t \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{v}_0 t \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_0 t + \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \mathbf{0.5} \end{array}$$

## 2) <u>Velocity and Acceleration in Polar Coordinates.</u>

We can express the expressions of the two unit vectors  $\vec{u}_{\rho}$  and  $\vec{u}_{\theta}$  in terms of the unit vectors  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \overrightarrow{u_{\rho}} = \cos\theta \, \vec{\iota} + \sin\theta \, \vec{j} \\ \overrightarrow{u_{\theta}} = -\sin\theta \, \vec{\iota} + \cos\theta \, \vec{j} \end{cases}$$

Their consecutive derivatives are:

$$\frac{\vec{du}_{\rho}}{\frac{dt}{dt}} = -\sin\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{i} + \cos\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{j} = \vec{u}_{\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$\frac{\vec{du}_{\rho}}{dt} = -\cos\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{i} - \sin\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}\vec{j} = -\vec{u}_{\rho} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$\frac{\vec{du}_{\rho}}{dt} = \vec{u}_{\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$0.5$$
$$\frac{\vec{du}_{\theta}}{dt} = -\vec{u}_{\rho} \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
$$0.5$$

Using these relations, let's express velocity in polar coordinates:

We differentiate the velocity relation, with respect to time, we obtain the formula for acceleration.

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \dot{\rho} \ \vec{u}_{\rho} + \rho \dot{\theta} \vec{u}_{\theta} \right) \quad 0.5 \qquad \vec{a} = \vec{v} = \dot{\rho} \ \frac{d\vec{u}_{\rho}}{dt} + \ddot{\rho} \ \vec{u}_{\rho} + \rho \ \dot{\theta} \ \frac{d\vec{u}_{\theta}}{dt} + \rho \ \ddot{\theta} \ \vec{u}_{\theta} + \dot{\rho} \ \dot{\theta} \ \vec{u}_{\theta} + \dot{\rho} \ \dot{\theta} \ \vec{u}_{\theta} = 0.5 \qquad \vec{a}(t) = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\theta}^2) \vec{u}_{\rho} + (2\dot{\rho}\dot{\theta} + \rho \ddot{\theta} \ ) \vec{u}_{\theta} \quad 0.5 \qquad 0.5$$

#### Exercise 2: (07 points)

1. The components of the velocity and acceleration vectors in Cartesian coordinates:

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\overline{OM}}{dt} : \begin{cases} v_x = \frac{d(R.\cos\theta)}{dt} = -R.\theta \cdot \sin\theta \\ v_y = \frac{d(R.\sin\theta)}{dt} = R.\theta \cdot \cos\theta \\ v_z = \frac{d(h\theta)}{dt} = h.\theta \cdot \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{01} \quad \vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} : \begin{cases} a_x = \frac{d(-R.\theta \cdot \sin\theta)}{dt} = -R.\theta \cdot \sin\theta - R.\theta \cdot 2.\cos\theta \\ a_y = \frac{d(R.\theta \cdot \cos\theta)}{dt} = R.\theta \cdot \cos\theta - R.\theta \cdot 2.\sin\theta \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{01} \\ a_z = \frac{d(h\theta)}{dt} = h.\theta \cdot \end{cases}$$

#### 2. The components of the velocity and acceleration vectors in Cylindrical coordinates:

$$\vec{v}(t) = \dot{\rho} \, \vec{u}_{\rho} + \rho \dot{\theta} \, \vec{u}_{\theta} + \dot{z} \, \vec{k} \qquad \textbf{0.5}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = R \, \dot{\theta} \, \vec{u}_{\theta} + h \, \dot{\theta} \, \vec{k} \qquad \textbf{0.5}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\theta}^2) \vec{u}_{\rho} + (2\dot{\rho}\dot{\theta} + \rho\ddot{\theta}) \vec{u}_{\theta} + \ddot{z} \, \vec{k} \qquad \textbf{0.5}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = -R \, \dot{\theta}^2 \, \vec{u}_{\rho} + R \, \ddot{\theta} \, \vec{u}_{\theta} + h \, \ddot{\theta} \, \vec{k} \qquad \textbf{0.5}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(\dot{\rho}^2 + (\rho \, \dot{\theta})^2 + \dot{z}^2} \qquad \textbf{0.5} \qquad v = \sqrt{(R \, \dot{\theta})^2 + (h \, \dot{\theta})^2} \qquad v = \dot{\theta} \, \sqrt{R^2 + h^2} \qquad \textbf{0.5}$$

3. The trajectory is a helix. Helical motion is a composition of circular motion in the (Oxy) plane and rectilinear uniform motion along the vertical axis Oz.

4. The time at which the material point reaches a height z = 5h

We use the equation for z(t):  $z(t) = h \theta(t)$ 

Given that  $\theta(t) = \omega t$ , we substitute:  $z(t) = h \omega t$ 

Now set z = 5h  $\longrightarrow$   $5h = h \omega t$  0.5  $\longrightarrow$   $t = \frac{5}{\omega}$  0.5

#### **Exercise 3: (07 points)**

#### 1. the maximum value of the angle $\alpha$ :

$$\sum \vec{F} = \vec{0} \implies \vec{P} + \vec{N} + \vec{f_s} = \vec{0}$$
By projecting on OX:  $P_x - f_s = 0$  0.25  $f_s = P_x \implies f_s = m g \sin \alpha$  0.5  
By projecting on OY:  $N - P_Y = 0$  0.25  $N = P_Y \implies N = m g \cos \alpha$  0.5  
We know that:  $\mu_s = \frac{f_s}{N} \implies f_s = \mu_s \cdot N \implies f_s = \mu_s \cdot m g \cos \alpha$  0.5  
 $m g \sin \alpha = \mu_s \cdot m g \cos \alpha$  0.5  
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#### 2. The acceleration of the mass m:

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}_1 \implies \vec{P} + \vec{N} + \vec{f}_k + \vec{F}_1 = m \vec{a}_1$$
  
By projecting on OX:  $P_x + F_1 - f_k = m a_1$  0.25  $a_1 = \frac{P_x + F_1 - f_k}{m}$  0.25  
 $a_1 = g (\sin \alpha - \mu_k. \cos \alpha) + \frac{F_1}{m}$  01  $a_1 \approx 1.85 \text{ m/s}^2$  0.5

3. The new acceleration of the mass m:

 $\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a}_2 \implies \vec{P} + \vec{N} + \vec{f_k} + \vec{F_2} = m \vec{a}_2$ By projecting on OX:  $-P_x + F_2 - f_k = m a_2$   $a_2 = \frac{-P_x + F_2 - f_k}{m}$  $a_2 = -g (\sin \alpha + \mu_k. \cos \alpha) + \frac{F_2}{m}$  **0.5 a**<sub>2</sub>  $\approx 1.18 \text{ m/s}^2$  **0.5**  $\overrightarrow{f_k}$ Ń Ň  $\overrightarrow{F_2}$  $\overrightarrow{f_k}$  $\overrightarrow{F_1}$ 0.5 0.5 P P α α 01 02