

## PH103 : Physics Tutorial 2

- 1. Write the components of  $\vec{A} = 2y\hat{e_x} z\hat{e_y} x\hat{e_z}$  in cylindrical and spherical polar co-ordinates
- 2. Determine  $\vec{A}$  in terms of spherical and cylindrical polar co-ordinates if  $\vec{A} = (y - z)\hat{e_x} + x\hat{e_y}$  passes through the point P(-3,2,4)
- 3. Sketch the following surfaces (a) (i)  $\rho = 5$  (ii)  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$  (iii) z = 5, where  $\rho, \phi, z$  represent cylindrical polar co-ordinates

(b)(i) r=1 (iii)  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (iii)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , where r, $\phi$ , $\theta$  represent spherical polar co-ordinates

4. A bird of weight 3 N is tracing a downward path on a cylindrical helix as shown in figure 1. The rate of descent is dz/dt =-2m/s with zero acceleration in the z-direction. The speed is v=10m/s and dθ/dt = 0.05 rad/s (where 'θ'' is the polar angle). Find the following

(a) Radius of helix
(b) Find the force the bird need to apply to maintain the motion as described in the figure 1

(c) Find the angle of descend of the bird, see figure 2

5. A particle moves in such a way that in the spherical polar coordinate system, its motion is described by the properties that  $\phi$  is constant, and  $r = r_0 e^{\epsilon t}$ . Both  $r_0$  and  $\epsilon$  are positive constants. (a) Determine the condition on  $\epsilon$  such that the particle's radial acceleration becomes zero. (b) When the radial acceleration is zero, is the radial velocity constant? [Caution. Write down the vector expressions for velocity and acceleration before you attempt a quick answer to this question].



Figure 1:



Figure 2: