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Mathematical Classical Mechanics

Note:

- (1) All questions (including multiple choice questions) are to be answered in the answer book only.
(2) Numbers to the right indicate full marks of the respective question.

Q-1 Choose most appropriate answer from the options given. (08)

- (1) A particle is moving on a cylinder, its degrees of freedom is _____.
(a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 4 (d) can not be determined
- (2) The motion of a particle under gravity is _____ constraint.
(a) not a (b) a holonomic (c) a non-holonomic (d) conservative
- (3) The condition for extremum of $J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(y, x) dx$ is _____.
(a) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0$ (b) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$
(c) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ (d) none of these
- (4) If the Lagrangian L does not depend on q_j explicitly then _____ is conserved.
(a) p_j (b) h (c) \dot{p}_j (d) L
- (5) Which one of the following is correct?
(a) $\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = \frac{dh}{dt}$ (b) $H = h$ (c) $\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{dH}{dt}$ (d) none of these
- (6) If all coordinates are non-cyclic then Routhian $R =$ _____.
(a) H (b) L (c) $-H$ (d) 0
- (7) Pick up the incorrect statement.
(a) A canonical transformation is non-invertible.
(b) Jacobian matrix for a canonical transformation is symplectic.
(c) Inverse of a canonical transformation is canonical.
(d) None of the above.
- (8) $[q_1, p_2]$ is _____.
(a) a fundamental Lagrange bracket (b) a fundamental Poisson bracket
(c) a zero matrix (d) an undefined term

Q-2 Answer any Seven. (14)

- (1) Define and give an example of a rheonomic constraint.
(2) Describe constraints in Atwood's machine.
(3) What are geodesics on a unit sphere?
(4) Define generalized momentum conjugate to a generalized coordinate.
(5) Explain the meaning of Legendre transformation in brief.
(6) State principle of least action.
(7) State the transformation generated by a function of type F_2 .
(8) Define Poisson bracket.
(9) Evaluate $\{p_1, q_1 + p_2\}$, notations being usual.

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Q-3

- (a) State Lagrange's equations of motion in general form and derive the form in the case of velocity dependent potential. (06)
- (b) Giving all details obtain expression of Lagrangian for spherical pendulum. (06)

OR

- (b) Express kinetic energy of system in terms of generalized coordinates and velocities.

Q-4

- (a) Derive the condition for the extremum of $J = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(y, \dot{y}, x) dx$. (06)
- (b) Using calculus of variations discuss brachistochrone problem. (06)

OR

- (b) Lagrangian of a system is given by $L = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{1}{r^2}$. Compute all generalized momenta and energy function. Which of them are conserved? Why?

Q-5

- (a) State Hamilton's modified principle; and derive Hamilton's equations of motion from it. (06)
- (b) Giving an example describe Routhian procedure. (06)

OR

- (b) Find Hamiltonian corresponding to the Lagrangian,

$$L = a \dot{x}^2 + b \frac{\dot{y}}{x} + c \dot{x} \dot{y} + f y^2 \dot{x} \dot{z} + g \dot{y} - k \sqrt{x^2 + y^2},$$
 where a, b, c, f, g and k are constants; x, y and z are generalized coordinates.

Q-6

- (a) Define fundamental Lagrange brackets. Show that they are invariant under a canonical transformation. (06)
- (b) Define infinitesimal canonical transformation. Show that symplectic condition is satisfied in this case. (06)

OR

- (b) Show that the transformation,

$$Q = \log(1 + \sqrt{q} \cos p), P = 2\sqrt{q} (1 + \sqrt{q} \cos p) \sin p,$$
 is canonical.
