

Math 20550 - Summer 2016  
Motion in Space and Functions of Several Variables  
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**Problem 1.** Suppose a particle is moving with position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle -\frac{1}{2}t^2, t \rangle$ .

- (a) Find the velocity of the particle.
- (b) Find the acceleration of the particle.
- (c) Sketch the trajectory of the particle and draw the velocity and acceleration vectors at  $t = 2$ .

**Problem 2.** Suppose a particle of mass 3 is moving with position function  $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2 \cos t, 3t, 2 \sin t \rangle$ .

- (a) Find the velocity of the particle.
- (b) Find the acceleration of the particle.
- (c) Find the speed of the particle as a function of time.
- (d) Find the force the particle experiences.
- (e) Find the momentum of the particle. (Recall that momentum is given by  $\mathbf{p}(t) = m\mathbf{v}(t)$ .)
- (f) Find the angular momentum of the particle. (Recall that angular momentum is given by  $\mathbf{L}(t) = \mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{p}(t)$ .)
- (g) Find the torque the particle experiences. (Recall that torque is given by  $\boldsymbol{\tau}(t) = \mathbf{r}(t) \times \mathbf{F}(t)$ .)

**Problem 3.** A particle is moving with acceleration function  $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}$ . Find the position function of the particle if its initial velocity is  $\mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{r}(0) = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ .

**Problem 4.** A gun has muzzle speed 150m/s. What two angles of elevation can be used to hit a target 800m away? (Assume the gun is firing from ground level.)

**Problem 5.** Find the normal and tangential components of acceleration for a particle moving with position

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \cos t \mathbf{i} + \sin t \mathbf{j} + t \mathbf{k}.$$

**Problem 6.** Find the normal and tangential components of acceleration for a particle moving with position

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle e^t, \sqrt{2}t, e^{-t} \rangle.$$

**Problem 7.** Find and sketch the domain of

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{36 - 9x^2 - 4y^2}.$$

**Problem 8.** Draw a contour plot for the function

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{36 - 9x^2 - 4y^2}.$$

**Problem 9.** Plot the graph of the function

$$f(x, y) = \sqrt{36 - 9x^2 - 4y^2}.$$

**Problem 10.** Describe what level surfaces of  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z^2$  look like.