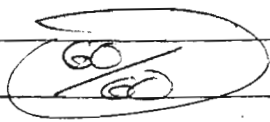


Math Physics Assignment  
(Nov 4/05)



Due: Nov 14/05

From the book

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+ see attached sheets,

⑥ Show that the following three forms of  $\nabla^2 \psi(r)$  in spherical polar coordinates are equivalent:

$$-(a) \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^2 \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} \right] \quad -(b) \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r\psi(r)]$$

$$(c) \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr}$$

⑦ Consider the function:  $f(r) = r^n$   
Calculate  $\nabla f$ ,  $\nabla \cdot (\hat{r} f(r))$ ,  $\nabla^2 f$ ,  $\nabla \times (\hat{r} f)$

⑧ A rigid body is rotating about a fixed axis with a constant angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ . Take  $\vec{\omega}$  to be along  $\hat{z}$ . Express  $\vec{r}$  in cylindrical coordinates and find

$$-(a) \quad \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

$$-(b) \quad \nabla \times \vec{v}$$

9) A particle  $m$  moves in response to a central force according to Newton's second law

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

- (a) Show that this implies  $\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} = \vec{C} = \text{constant}$
- (b) Argue coherently that this leads to Kepler's 2nd Law (look it up) for area of an orbit being swept out in time.
- (c) Deduce that the particle involved must move in a plane.

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- (a) Express  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  in spherical polar coordinates. Hint: Think about equating  $\nabla_{xyz}$  and  $\nabla_{r\theta\phi}$ .

- (b) Show that 
$$-i \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

In Q.M. this is the  $z$ -component of angular momentum of a particle.

- (c) In Quantum Mechanics the angular momentum operator is  $\vec{L} = -i (\vec{r} \times \nabla)$ . Show that this implies

$$L_x + i L_y = e^{i\phi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

and

$$L_x - i L_y = -e^{-i\phi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - i \cot \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

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## Problem on angles (2-D and 3-D)

From the time that the lower limb of the Sun touches the horizon, it takes approximately 2 minutes for the Sun to disappear beneath the horizon.

— (a) Approximately what angle (expressed in degrees and radians) does the diameter of the Sun subtend at the Earth? Use a 2-D polar coordinates - style diagram and use the symbol  $d\theta$  for the required angle. Is it consistent to treat  $d\theta$  like an infinitesimal angle here?

— (b) At what distance from your eye does a coin of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter (e.g. dime or nickel) just block out the disk of the Sun?

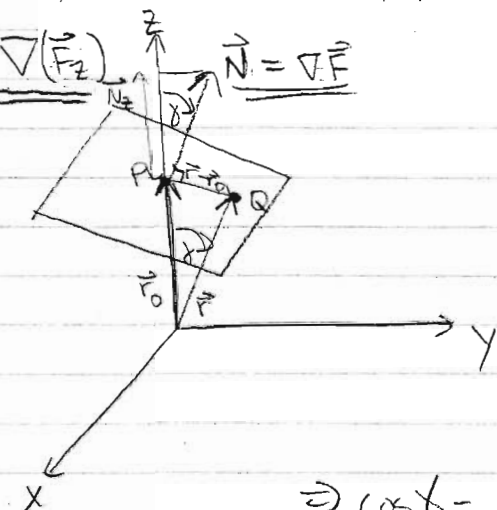
— (c) What solid angle (in steradians) does the Sun subtend at the EARTH?

[All approximations must be justified in a quantitative style]

① 5.87 Prove acute angle  $\gamma$  between z-axis and normal to surface  $F(x, y, z) = 0$  is  $\sec \gamma = \frac{\sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}}{|F_z|}$

$$\vec{F} = F(x, y, z) = F_x \hat{x} + F_y \hat{y} + F_z \hat{z} \quad \vec{F}_z = F_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{N}_z = \nabla(F_z) \quad \vec{N} = \nabla F$$



$$\cos \gamma = \frac{|\vec{N}_z|}{|\vec{N}|} = \frac{|\nabla F_z|}{|\nabla F|}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{|\vec{F}_z|}{|\vec{F}|}$$

$$|\vec{F}| = \sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \gamma = \frac{|F_z|}{\sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos \gamma} = \sec \gamma = \frac{\sqrt{F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2}}{|F_z|} \quad \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)$$

② 5.89

Given  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  (vectors with continuous partial derivatives w.r.t. to position and time.

and

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Prove  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  satisfy  $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \nabla \times \left( -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \vec{H})}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{but } \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{also } \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \nabla (\overset{\neq 0 \text{ since } \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0}{\cancel{\nabla \cdot \vec{E}}}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

Similarly,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{H}) = \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \vec{E})}{\partial t}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{also } \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{H}) = \nabla (\overset{\neq 0 \text{ since } \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0}{\cancel{\nabla \cdot \vec{H}}}) - \nabla^2 \vec{H} = -\nabla^2 \vec{H}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2}} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$\therefore \vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  satisfy the wave equation  $\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$  where

$\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{H}$  are electric and magnetic field vectors corresponding to a wave  $\psi$  propagating in free space at speed  $c$ .

③ 5.90

$$\text{Using } \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{Show } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^2 + H^2) \right\} + c \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = 0$$

$$c \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = c \vec{H} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{E}) - c \vec{E} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{H})$$

$$= c \vec{H} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \right) - c \vec{E} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$c \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = - \left( \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial (\vec{H} \cdot \vec{H})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t} = \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{H} = 2 \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{H} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial H^2}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial (\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E})}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} = \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{E} = 2 \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial E^2}{\partial t} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow c \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^2 + H^2) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^2 + H^2) \right\} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^2 + H^2) \right\} = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (E^2 + H^2) \right\} + c \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}) = 0} \quad \left( \frac{4}{4} \right)$$

④ 5.96

In cartesian coords:  $\vec{r} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$

(a)

Transformation Eqns for Cylindrical Co-ords

$x = \cos\phi\hat{\rho} - \sin\phi\hat{\phi}$	$x = \rho\cos\phi$	} plug into $\vec{r}$
$\hat{y} = \sin\phi\hat{\rho} + \cos\phi\hat{\phi}$	$y = \rho\sin\phi$	
$\hat{z} = \hat{z}$	$z = z$	

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \rho\cos\phi(\cos\phi\hat{\rho} - \sin\phi\hat{\phi}) + \rho\sin\phi(\sin\phi\hat{\rho} + \cos\phi\hat{\phi}) + z\hat{z} \\ &= \rho\hat{\rho}(\underbrace{\cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi}_{=1}) + \rho\hat{\phi}(\underbrace{\sin\phi\cos\phi - \sin\phi\cos\phi}_{=0}) + z\hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r} = \rho\hat{\rho} + z\hat{z} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d\rho}{dt}\hat{\rho} + \rho\frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{z} + z\frac{d\hat{z}}{dt}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}\hat{\rho} &= \cos\phi\hat{x} + \sin\phi\hat{y} \Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = \hat{x}\frac{d\cos\phi}{dt} + \cos\phi\frac{d\hat{x}}{dt} + \hat{y}\frac{d\sin\phi}{dt} + \sin\phi\frac{d\hat{y}}{dt} \\ \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} &= -\hat{x}\sin\phi\dot{\phi} + \hat{y}\cos\phi\dot{\phi} = \underline{\underline{\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi}}} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin\phi\hat{x} + \cos\phi\hat{y} \Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{\phi}}{dt} = -\hat{x}\cos\phi\dot{\phi} - \hat{y}\sin\phi\dot{\phi} = \underline{\underline{-\dot{\phi}\hat{\rho}}}\end{aligned}\right.$$

Plugging in  $\dot{\hat{\rho}} = \dot{\phi}\hat{\phi} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{\rho}\hat{\rho} + (\rho\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi} + \dot{z}\hat{z}$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \ddot{\rho}\hat{\rho} + \dot{\rho}\dot{\hat{\rho}} + \dot{\rho}\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi} + \rho\ddot{\phi}\hat{\phi} + \rho\dot{\phi}\dot{\hat{\phi}} + \ddot{z}\hat{z} + z\frac{d\hat{z}}{dt}$$

plug in  $\dot{\hat{\rho}} = \dot{\phi}\hat{\phi}$  and  $\dot{\hat{\phi}} = -\dot{\phi}\hat{\rho}$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \ddot{\rho}\hat{\rho} + \dot{\rho}\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi} + \dot{\rho}\dot{\phi}\hat{\phi} + \rho\ddot{\phi}\hat{\phi} - \rho\dot{\phi}\dot{\phi}\hat{\rho} + \ddot{z}\hat{z}$$

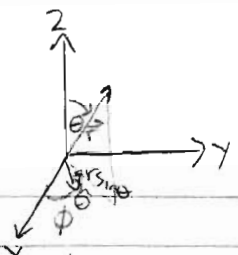
$$= (\ddot{\rho} - \rho\dot{\phi}^2)\hat{\rho} + (\rho\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{\rho}\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi} + \ddot{z}\hat{z}$$

