

Department of Mechanical Engineering  
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 MCL731: Analytical Dynamics

Time: 15:30-17:30

Minor Examination

Maximum Marks: 30

**Instructions**

Use of any electronic devices (except calculator) not permitted; Follow academic honor code: Assume appropriately any missing data

- 1. Write Lagrange's equations of motion of the second kind for a system having  $n$  generalized coordinates,  $m$  holonomic constraints, and  $l$  non-holonomic constraints. [02]
- 2. State the Principle of Virtual Work. [02]
- 3. By means of a rack-and-pinion mechanism, large forces can be developed by the cork puller shown in Fig. 1. If the mean radius of the pinion gears is 12 mm, determine the force  $R$  which is exerted on the cork for given forces  $P$  on the handles. Solve the problem using the principle of virtual work. Assume that the negative work of friction is negligible. [04]

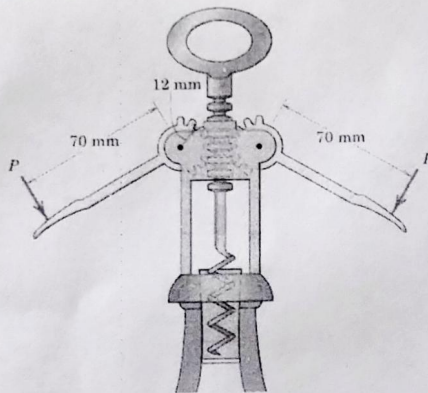


Fig. 1: Wing-style wine bottle cork puller.

- 4. A particle moves in a plane with constant radial velocity  $\dot{r} = 4$  m/s, starting from the origin. The angular velocity is constant and has magnitude  $\dot{\theta} = 2$  rad/s. When the particle is 3 m from the origin, find the magnitude of:
  - (a) velocity [02]
  - (b) acceleration [03]
- 5. Prove the "Dot Removal Lemma" given by:  $\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}{\partial q_j}$  [02]
- 6. Show that  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \right) = \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i}{\partial \dot{q}_j}$  [02]

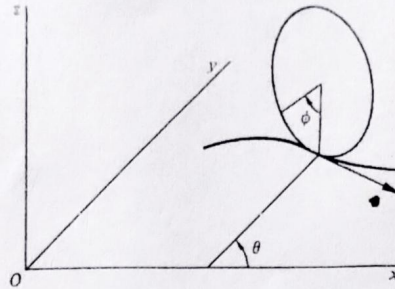


Fig. 2: Vertical rolling disk on a horizontal plane.

- 7. Referring to Fig. 2, write the non-holonomic constraint equation/s involving the generalized coordinates  $x, y, \theta$  and  $\phi$ . Angle  $\theta$  is the angle between the disk axis and  $x$ -axis. [03]
- 8. In Fig. 3, two particles each of mass of  $m$  are connected by a rigid massless rod of length  $l$  in vertical plane under gravity. Particle 1 can slide without friction on a fixed straight wire.  $(x, \theta)$  are the generalized coordinates. [02]
  - (a) Find expressions for the kinetic energy in terms of the generalized coordinates. [02]
  - (b) Determine the Lagrangian of the system. [02]
  - (c) Find the generalized momentum  $p_\theta$ . [02]
  - (d) Derive the equations of motion using the standard Lagrange's equations of motion of the second kind. [04]

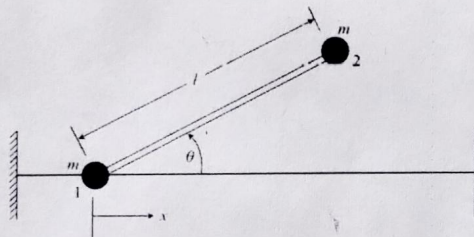


Fig. 3: Constrained dumbbell.



*The reader will find no figures in this work. The methods which I set forth do not require either constructions or geometrical or mechanical reasonings: but only algebraic operations, subject to a regular and uniform rule of procedure.*

- J. L. Lagrange in *Mécanique Analytique* (1788)