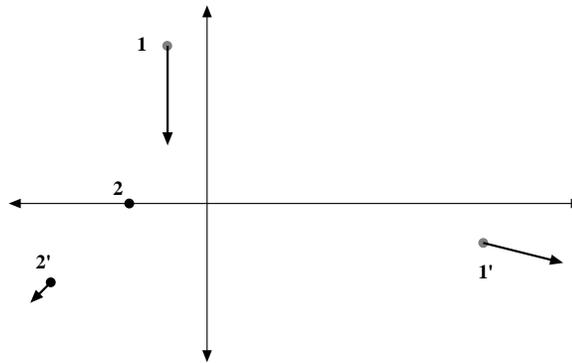


## Complete problems four of the below problems

1. Particles 1 and 2 have a short-range, conservative, central force acting between them with no external forces present. Particle 1, with mass  $m_1 = 1$  kg, moves straight down and “collides” (interacts via the short-range force) with particle 2 (which has mass  $m_2 = 4$  kg). The below lists a pre-collision (unprimed) and a post-collision (primed) position (in m) and velocity (in m/s). Note: the prime denotes post-collision not CM-relative.

particle	pre-collision		post-collision	
1	$\mathbf{r}_1 = -\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{v}_1 = -4\mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{r}'_1 = 7\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{v}'_1 = \frac{16}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{j}$
2	$\mathbf{r}_2 = -2\mathbf{i}$	$\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{r}'_2 = -4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{v}'_2 = -\frac{4}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{5}\mathbf{j}$



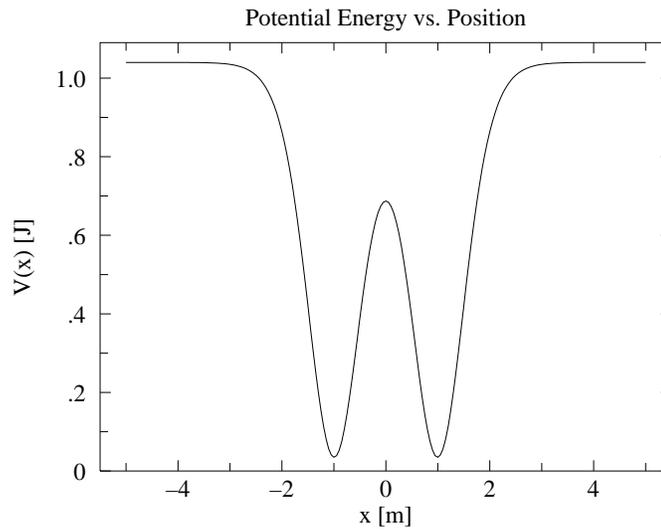
- (a) In the pre-collision state, find the location and velocity of the center of mass,  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{cm}}, \mathbf{V}_{\text{cm}}$ . Find the velocity of the center of mass in the post-collision state:  $\mathbf{V}'_{\text{cm}}$ . Is total momentum conserved?
- (b) In the pre-collision state, find the total angular momentum,  $\mathbf{L}_{\text{total}}$ . In the post-collision state, find the orbital angular momentum,  $\mathbf{L}'_{\text{orbit}}$  (aka, angular momentum “OF” the CM) and the spin angular momentum,  $\mathbf{L}'_{\text{spin}}$  (aka, angular momentum “ABOUT” the CM). (FYI: I think the easiest way to find  $\mathbf{L}'_{\text{spin}}$  involves reduced mass.) Is total angular momentum conserved?
- (c) The relative velocity ( $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$ ) in the pre-collision state is  $-4\mathbf{j}$  and in the post-collision state it's  $4\mathbf{i}$ . Why does this allow us to conclude that kinetic energy is conserved?
2. Consider a point (mass  $m$ ) that moves as if attached to the outer edge of a disk (with radius  $R$ ) rolling upright on a level plane at a constant speed  $v$ . It can be shown that the position of the point is given by the vector:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (vt - R \sin(vt/R)) \mathbf{i} + R(1 - \cos(vt/R)) \mathbf{j}$$