(or, using notation  $\hat{\rho} = \hat{e}_\rho, \hat{\phi} = \hat{e}_\phi, \hat{z} = \hat{e}_z$ )

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho\dot{\phi}^2)\hat{e}_\rho + (\rho\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{\rho}\dot{\phi})\hat{e}_\phi + \ddot{z}\hat{e}_z}$$

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(b) In Spherical Co-ordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= \hat{r} \sin\theta \cos\phi + \hat{\theta} \cos\theta \cos\phi - \hat{\phi} \sin\phi \\ \hat{y} &= \hat{r} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \hat{\theta} \cos\theta \sin\phi + \hat{\phi} \cos\phi \\ \hat{z} &= \hat{r} \cos\theta - \hat{\theta} \sin\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r} = r \hat{r} \Rightarrow \dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\hat{r}}$$

$$\hat{r} = \sin\theta \cos\phi \hat{x} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \hat{y} + \cos\theta \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{r}} &= \frac{d \sin\theta \cos\phi}{dt} \hat{x} + \sin\theta \frac{d \cos\phi}{dt} \hat{x} + \sin\theta \cos\phi \frac{d \hat{x}}{dt} \\ &+ \frac{d \sin\theta \sin\phi}{dt} \hat{y} + \sin\theta \frac{d \sin\phi}{dt} \hat{y} + \sin\theta \sin\phi \frac{d \hat{y}}{dt} \\ &+ \frac{d \cos\theta}{dt} \hat{z} + \cos\theta \frac{d \hat{z}}{dt} \\ &= \hat{x} (\dot{\theta} \cos\theta \cos\phi - \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \sin\phi) + \hat{y} (\dot{\theta} \cos\theta \sin\phi + \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \cos\phi) \\ &\quad + \hat{z} (\dot{\theta} \sin\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{x} \cos\theta \cos\phi + \hat{y} \cos\theta \sin\phi - \hat{z} \sin\theta$$

$$\hat{\phi} = -\hat{x} \sin\phi + \hat{y} \cos\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\hat{r}} = \dot{\theta} (\hat{x} \cos\theta \cos\phi + \hat{y} \cos\theta \sin\phi - \hat{z} \sin\theta) + \dot{\phi} \sin\theta (-\hat{x} \sin\phi + \hat{y} \cos\phi)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\hat{r}} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{\phi}} \Rightarrow \dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + r \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{\phi}$$

$$(*) \left[ \ddot{\vec{r}} = \ddot{r} \hat{r} + \dot{r} \dot{\hat{r}} + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + r \ddot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + r \dot{\theta} \dot{\hat{\theta}} + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \hat{\phi} + r \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \dot{\hat{\phi}} + r \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \cos\theta \hat{\phi} + r \dot{\phi} \sin\theta \dot{\hat{\phi}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\theta}} &= \dot{\hat{x}} \cos\theta \cos\phi - \hat{x} \dot{\theta} \sin\theta \cos\phi - \hat{x} \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \sin\phi \\ &+ \dot{\hat{y}} \cos\theta \sin\phi - \hat{y} \dot{\theta} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \hat{y} \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \cos\phi \\ &- \dot{\hat{z}} \sin\theta - \hat{z} \dot{\theta} \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\dot{\theta} (\hat{x} \sin\theta \cos\phi + \hat{y} \sin\theta \sin\phi + \hat{z} \cos\theta) + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta (-\hat{x} \sin\phi + \hat{y} \cos\phi)$$

$$(2) \boxed{\dot{\hat{\theta}} = -\dot{\theta} \hat{r} + \dot{\phi} \cos\theta \hat{\phi}}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\phi}} = -\dot{\hat{y}} \sin \phi - \hat{x} \dot{\phi} \cos \phi + \dot{\hat{x}} \cos \phi - \hat{y} \dot{\phi} \sin \phi$$

$$\dot{\hat{\phi}} = -\dot{\phi} (\hat{x} \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \phi)$$

$$= -\dot{\phi} (\hat{r} (\sin \theta \cos^2 \phi + \sin \theta \sin^2 \phi) + \hat{\theta} (\cos \theta \cos^2 \phi + \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi) + \hat{\phi} (\sin \phi \cos \phi + \cos \phi \sin \phi))$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\hat{\phi}} = -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{r} - \dot{\phi} \cos \theta \hat{\theta}}$$

Plugging (1), (2) and (3) into (\*)

