

# Intermediate Mechanics PHYS-3202

## Final Exam

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### Instructions:

- Do not turn over until instructed.
- You will have 3 hours to complete this exam.
- No electronic devices, hardcopy notes, or books are allowed.
- INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TEST LENGTH WILL GO HERE.
- **Answer all questions briefly and completely.**
- **Only the lined pages of your exam book will be graded. Use the blank pages for scratch work only.**

Useful Formulae:

- Friction:  $F_{static} \leq \mu_S N$ ,  $F_{kinetic} = \mu_K N$  directed against opposing force or relative velocity
- Air/fluid resistance:  $F = -\lambda v^{n-1} \vec{v}$ ,  $\lambda \equiv m\gamma$ 
  - Velocity is given with respect to air/fluid
  - Terminal velocity in uniform gravity  $v = (mg/\lambda)^{1/n}$
  - Solution in uniform gravity for linear air resistance

$$x = \frac{v_{x,0}}{\gamma} (1 - e^{-\gamma t}) \quad , \quad z = \left( \frac{v_{z,0}}{\gamma} + \frac{g}{\gamma^2} \right) (1 - e^{-\gamma t}) - \frac{gt}{\gamma}$$

- Solution for vertical motion in uniform gravity for quadratic air resistance

$$v = -\sqrt{\frac{g}{\gamma}} \tanh(\sqrt{\gamma g} t) \quad , \quad z = z_0 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \ln[\cosh(\sqrt{\gamma g} t)]$$

with  $z = z_0, v = 0$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $z$  increasing upward

- Thrust  $-\dot{m}u$  for  $u$  exhaust speed,  $v = v_0 + u \ln(m_0/m)$
- Harmonic Oscillators
  - Linear restoring force  $F = -kx \equiv -m\omega_0^2 x$ , linear damping force  $F = -\lambda\dot{x} = -2m\gamma\dot{x}$
  - Potential  $V = kx^2/2$
  - Independent solutions  $x = Ae^{pt}$  where  $p = -\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}$
  - For driving force  $F(t) = Fe^{i\omega t}$ , solution is transients plus

$$x(t) = Ae^{i\omega t - i\theta} \quad , \quad A = \frac{F/m}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega^2}} \quad , \quad \tan\theta = \frac{2\gamma\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

- Isotropic oscillator in 3D has restoring force  $\vec{F} = -k\vec{r}$ , potential  $V = kr^2/2$
- Can be anisotropic in 3D

- General 3D concepts

- Centripetal acceleration  $a_r = -v^2/r$  for circular motion
- Angular momentum  $\vec{J} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ , torque  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$
- Effective potential for central force  $U = V + J^2/2mr^2$
- For a central force, motion is in a plane  $\perp \vec{J}$
- For a central force, Kepler's second law  $dA/dt = J/2m$  constant

- Inverse square force  $\vec{F} = k\hat{r}/r^2$ ,  $V = k/r$

- Coulomb  $k = q_1q_2/4\pi\epsilon_0$ , gravity  $k = -Gm_1m_2$
- Orbit  $\ell = r(e \cos \phi \pm 1)$ ,  $\ell = J^2/m|k|$ ,  $e = \sqrt{1 + 2J^2E/mk^2}$
- Elliptical orbit: semimajor axis  $a = \ell/(1 - e^2)$ , semiminor axis  $b = \ell/\sqrt{1 - e^2}$   
Kepler's 3rd law  $T^2 = 4\pi^2a^3/GM$  for gravity
- Hyperbolic orbit  $a = \ell/(e^2 - 1)$  with impact parameter  $b = \ell/\sqrt{e^2 - 1}$

- Scattering

- Mean free path  $\lambda = 1/n\sigma$ ,  $n$  = number density,  $\sigma$  = cross section
- Hard sphere scattering  $b = R \cos(\theta/2)$ ,  $d\sigma/d\Omega = R^2/4$
- Rutherford scattering  $b = (k/mv^2) \cot(\theta/2)$ ,  $d\sigma/d\Omega = (1/4)(k/mv^2)^2(1/\sin^4(\theta/2))$

- Noninertial Frames with Accelerating Origin at  $\vec{R}$

- General motion of origin: fictitious force  $\vec{F} = -m d^2\vec{R}/dt^2$
- Time derivative in inertial axes vs rotating axes  $d\vec{a}/dt = \dot{\vec{a}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{a}$ , angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$
- For  $\vec{R}$  rotating around same inertial origin:
  - \* Transverse force  $-m\dot{\vec{\omega}} \times (\vec{R} + \vec{r})$
  - \* Centrifugal force  $-m\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{R} + \vec{r})) = m\omega^2(\vec{R} + \vec{r}) - m\vec{\omega}(\vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{R} + \vec{r}))$
  - \* Coriolis force  $-2m\vec{\omega} \times \dot{\vec{r}}$

