

Answer all questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

1. A rod  $DE$  of mass  $m$  and length  $L$  is mounted on a massless shaft  $AB$  which rotates about the  $x$  axis at a constant rate  $\omega$  (Fig. P1). Calculate the bearing reactions at  $A$  and  $B$ . Here  $AB=L$ , and at this instant  $DE$  is in the  $x-z$  plane. The bearing at  $A$  does not provide any axial constraint, and the bearings do not provide any rotational constraint.

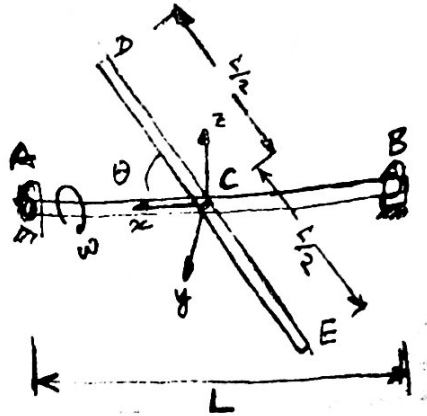


Fig. P1

2. A three bladed rotor rotates at rates  $\omega_3, \dot{\omega}_3$  relative to forked arm 2 which rotates at rates  $\omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2$  relative to a vertical shaft 1 rotating at rates  $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1$  about a fixed vertical axis (see Fig. P2). The mass of the rotor is  $m$ . The axial torque applied by the motor about the  $z$  axis to the rotor is  $T$  N-m. The axial and transverse moments of inertia of the rotor including the blade are  $I_z$  and  $I_{xx} = I_{yy}$ . The blades are in the  $x-y$  plane.
- Write down the expressions for the angular velocity and angular acceleration of the rotor with respect to the ground,  $\omega_{3IG}, \dot{\omega}_{3IG}$ .
  - Is  $\dot{H}_B = M_B$  correct? Determine the angular acceleration  $\dot{\omega}_3$  of the rotor w.r.t. arm 2 and also the moment reactions  $M_x$  and  $M_y$  by the frame on the rotor (note that  $M_z = T$ , the motor torque).
  - Determine the acceleration  $a_B$  of  $B$  w.r.t. the ground frame  $G$ . And hence determine the force reaction  $F_R$  by the forked arm on the rotor.

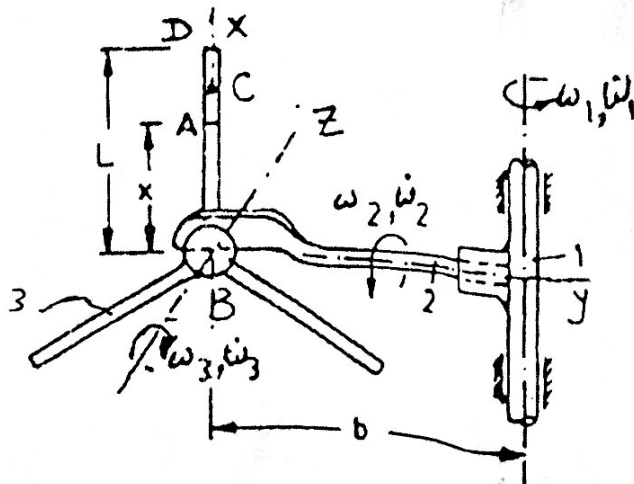


Fig. P2

3. A satellite is in elliptic orbit with eccentricity 0.5 around the earth ( $G, M$ ) with its maximum distance from the earth's centre being  $r_0$ . Find, (i) the speed of the satellite when it is at the maximum distance and (ii) the time period of the satellite.