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\vec{r}} = \ddot{r} \hat{r} + \dot{r} \dot{\hat{\theta}} + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{\phi} + \dot{r} \ddot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + r \ddot{\theta} \hat{\theta} - r \dot{\theta}^2 \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta \hat{\phi} + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{\phi} + r \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{\phi} + r \dot{\phi} \ddot{\theta} \cos \theta \hat{\phi} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta \hat{r} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \hat{\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\ddot{\vec{r}} = (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2 - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) \hat{r} + (r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta) \hat{\theta} + (2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2 r \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta + r \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta) \hat{\phi}}$$

for the book's notation,  $\hat{r} = \hat{e}_r$ ,  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{e}_\theta$ ,  $\hat{\phi} = \hat{e}_\phi$

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⑤ 5.97

If  $F = x + 3y^2 - z^3$ ,  $G = 2x^2yz$ ,  $H = 2z^2 - xy$

evaluate  $\frac{\partial(F,G,H)}{\partial(x,y,z)}$  at  $(1,-1,0)$   $x=1, y=-1, z=0$

$$\frac{\partial(F,G,H)}{\partial(x,y,z)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 1 & \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 6y & \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = -3z^2 \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = 4xyz & \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = 2x^2z & \frac{\partial G}{\partial z} = 2x^2y \\ \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -y & \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -x & \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = 4z \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6y & -3z^2 \\ 4xyz & 2x^2z & 2x^2y \\ -y & -x & 4z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(2x^2z^2 + 2x^3y) - 6y(4xyz^2 + 2x^2yz) - 3z^2(-4x^2yz + 2x^2yz)$$

$$= 2x^2z^2 + 2x^3y - 24xyz^2 - 12x^2yz + 12x^2yz^3 - 6x^2yz^3$$

$$= \underbrace{2(1)^2(0)^2}_{0} + \underbrace{2(1)^3(-1)}_{0} - 24(1)(-1)^2(0)^2 - 12(1)^2(-1)^3 + 12(1)^2(1)(0)^3 + \underbrace{6(1)^2(1)(0)}_{0}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial(F,G,H)}{\partial(x,y,z)} = 10 \text{ at } (1,-1,0)}$$

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⑥

Show the following three forms of  $\nabla^2 \psi(r)$  in spherical polar coordinates are equivalent.

$$(a) \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^2 \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} \right] \quad (b) \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r\psi(r)]$$

$$(c) \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr}$$

$$(a) \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ r^2 \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} \right] = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( r^2 \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} = (c)$$

$$\therefore (a) = (c)$$

$$(b) \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2}{dr^2} [r\psi(r)] = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left[ \psi(r) + r \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} + \left( \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} + r \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\psi(r)}{dr} + \frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} = (c)$$

$$\therefore (b) = (c)$$

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$$\therefore \text{since } (a) = (c) \text{ and } (b) = (c) \Rightarrow (a) = (b) = (c)$$

⑦ Consider  $f(r) = r^n$   
(using Spherical coordinates)

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

$$\boxed{\nabla f = n r^{n-1} \hat{r}} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$(b) \nabla \cdot (\hat{r} f(r)) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial (r^2 f(r))}{\partial r} + 0 + 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial (r^{n+2})}{\partial r} = \frac{(n+2) r^{n+1}}{r^2} = \boxed{(n+2) r^{n-1}} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$(c) \nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (n r^2 r^{n-1}) = \frac{n}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^{n+1}) = \boxed{n(n+1) r^{n-2}} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

$$(d) \nabla \times (\hat{r} f) = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & r \hat{\theta} & r \sin \theta \hat{\phi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ r^n & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \left[ -r \hat{\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} r^n \right) + r \sin \theta \hat{\phi} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} r^n \right) \right] \cdot \left( \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \times (\hat{r} f) = 0} \quad \left( \frac{2}{2} \right)$$

⑧ rigid body rotating on fixed axis with a constant angular velocity,  $\vec{\omega}$  along  $\hat{z} \Rightarrow \vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{z}$

$\vec{r} = \rho \hat{\rho} + z \hat{z}$  in cylindrical coordinates where  $\rho \equiv$  radius of cylinder  
 $z \equiv$  point along  $z$ -axis

$$(a) \vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \\ \rho & 0 & z \end{vmatrix} = \boxed{\omega \rho \hat{\phi}} \quad \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$(b) \nabla \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\phi} & \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & \rho(\omega) & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{\rho} \left( -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \omega \rho^2 \right) + \frac{1}{\rho} \hat{z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \omega \rho^2 \right)$$

$$= \boxed{2\omega \hat{z}} = 2\vec{\omega} \quad \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$