- Inertia Tensor

- Mass, center of mass position, inertia tensor ( $dm = d^3\vec{r}\rho$ )

$$M = \int dm, \quad M\vec{R} = \int dm \vec{r}, \quad I_{ij} = \int dm (r^2\delta_{ij} - r_i r_j)$$

- Moments of inertia are diagonal components, products off-diagonal  
 $I_{zz}$  is around  $z$  axis, etc
- Principal axes and moments are eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Parallel Axis Theorem  $I'_{ij} = I_{ij}^{CM} + M(R^2\delta_{ij} - R_i R_j)$ ,  $I_{ij}^{CM}$  is around center of mass
- Angular momentum  $J_i = \sum_j I_{ij}\omega_j$ , kinetic energy  $T = \sum_{ij} I_{ij}\omega_i\omega_j/2$

- Rigid Bodies

- Inertial axes  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , body-fixed principal axes  $\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3$
- Rolling without slipping  $v = \omega R$
- Euler equations in rotating body frame  $\dot{\vec{J}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{J} = \vec{\tau}$ ; in principal axes:

$$I_1\dot{\omega}_1 + (I_3 - I_2)\omega_3\omega_2 = \tau_1, \quad I_2\dot{\omega}_2 + (I_1 - I_3)\omega_3\omega_1 = \tau_2, \quad I_3\dot{\omega}_3 + (I_2 - I_1)\omega_1\omega_2 = \tau_3$$

- Euler angles
  - \* Rotate by  $\phi$  around  $\hat{k}$
  - \* Rotate by  $\theta$  around line of nodes ( $\hat{x}$ ) to define  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$  axes
  - \* Rotate by  $\psi$  around principal axis  $\hat{e}_3$
  - \*  $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$  axes rotate with angular velocity  $\vec{\eta} = \dot{\theta}\hat{x} + \dot{\phi}\sin\theta\hat{y} + \dot{\phi}\cos\theta\hat{z}$
  - \* Angular velocity

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{\eta} + \dot{\psi}\hat{z} = (\dot{\phi}\sin\theta\sin\psi + \dot{\theta}\cos\psi)\hat{e}_1 + (\dot{\phi}\sin\theta\cos\psi - \dot{\theta}\sin\psi)\hat{e}_2 + (\dot{\phi}\cos\theta + \dot{\psi})\hat{e}_3$$

- Symmetric object free rotation “wobble” rate  $\dot{\phi} = I_3\omega_3/I\cos\theta$
- Effective potential for nutation of symmetric object in gravity

$$V(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(J_k - J_z \cos\theta)^2}{I \sin^2\theta} + MgR \cos\theta$$

- Astronomical data

- Earth latitude  $\lambda = \pi/2 - \theta$ ,  $\theta$  = polar angle, colatitude
- $\vec{g}$  defined by convention, you can use  $g = GM_{\oplus}/R_{\oplus}^2 \approx 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$
- Earth mass  $M_{\oplus} = 6.0 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$ , equatorial radius  $R_{\oplus} = 6400 \text{ km}$
- Earth orbit semimajor axis  $a_{\oplus} = 1 \text{ au} = 1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$ , period  $T_{\oplus} = 1 \text{ yr} = 3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$
- Solar mass  $M_{\odot} = 2.0 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$ , equatorial radius  $R_{\odot} = 7.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$

- Vector Calculus

- Triple products  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{c}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$
- Gradient operator

$$\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\hat{k}$$

Divergence  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}$ , Curl  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla}f = 0$ ,  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = 0$

- Cylindrical coordinates  $x = \rho \cos \varphi, y = \rho \sin \varphi, z = z$

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\varphi^2 + dz^2, \quad d^3\vec{r} = \rho d\rho d\varphi dz, \quad \vec{v} = \dot{\rho}\hat{\rho} + \rho\dot{\varphi}\hat{\phi} + \dot{z}\hat{z}, \quad \vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho}\hat{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi}\hat{\phi} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\hat{z}$$

- Spherical polar coordinates  $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, z = r \cos \theta$

$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2, \quad d^3\vec{r} = r^2 dr \sin \theta d\theta d\phi, \quad \vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} + r \sin \theta \dot{\phi}\hat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\hat{\theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta}\frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}\hat{\phi}$$

- Other Math

- Ellipse and hyperbola in Cartesian coordinates (centered at origin)

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} \pm \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

semi-major axis  $a$ , semi-minor axis  $b$

- Trigonometric identities

$$\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1, \quad \sin\alpha \cos\beta + \cos\alpha \sin\beta = \sin(\alpha + \beta), \quad \cos\alpha \cos\beta - \sin\alpha \sin\beta = \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$d \sin \theta / d\theta = \cos \theta, \quad d \cos \theta / d\theta = -\sin \theta, \quad e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

- Matrix  $A$ , eigenvalues  $\lambda$ , eigenvectors  $\vec{x}$ :  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$   
Characteristic equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$