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END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY-2023

COURSE NAME: M.Sc.-MATHEMATICS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 50

SEMESTER: II

TIME : 3 HOURS

MECHANICS

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K1)

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.

- D'Alembert's principle states that the sum of all forces, real and inertial, acting on each particle of a system is _____.
(a) Scleronomic (b) conservative (c) infinity (d) zero
- The standard form of Lagrange's equation for a non holonomic system can also be applied to a holonomic system in which there are more generalized coordinates than _____.
(a) Routhian function (b) degrees of freedom
(c) angular momentum (d) ignorable coordinates
- The necessary and sufficient condition that f have a stationary value at q_0 is that _____ for all geometrically possible δq 's where $q = q_0 + \delta q$.
(a) $f = 0$ (b) $f = c$ (c) $\delta f = 0$ (d) $\delta f = c$
- The function $s(q_0, q_1, t_0, t_1)$ is assumed to be twice differentiable in all its arguments and is known as _____ function.
(a) Jacobi (b) holonomic (c) Hamilton's principle (d) continuous
- A general characteristic of the Lagrange's bracket is that its value is _____ under a canonical transformation.
(a) invariant (b) constant (c) zero (d) Poisson bracket

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES.

(K2)

- State the principle of virtual work.
- Write the standard form of Lagrange's equation for a holonomic system.
- Write the Hamilton principle.
- State Jacobi's theorem.
- State Poisson's theorem.

SECTION – B

(5 X 3 = 15 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K3)

- Convert Cartesian to generalized coordinates of a particle which is constrained to move on a fixed path of radius 'a' whose equation is $(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = a$.
(OR)
 - Explain the conservation of energy.

(CONTD.....2)

- 12.a) Find the differential equations of motion for a spherical pendulum of length l .

(OR)

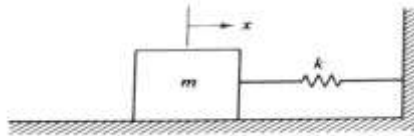
- b) Explain natural systems.

- 13.a) Find the stationary values of the function $f = z$, subject to the constraints

$$\phi_1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4 = 0, \phi_2 = xy - 1 = 0.$$

(OR)

- b) Given a mass-spring system consisting of a mass m and a linear spring of stiffness k , as shown in below. Find the equations of motion using the Hamiltonian procedure. Assume that the displacement x is measured from the unstressed position of the spring.



14. a) Describe Hamilton's principal function.

(OR)

- b) Describe Pfaffian differential forms.

15. a) Consider the transformation $Q = \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$, $P = -\tan^{-1} \frac{q}{p}$ show that this transformation is canonical.

(OR)

- b) Consider the transformation $Q = \sqrt{e^{-2q} - p^2}$, $P = \cos^{-1}(pe^q)$. Use the Poisson bracket to show that it is canonical.

SECTION – C

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

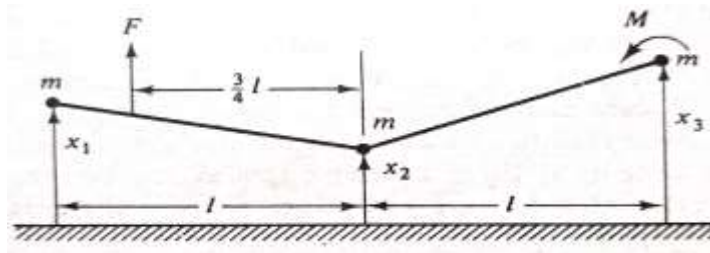
ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(K4 (Or) K5)

16. a) A particle of mass m is suspended by a massless wire of length $r = a + b \cos \omega t$ ($a > b > 0$) to form a spherical pendulum. Find the equations of motion.

(OR)

- b) Three particles are connected by two rigid rods having a joint between them to form the system shown in figure below. A vertical force F and a moment M are applied as shown.

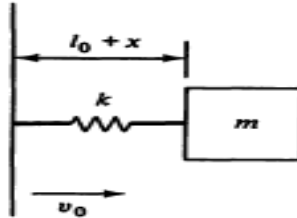


The configuration of the system is given by the ordinary coordinates (x_1, x_2, x_3) or by the generalized coordinates (q_1, q_2, q_3) , where $x_1 = q_1 + q_2 + \frac{1}{2}q_3$, $x_2 = q_1 - q_3$, $x_3 = q_1 - q_2 + \frac{1}{2}q_3$. Find the generalized forces Q_1, Q_2 and Q_3 . Assume small motions. (CONTD.....3)

- 17.a) A small tube, bent in the form of a circle of radius r , rotates about a vertical diameter with a constant angular velocity ω . A particle of mass m can slide without friction inside the tube. At any given time, the configuration of the system is specified by the angle θ which is measured from the upward vertical to the line connecting the center O and the particle. Find the Jacobi integral.

(OR)

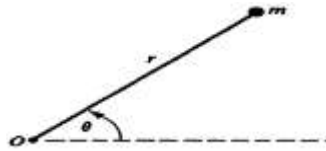
- b) Suppose a mass-spring system is attached to a frame which is translating with a uniform velocity v_0 as shown in figure below. Let l_0 be the unstressed spring length and use the elongation x as the generalized coordinate. Find the Jacobi integral for the system.



- 18.a) Find a curve $y(x)$ between the origin O and the point (x_1, y_1) such that a particle starting from rest at O , and sliding down the curve without friction under the influence of a uniform gravitational field, will reach the end of the curve in a minimum time.

(OR)

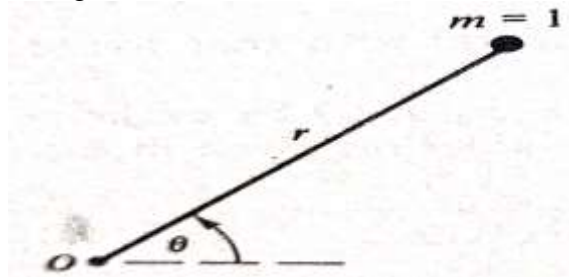
- b) A particle of mass m is attracted to a fixed point O by an inverse square force, that is, $F_r = -\frac{\mu m}{r^2}$ where μ is the gravitational coefficient. Using the plane polar coordinates (r, θ) to describe the position of the particle (Fig.), find the equations of motion.



- 19.a) Derive the Hamilton –Jacobi equation.

(OR)

- b) Suppose a particle of unit mass is attracted by an inverse-square gravitational force to a fixed point O in figure below.



Use Hamilton Jacobi method to obtain the position of the particle given in terms of polar coordinates (r, θ) measured in the plane of the orbit.

- 20.a) Consider the transformation $Q = \log \frac{\sin p}{q}$, $P = q \cot p$ Obtain the four major types of generating functions associated with this transformation.

(OR)

- b) Consider a system having n degrees of freedom. Obtain a generating function for the resultant transformation equivalent to a sequence of two simple transformations, namely, a translation followed by a rotation.