9

A particle  $m$  moves in response to a central force according to Newton's second law:

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}} = \hat{r} f(r) \quad \text{where } f(r) = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

(a) in 2-D polar coords,  $\vec{r} = r\hat{r}$

$$\dot{\vec{r}} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + (r\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi}$$

$$m\ddot{\vec{r}} = m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\phi}^2)\hat{r} + m(r\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\phi}^2)\hat{r} + \underbrace{m(r\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\phi})\hat{\phi}}_{=0} = \left(-\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2}\right)\hat{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow r\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\phi}) = 0 \quad \text{but } \frac{d}{dt}(\text{const}) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{r^2\dot{\phi} = C = \text{constant}}$$

$$\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ r & 0 & 0 \\ \dot{r} & r\dot{\phi} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = r^2\dot{\phi}\hat{z}$$

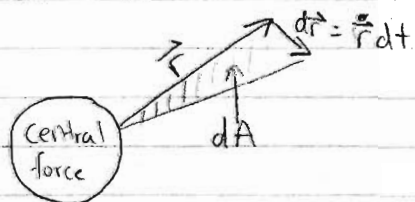
but it was already shown  
 $r^2\dot{\phi} = \text{constant}$ ,

$$\therefore \boxed{\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} = r^2\dot{\phi}\hat{z} = C = \text{constant}}$$

(b) We have shown that  $\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} = C = \text{constant}$

$\Rightarrow$  angular momentum,  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{r} \times m\dot{\vec{r}} = m(\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}) = \text{constant}$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{r}} \Rightarrow d\vec{r} = \dot{\vec{r}} dt$$



because  $\vec{L} = \text{const}$ , the particle's motion is restricted to the plane formed by  $\vec{r}$  and  $\dot{\vec{r}}$

$$dA = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r} \times d\vec{r}| = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} dt| \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}| = \frac{1}{2} C = \text{constant}$$

but  $\frac{dA}{dt} = \text{const} \Rightarrow$  the radius vector from the central force to a particle sweeps out equal areas in equal time intervals

$\Rightarrow$  Kepler's 2nd Law

(c) angular momentum,  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \vec{r} \times m\dot{\vec{r}} = m(\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}) = mC = \text{constant}$

but  $\vec{L} = mC = mr^2\dot{\phi}\hat{z} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  there is no torque on the particle in the  $\hat{z}$  direction caused by the central force.

This, in turn, implies the particle must move in a plane and is restricted to the  $\hat{r}$  and  $\hat{\phi}$  directions.

$\frac{L}{m}$



(10)

(a) Express  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  in spherical polar coordinates.

$$\nabla_{xyz} = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla_{r\theta\phi} = \hat{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

Spherical unit vectors :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{r} &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k} \\ \hat{\theta} &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

plugging in...

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{r\theta\phi} &= (\hat{i} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{j} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{k} \cos \theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \\ &\quad + (\hat{i} \cos \theta \cos \phi + \hat{j} \cos \theta \sin \phi - \hat{k} \sin \theta) \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{(-\hat{i} \sin \phi + \hat{j} \cos \phi)}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{r\theta\phi} &= \hat{i} \left[ \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right] \\ &\quad + \hat{j} \left[ \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right] \\ &\quad + \hat{k} \left[ \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

identify with  $\nabla_{xyz} \Rightarrow$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} &= \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

10 (b)

In spherical coordinates:  $x = r \cos \phi \sin \theta$   $y = r \sin \phi \sin \theta$   
see (a) for  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

$$\left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = r \cos \phi \sin \theta \left( \sin \theta \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \sin \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$- r \sin \phi \sin \theta \left( \sin \theta \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$= \left( \cancel{r \cos \phi \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi} - \cancel{r \cos \phi \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left( \cancel{\cos \phi \cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \phi} - \cancel{\cos \phi \cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \phi} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{but } \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi = 1)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \Rightarrow \boxed{-i \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}}$$

m/m

(10) (c)

In Q.M.  $\vec{L} = -i(\vec{r} \times \nabla)$

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

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

$$\vec{r} \times \nabla = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x & y & z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) + \hat{j} \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left( x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow L_x = -i \left( y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$      $L_y = -i \left( z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$

Spherical coords:

