

CH(2) CENTRAL FORCES

Central forces.

* **Polar Co-ordinates:** - (1) The Polar Co-ordinates (r, θ) are special case of spherical Co-ordinates in which ϕ is kept constant.



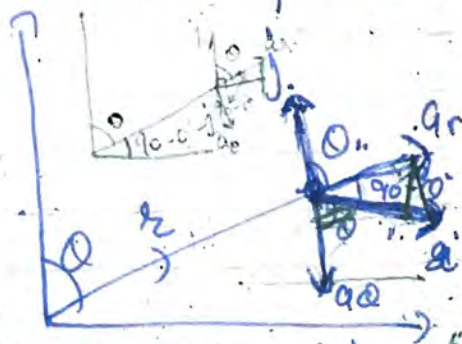
(2) The axis with respect to which θ is measured is the Polar axis.

(3) The Polar Co-ordinates are used to consider the motion in a Plane.

* **Some Expression in terms of Polar Co-ordinates:**

(1) Consider the following diagram of \hat{a}_r and \hat{a}_θ as unit vectors, taking along the increasing direction of r and θ .

(2) \hat{i} and \hat{j} are the usual unit vectors taking along x & y axis respectively.



$$\hat{a}_r = |\hat{a}_r| \cos(90-\theta)\hat{i} + |\hat{a}_r| \sin(90-\theta)\hat{j}$$

$$|\hat{a}_r| = \hat{i} \sin\theta + \hat{j} \cos\theta$$

$$\hat{a}_r = \hat{i} \sin\theta + \hat{j} \cos\theta \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_0 &= |\vec{a}_0| \cos \omega t \hat{i} - |\vec{a}_0| \sin \omega t \hat{j} \\ &= \cos \omega t \hat{i} - \sin \omega t \hat{j} \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (a_0 \hat{r}) &= +i \cos \omega t \omega - j \sin \omega t \omega \\ &= (i \cos \omega t - j \sin \omega t) \omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} a_0 \hat{r} = a_0 \hat{\theta}} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (a_0) &= \frac{d}{dt} (\cos \omega t \hat{i} - j \sin \omega t) \\ &= (-\sin \omega t \hat{i} - j \cos \omega t) \omega \\ &= -(\cos \omega t \hat{j} + j \sin \omega t) \omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} (a_0) = - (a_0 \hat{\theta})} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

★ Velocity in Polar Coordinates:-

we can express

$$\vec{r} = r \hat{a}_r$$

Now

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \hat{a}_r + r \frac{d\hat{a}_r}{dt}$$

Putty value of $\frac{d\hat{a}_r}{dt} = \hat{\theta}$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{r} \hat{a}_r + r(\dot{\theta} \hat{a}_\theta) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

This is Expression for velocity in (A)
 $r\dot{\theta}$ is called Radial Component and $r\dot{\theta}$ is
 the Transverse Component of velocity.

★ Acceleration in terms of Polar Co-ordinates.

As we know that

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (r\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_r + r\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta)$$

$$= r''\hat{a}_r + r'\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_r + r'\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta + r\dot{\theta}\frac{d(\hat{a}_\theta)}{dt}$$

$$= r''\hat{a}_r + r'(\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_r) + r'\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta + r\dot{\theta}(-\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_r)$$

$$= r''\hat{a}_r + 2r'\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta - r\dot{\theta}^2\hat{a}_r$$

$$= (r'' - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{a}_r + (2r'\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\hat{a}_\theta$$

$$\vec{a} = (r'' - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{a}_r + (2r'\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\hat{a}_\theta$$

— (B)

from equation (B)

Radial Component of $\vec{a} = r'' - r\dot{\theta}^2$

Transverse " " " = $2r'\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}$

★ Central forces: Suppose that a force acting on a particle of mass 'm' such that

(a) It is always directed towards a fixed Pt. O or directed away from fixed Pt.

(b) Its magnitude depend upon the distance of the Particle from Pt O .

This force is called central force and

The Pt O is called Centre of

force. Symbolically this force is expressed as

$$\vec{F} = f(r) \hat{a}_r$$

$$= f(r) \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$

as $\hat{a}_r = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$ (unit vector)

\hat{a}_r is unit vector along the direction of r . This force is attractive if $f(r) < 0$ and it will be repulsive if $f(r) > 0$.

Properties of central force:-

1) A motion under the effect of central force take place in a plane.

Let the central force be given

By

$$F = f(r) \hat{a}_r$$

As it is the position vector of particle moving under central force at any time t . \vec{r} and \vec{F} are acting along the same direction. Then

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

or

$$\vec{r} \times m\vec{v} = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \times m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0$$

$$m \left(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \right) = 0$$

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r} \times \vec{v} + \vec{r} \times d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0$$

$$= \vec{v} \times \vec{v} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} \times \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \text{Constant}$$

As \vec{r} is always at right angle to a constant vector, h , so it must lie on a plane.

(ii) Angular momentum will be constant.

