



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

**APRIL 2016 SERIES EXAMINATION**

**UNIT CODE: SMA 2273 UNIT TITLE: APPLIED  
MATHEMATICS 1**

**SPECIAL/SUPLIMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:**

You should have the following for this examination

- Mathematical tables
- Scientific Calculator

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

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## QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) COMPULSORY

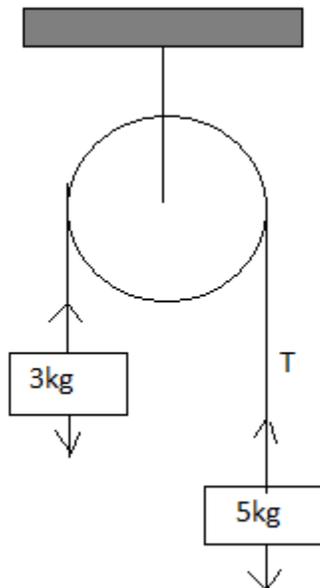
- a. For a body in vertical motion, show that maximum height of a projectile is  $h_m = \frac{U_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{g}$   
(3 marks)
- b. State Newton's second law of motion and use it to derive the formula  $f = ma$   
(3 marks)
- c. State four uses of dimensional analysis  
(4 marks)
- d. 2 Forces P and Q which are inclined at  $120^\circ$  have a resultant magnitude of P. calculate the magnitude of Q in terms of  $P\sqrt{7}$   
(4 marks)
- e. A stone of mass 0.4kg is tied to a string of length 0.5 and whirled in a circle. If the stone revolve uniformly and makes one complete revolution per second, calculate its acceleration and the force exerted on the stone by the string  
(2 marks)
- f. Two particles have position vectors given by

$$r_1 = 4ti - 2t^2j - 5tk$$

$$r_2 = (2t^2 - t)i + t^3j - 4tk$$

Find the relative velocity and acceleration of second particle with respect to the first particle when  $t=3$  seconds  
(6 marks)

- g. Two particles of mass 5kg and three kg are connected by a light inelastic string passing over a smooth fixed pulley. find the acceleration of particles and tension in the string when the system is moving freely  
(3 marks)



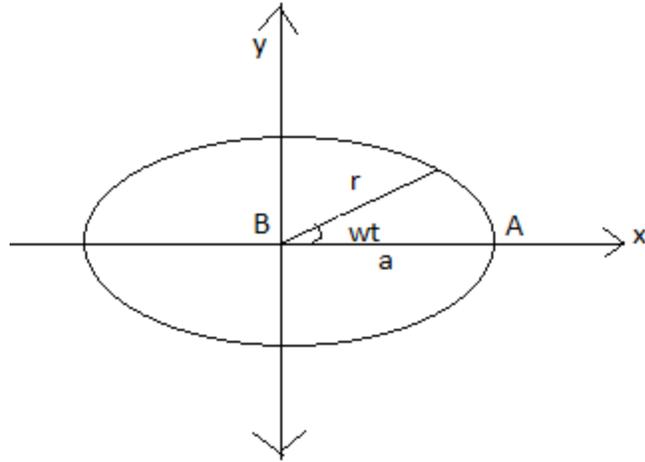
- h. A coil spring lies along the helix.  $r = (\cos 4t)i + (\sin 4t)j + tk, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . The spring's density is a constant  $\delta=1$ . Find spring's mass and spring's moment of inertia and radius of gyration about the z axis  
(5 marks)

## QUESTION TWO(20 MARKS)

- a. A particle is moving along a curve defined by the parametric equation  $x = 2\cos 3t$   
 $y = 2\sin 3t$   $z = 4t^2$ . find
- Velocity and acceleration at any time  $t$ . (3 marks)
  - Show that the speed of the particle is increasing but the magnitude of acceleration is constant. (4 marks)
- b. A particle  $p$  is projected from point  $o$  on a horizontal plane with a speed of 72km/h at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal where  $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{3}$ . Find
- Time taken for  $P$  to return to the plane (2 marks)
  - Maximum height attained by  $P$  (2 marks)
  - The range (2 marks)
  - Speed of  $P$  after two seconds. (2 marks)
- c. A particle on a circle of radius  $R$  has a constant angular acceleration  $\alpha$ . If the particle starts from rest, show that after a time  $t$
- The angular velocity  $\omega = \alpha t$  (2 marks)
  - The magnitude of acceleration  $a_T$  and  $a_N$  (3 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. A block of mass 2kg is kept moving with a uniform acceleration of  $0.2\text{m/s}^2$  by an application of force of 10.4N. What was the limiting frictional force? (3 marks)
- b. A particle is fired with a constant velocity of  $10 \times 10^5 \text{m/s}$  into the region where it is subjected to an acceleration of  $2 \times 10^{12} \text{m/s}^2$  directed to the initial velocity. How far does the particle travel before coming to rest? How long does the particle remain at rest? (3 marks)
- c. A particle moves with position function  $r(t) = (t^2, t^2, t^3)$ . Find
- The unit tangent vector at  $t=1$  (3 marks)
  - The tangential and normal acceleration to the point. (3 marks)
- d. A particle of mass  $m$  kg moves in the  $x y$  axis plane so that its position vector is where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $w$  are positive constants and  $a > b$
- Show that the force field is conservative (3 marks)
  - Find the potential energy at the points  $A$  and  $B$  in the figure below (2 marks)



