



PH103 : Physics Tutorial 1

1. Determine the velocity and acceleration vector if for a particle having constant  $r$  and  $\theta = \omega t + \frac{\alpha t^2}{2}$  where  $\omega$  and  $\alpha$  are angular velocity and angular acceleration (both are constants in this problem) respectively in (a) polar co-ordinate and (b) cartesian co-ordinate systems
2. Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ , If
  - (a)  $|\vec{A}| = |\vec{B}| = |\vec{A} + \vec{B}|$
  - (b)  $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{A} = \vec{B} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{A})$  and  $|\vec{A}|^2 = |\vec{B}|^2$
3. A particle is subjected to a radial force  $\vec{F} = f(|\vec{r}|)\hat{e}_r$ . Determine the vector  $\vec{V} = \vec{F} \times \vec{L}$ , the cross product of this radial force with the angular momentum of the particle on which the force acts. Find the components of  $\vec{V}$  along  $\hat{e}_r$  and along  $\hat{e}_\perp$  where  $\hat{e}_r$  and  $\hat{e}_\perp$  are orthogonal to each other.
4. Imagine a particle moving outward along a spiral. The trajectory is given by  $r=B\theta$ , where  $B$  is a constant.  $B=\frac{1}{\pi}$  m/rad,  $\theta$  increases according to  $\theta = \frac{\alpha t^2}{2}$ , where  $\alpha$  is a constant.
  - (a) Sketch the motion, and indicate the velocity and acceleration at a few points
  - (b) Show that the radial acceleration is zero when  $\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  rad
  - (c) At what angles do the radial and tangential accelerations have equal magnitude?
5. A tire rolls in a straight line without slipping. Its center moves with constant speed  $V$ . A small pebble lodged in the tread of the tire touches the road at  $t = 0$ . Find the pebble's position, velocity, and acceleration as functions of time.