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- \*1. Forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  act at points with position vectors  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively, where

$$F_1 = (i - 3j + 3k)N, \quad r_1 = (3i + j + ak)m,$$

$$F_2 = (2i + 2j + 6ak)N, \quad r_2 = (i + 3j + k)m,$$

The lines of action of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  intersect.

- a) Find the value of the constant  $a$  and the position vector of the point of intersection.

The forces  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  act through the point with position vector  $(i + j - k)m$ , so that the system of the four forces reduces to a couple  $G$ .

- b) Find the magnitude of  $F_4$  and a vector equation of its line of action.  
c) Find, also, the magnitude of  $G$ .

- \*2. a) The table below gives the speed,  $v$  m  $s^{-1}$ , of a particle moving in a straight line between two points  $A$  and  $B$ . At time  $t = 0.2$  s the particle is at  $A$  and at time  $t = 1.0$  s, it is at the point  $B$ .

$v$ (m $s^{-1}$ )	6.03	4.04	2.71	1.82	1.22
$t$ (s)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0

Using Simpson's rule estimate, to 2 decimal places, the distance  $AB$ .

- b) Given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} - x^2 + xy = 0$ , and that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ , show that for values of  $x$  close to 0,

$$y = 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{8}x^4 + \dots$$

Use the approximation  $2h\frac{dy}{dx} \approx y_{n+1} - y_{n-1}$  and a step width of 0.2 to find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 0.4$ , giving your final answer to 4 decimal places.

- \*3. a) Find the general solution of the vector differential equation  $\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + 4r = (6\sin t)i$ , given that  $A\sin t$  is a particular integral of this differential equation.

A particle  $P$  moves in the  $x$ - $y$  plane so that its position vector  $r$  at time  $t$  satisfies the differential equation above. Initially  $P$  is at the point with position vector  $2j$  and moving with velocity  $2i$ . Given that  $P$  moves on the parabola  $y = \lambda + \mu x^2$ , find the values of  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ .

- b) A particle moves on a polar curve with constant angular velocity  $\omega$ . At time  $t$ , the transverse component of its acceleration is  $2r\omega^2$ . Given that  $r = a$  when  $\theta = 0$ , find the equation of the curve.

- \*4. Two spheres  $A$  and  $B$  of equal radii and of masses  $m$  and  $\lambda m$  lie on a smooth horizontal floor. Sphere  $A$  is projected towards  $B$  with speed  $u$  so that they collide obliquely. Just before impact, the direction of motion of  $A$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with the line of centres of the two spheres. Given that the coefficient of restitution between the spheres is  $e$ , find the speed of  $B$  after impact. After impact, the velocity of  $A$  makes an angle  $\phi$  with the line of centres.

Show that  $\tan \phi = \frac{1 + \lambda}{1 - \lambda e} \tan \theta$ .

Given that the final velocity of  $A$  is perpendicular to its initial velocity, show that  $\tan^2 \theta = \frac{e\lambda - 1}{\lambda + 1}$ .

Show, further that,  $\lambda > 1$ .

5. A particle  $P$  of mass  $m$  is attached to one end of a light elastic string of natural length  $l$  and modulus  $mg$ . The other end of the string is fixed to a point  $A$  on a smooth plane which is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal. When the particle lies in equilibrium, find the extension of the string. The particle is now given a speed  $u$  down plane, parallel to the line of greatest slope of the plane. Given that  $x$  is the displacement of the particle from the equilibrium position at time  $t$ , show that the equation of motion of  $P$  is given

$$\text{by } x = u \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \sin \left( \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} t \right), \text{ where } g \text{ is the acceleration of free fall.}$$

Show further that the particle executes complete simple harmonic motion provided that  $u \leq \sqrt{gl} \sin \theta$ .