- iii. Find the work done by the force in moving the particle from A to B (1 marks)
- iv. Find the total energy of the particle and show that it is constant, i.e. demonstrate the principle of conservation of energy. (2 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. A particle is projected from a point which is 2m above the ground level with a velocity of 40m/s at an angle 45 to the horizontal. Find its horizontal distance from the point of projection when it hits the ground. (5 marks)
- b. A particle of mass 5 units moves along a space curve given by  $r = (t^2 + t)i + (3t - 2)j + (2t^3 - 4t^2)k$ . find
  - i. Velocity of a particle (1 marks)
  - ii. Acceleration of the particle (1 marks)
  - iii. Force acting on a particle (1 marks)
  - iv. Momentum of particle at  $t=2$  (1 marks)
- c. A coin is thrown vertically upwards from the ground with a speed of 10m/s.
  - i. How long does it take to reach the maximum point (1 marks)
  - ii. What is the maximum height reached by the coin? (2 marks)
- d. Calculate the resultant of vectors  $v_1 - v_2 + v_3$  given that
 
$$V_1 = 22 \text{ units at } 140^\circ$$

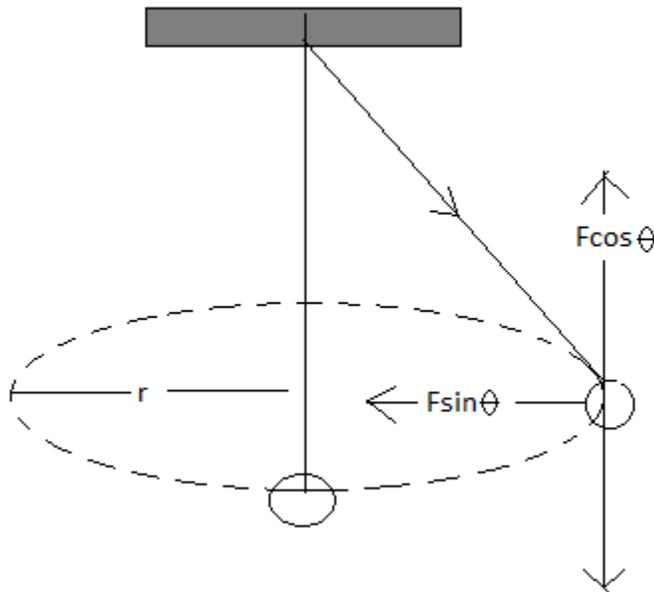
$$V_2 = 40 \text{ units at } 190^\circ$$

$$V_3 = 15 \text{ units at } 290^\circ$$
 (4 marks)
- e. If  $F = (x, y, z) = y^2j + (2xy + e^{3z})j + 3ye^{3z}k$  find a function  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$

(4 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- The efficiency  $\eta$  of a fan depends on the density  $\rho$  the dynamic viscosity  $\mu$  of the fluid, the angular velocity  $\omega$ , diameter  $D$  of the rotor and the discharge  $Q$ . express in terms of dimensionless parameters (7 marks)
- Find the work done in moving a particle once around a circle  $c$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane with centre origin and radius 3 units by a force given by  $F = (2x - y + z)i + (x + y - z^2)j + (3x - 2y + 4z)k$  for  $x = 3\cos\theta$   $y = 3\sin\theta$ .  $\theta$  changing from zero to  $360(2\pi)$  (6 marks)
- For a conical pendulum.



Show that for unit radius of the circular path  $\tan\theta = \frac{v^2}{g}$  (3 marks)

- A particle of unit mass moving a straight line is acted upon by a force given by  $-4xN$ , where  $x$  is the displacement of 1kg particle. The particle is at rest when  $x=3$  meters. Find the velocity when  $x=1$  (4 marks)

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