

1. Solve the vector differential equations

(a)  $\frac{dr}{dt} = r$ ,

given that when  $t = 0$ ,  $r \cdot i = 1$  and  $r \times i = 2j + 3k$ ;

(b)  $\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dr}{dt} + r = 0$ ,

given that  $r = i - j$  and  $\frac{dr}{dt} = i + j$  when  $t = 0$ ;

(c)  $\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + 4r = 4j \cos t$ ,

giving the general solution, if the particular solution is of the form  $a \cos t + b \sin t$ .

2. (i) Three forces  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  act at points with position vectors  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  respectively, where

$$F_1 = (3i - j + 2k) \text{ N}, \quad r_1 = (j - 3k) \text{ m},$$

$$F_2 = (i - 4j + k) \text{ N}, \quad r_2 = (3i - 8j + k) \text{ m},$$

$$F_3 = (i + j - 2k) \text{ N}, \quad r_3 = (2i - j + k) \text{ m}.$$

When a fourth force  $F_4$  is added, the system is in equilibrium. Find  $F_4$  and a vector equation of its line of action. Find also the magnitude of the moment of  $F_4$  about the origin  $O$ .

(ii) A force  $F$  of magnitude 26 N acts along the direction of the vector  $4i - 3j + 12k$ . A bead moves along a smooth wire from the point A to the point B, where

$$OA = 3i - 4j + 2k, \quad OB = 5i - 24j + 3k \text{ under the influence of } F.$$

Find the work done by  $F$ .

3. A smooth sphere A moving with speed  $u$  collides with a stationary identical sphere B. Just before impact the direction of motion of A is inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the line of centres of A and B. The coefficient of restitution between the two spheres is  $e$ .

Find the speeds of A and B immediately after impact.

Find also the loss of kinetic energy due to the impact.

Show that the direction of motion of A after impact is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the line of centers, where

$$(1 - e) \tan \theta = 2.$$

4. (i) A discrete random variable  $X$  has a binomial distribution with parameters 5 and 0.2. Find

(a)  $P(X = 3)$ ,

(b)  $P(X < 3)$ , giving your answers to 4 decimal places.

(ii) The marks  $Y$  in an examination are normally distributed with mean 20 and standard deviation 8.

(a) Find the probability that a candidate scores a mark more than 30.

(b) Given that  $P(\alpha < Y < 24) = 0.6611$ , find the value of  $\alpha$  to the nearest whole number.

5. Find the Taylor series expansion for the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - y,$$

in ascending powers of  $x$  up to and including the term in  $x^3$ , given that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ .

Find the value of  $y$ , to 3 decimal places, when  $x = 0.1$ .

Obtain another expansion for  $y = f(x)$  in ascending powers of  $(x - 0.1)$ , giving the coefficients to 3 decimal places. Hence, find the value of  $y$  to 3 decimal places when  $x = 0.2$ .

6. A particle of mass  $m$  is projected vertically downwards in a medium in which resistance to motion is  $mkv$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant and  $v$  is the speed. Given that the initial speed is  $u$ , find the terminal speed of the particle. Show that the distance traveled by the particle in time  $T$  is

$$\left(\frac{u}{k} - \frac{g}{k^2}\right)(1 - e^{-kT}) + \frac{gT}{k}.$$

7. Show by integration that the moment of inertia of a uniform rod of mass  $M$  and length  $2a$ , about an axis perpendicular to its length and passing through one end, is  $\frac{4}{3}Ma^2$ . A uniform rod  $AB$  of mass  $m$  and length  $2a$  has a particle of mass  $m$  attached to the end  $B$ . The rod can rotate in a vertical plane about a smooth axis through  $A$ . If the body is slightly displaced from the position in which  $B$  is vertically above  $A$ , show that, when the rod makes an angle  $\theta$  with the upward vertical,

$$8a \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 = 9g(1 - \cos\theta).$$

Find the magnitude of the reaction at the axis when  $B$  is vertically below  $A$ .

8. (a)  $X$  is a random variable having a Poisson distribution given by

$$P(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

prove that the mean and variance of  $X$  has value  $\lambda$ .

- (b) The continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(1-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Find

- (i) the value of  $k$ ,
- (ii) the mode of  $X$ ,
- (iii) the mean and variance of  $X$ .