We know that $\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \text{Constant} = \frac{h}{m}$
 multiply both side by m , we get

$$m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}) = m \frac{h}{m}$$

$$\vec{r} \times m\vec{v} = m\frac{h}{m}$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m\frac{h}{m}$$

But $\vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{L}$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{L} = \text{Constant}$

* magnitude of \vec{L} , in terms of Polar. Coordinates:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$= \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$$

$$= m\vec{r} \times (\dot{r}\hat{a}_r + r\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta)$$

$$= m\dot{r}\hat{a}_r \times (r\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta) + m\dot{\theta}\hat{a}_\theta \times (r\hat{a}_r)$$

$$= m\dot{r}\dot{\theta} r \hat{a}_r \times \hat{a}_\theta + m\dot{\theta} r \hat{a}_\theta \times \hat{a}_r$$

$$= m\dot{r}\dot{\theta} r \hat{k}$$

$\hat{a}_r \times \hat{a}_\theta = \text{another unit vector}$

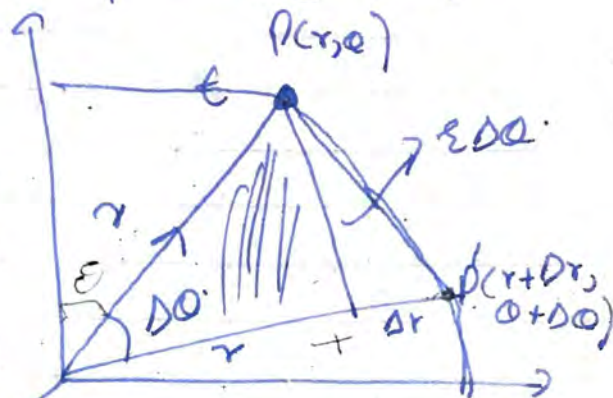
$$|\vec{L}| = m r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{Constant}$$

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(iii) Areal velocity is Constant:-

Consider a Position of Particle in the fig at time t , and $(t + \Delta t)$.

Let The Polar Co-ordinates at These Pts Be $P(r, \theta)$ and $P(r + \Delta r, \theta + \Delta \theta)$, The area Swept during this time interval



By the Position vector

By The Position vector of fig. represented by Shaded

Areal velocity is defined as follows,

$$\text{Areal velocity} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta A}{\Delta t}$$

ΔA is Area swept in time Δt for small value of $\Delta \theta$. The area ΔA is approximately equal to the area of Triangle with Base $r + \Delta r$ and altitude $r \sin \Delta \theta$ as shown in fig.

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Base})(\text{Altitude})$$

$$\Delta A = \frac{1}{2} (r + \Delta r) r \Delta \theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Delta \theta + \frac{1}{2} r \Delta r \Delta \theta$$

As $\frac{dt}{dt} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Delta r \Delta \theta \ll \Delta \theta$, this
 can be neglected so that the
 rate at which area is swept
 will be;

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dt}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

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areal velocity,
 angular momentum

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

This areal velocity is constant
 which is one of the Property.

(iv) The central force is conservative:

We know that the central force
 is expressed as

$$\vec{F} = f(r) \hat{r}$$

$$= f(r) \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$$

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{f(r)}{r} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Curl } \vec{F} =$$

So

$$F_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} z \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} y \right)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ F_x & F_y & F_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} z \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} y \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} z \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} y \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dr} \frac{f(r)}{r} \left(z \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{d}{dr} \frac{f(r)}{r} \left(z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dr} \frac{f(r)}{r} \left[z \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{2y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} - y \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{2z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dr} \frac{f(r)}{r} \left(\frac{zy}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} - \frac{yz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{f(r)}{r} \right) (0)$$

Similarly, we can prove
 $f_y = 0$, $f_z = 0$

Thus $\text{Curl } \mathbf{F} = 0$, Hence The Central force will be conservative.

*** Equations of motion for Particle in a Central field of force:-**
 we know that acceleration \vec{a} in Polar Coordinates is

$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) \hat{a}_r + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}) \hat{a}_\theta$$

The central field of force taken place in a

in a Plane - Choosing this Plane as xy-Plane and Co-ordinates, the equations of motion, are obtained as Below.

we know that

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a} \quad (1)$$

if this force is a Central force Then

$$\vec{F} = f(r) \hat{a}_r \quad (2)$$

from (1) & (2) we get,

$$f(r) \hat{a}_r = m\vec{a}$$

Substitute the value of \vec{a} in terms of Polar Co-ordinates,

$$f(r) \hat{a}_r = m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) \hat{a}_r + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}) \hat{a}_\theta$$

Equating Radial & Transverse Components.

$$m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) = f(r) \quad (3)$$

and

$$m(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}) = 0 \quad (4)$$

from (3) & (4) Equations, are the Basic equations of motion for Particle under the central field of force.

It can be seen that the Central force has no transverse components. Considering eq (3) which show that

$$f(r) = m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)$$

Then angular momentum is constant, as we know that

$$L = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

④ multiplying both sides by r to
we get

$$m (r^2 \ddot{\theta} + 2r \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) = 0$$

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (r^2 \dot{\theta}) = 0$$

$$m r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{Constant}$$

$$L = m r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{Constant}$$

which is Proof

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (r^2 \dot{\theta}) = 0$$

$$m \neq 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (r^2 \dot{\theta}) = 0$$

V.V. 2P

Question (Important) (P.U) ~~is 2P~~

Using The Basic equation of motion for the Central force derive the following equation:

$$(i) \frac{d^2 r}{d\theta^2} - \frac{2}{r} \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta} \right)^2 - r = \frac{m r^4}{l^2} f(r) \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

This is an equation in terms of derivatives of r with respect to θ . It can be derived as follows. we know the Basic equation of motion in central field of force.

$$m (r'' - r \dot{\theta}^2) = f(r) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

we also know that angular momentum

$$L = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{L}{m r^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Substitute the value of $\dot{\theta}$ in eq (1) and get