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos\phi \sin\theta \\ y = r \sin\phi \sin\theta \\ z = r \cos\theta \end{cases}$$

see (a) for  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$

$$L_x = -i \left[ r \sin\phi \sin\theta \left( \cancel{\cos\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + r \cos\theta \left( \cancel{\sin\theta} \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta \sin\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) \right]$$

$$L_x = -i \left[ \left( \sin\phi \sin^2\theta - \sin\phi \cos^2\theta \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos\theta \cos\phi}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \cot\theta \\ \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$L_x = i \left[ \sin\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \cos\phi \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]$$

$$L_y = -i \left[ r \cos\theta \left( \cancel{\sin\theta} \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos\theta \cos\phi}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin\phi}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) - r \cos\phi \sin\theta \left( \cancel{\cos\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \right]$$

$$L_y = -i \left[ \left( \cos^2\theta \cos\phi + \sin^2\theta \cos\phi \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \sin\phi \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]$$

$$L_y = -i \left[ \cos\phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \sin\phi \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow L_x + iL_y = (i \sin\phi + \cos\phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (i \cos\phi \cot\theta - \sin\phi \cot\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$

$$\sin\phi = \frac{e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2i} \quad \cos\phi = \frac{e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L_x + iL_y = \left( \frac{e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2} + \frac{e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}}{2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \left[ i \left( \frac{e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2i} \right) \right] \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

$$= e^{i\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{-e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi} - e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}}{2i} \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

This will leave a -ve sign. The trick is to multiply by  $i^4 = 1$ .

$$= e^{i\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{-e^{i\phi}}{i} \left( \frac{i}{i} \right) \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \quad \frac{1}{i}(i^4) = i^3 = -i$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L_x + iL_y = e^{i\phi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + i \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right)}$$

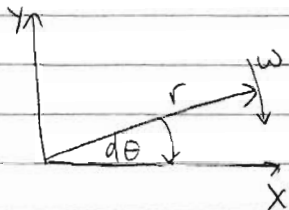
$$L_x - iL_y = (i \sin\phi - \cos\phi) \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + (i \cos\phi \cot\theta + \sin\phi \cot\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

$$= -e^{-i\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \left( \frac{-e^{-i\phi} - e^{-i\phi} + e^{-i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}}{2i} \right) \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

$$= -e^{-i\phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{-e^{-i\phi}}{i} \left( \frac{i}{i} \right) \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L_x - iL_y = -e^{-i\phi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - i \cot\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} \right)}$$

(11)  
(a)



given  $dt = 2 \text{ min}$

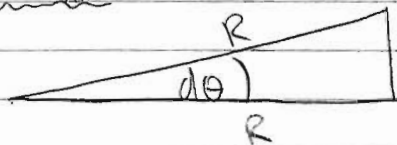
angular velocity of Earth,  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{24 \text{ hr}} = \frac{2\pi}{1440 \text{ min}}$

$$d\theta = \omega dt = \left(\frac{2\pi}{1440}\right) (2) = \frac{4\pi}{1440} = \frac{\pi}{360} = 8.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ radians}$$

or  $0.500 \text{ degrees}$

$\therefore$  Since  $d\theta = 8.73 \times 10^{-3}$  is <sup>2/5</sup> v. small, we can treat it like an infinitesimal angle.

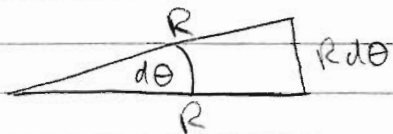
(b) infinitesimal



we found:  $d\theta = 8.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad}$   
diameter of coin,  $D = R d\theta = \frac{3}{4} \text{ inch}$

$$R d\theta = D \Rightarrow R = \frac{D}{d\theta} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}{(8.73 \times 10^{-3})} = 85.9 \text{ in} = 2.1 \text{ m} \quad \text{2/5}$$

(c)



diameter of sun,  $D = R d\theta$   
radius of sun,  $r = \frac{D}{2} = \frac{R d\theta}{2}$

$$\text{steradian, } \Omega = \frac{A}{R^2} \Rightarrow d\Omega = \frac{dA}{R^2} \quad A = \pi r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow dA = \pi \left(\frac{R d\theta}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi R^2 d\theta^2}{4}$$

$$d\Omega = \frac{dA}{R^2} = \frac{\pi R^2 d\theta^2}{4 R^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} d\theta^2 \quad \text{but } d\theta = 8.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad from (a)}$$

$$d\Omega = \frac{\pi}{4} (8.73 \times 10^{-3})^2 = 5.99 \times 10^{-5} \text{ steradians}$$

2/2