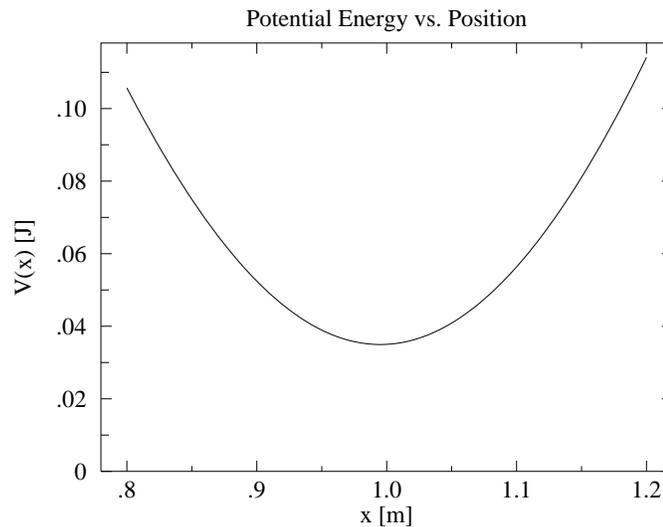
At  $t = 0$  the point is at the bottom of the disk ( $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{0}$ ); at time  $vt = \pi R$  the point is at the top of the disk:  $\mathbf{r} = \pi R \mathbf{i} + 2R \mathbf{j}$ . (Note  $\mathbf{j}$  is the vertical direction and  $\mathbf{i}$  is in the direction of travel.)

- (a) Find the velocity and acceleration of the point at time  $t$ .
- (b) Use your result to calculate the velocity and acceleration of the point when it is at the top and bottom of the disk.
- (c) (Yes/No answers; no calculation required) Is there a net force on the particle when it is at the bottom? when it is at the top? Is there a net torque on the particle when it is at the bottom? when it is at the top?

3. The following plots display the potential energy (in J) of a particular force as a function of  $x$  measured in meters. The second plot displays a detail near  $x = 1$  of the first.



- (a) Report: an  $x$  value that is a stable equilibrium point, an  $x$  value that is an unstable equilibrium point, an  $x$  value for which the force pushes in the positive  $x$  direction, and an  $x$  value for which the force pushes in the negative  $x$  direction. The potential energy plot is quite flat for  $|x| > 5$ , but remains at a value a bit above 1 J. What can you conclude about the force in the region  $|x| > 5$ ?
- (b) Describe the future trajectory of a particle released at  $x = 1$  with a total energy of 0.5 J. Describe the future trajectory of a particle released at  $x = 1$  with a total energy of 1.0 J. Describe the future trajectory of a particle released at  $x = 1$  with a total energy of 1.5 J.



- (c) Estimate (numerically in Newtons) the force near  $x = 1.15$ .

4. Consider the linear *first-order* homogeneous differential equation (A) and its related inhomogeneous differential equation (B) ( $\tau$  is a constant):

$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0 \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} + x = F(t) \quad (\text{B})$$

- (a) What is the solution to the homogeneous differential equation (A)?
- (b) If  $F(t) = f_0 e^{i\omega t}$  then there is a solution to (B) of the form:  $x(t) = \mathcal{A}e^{i\omega t} = Ae^{i(\omega t - \delta)}$ , where  $\mathcal{A} = Ae^{-i\delta}$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}$  is a complex number) and  $A$  and  $\delta$  are real numbers ( $\mathbb{R}$ ) that depend on  $\omega$ . Find this solution and report what  $A$  and  $\delta$  are as (real-valued) functions of  $\omega$ .
- (c) A square wave  $F(t)$  has a Fourier expansion:

$$F(t) = \cos(\omega t) - \frac{1}{3} \cos(3\omega t) + \frac{1}{5} \cos(5\omega t) + \dots$$

Carefully write down the first two terms of the sum that describes the response  $x(t)$  to this square-wave driving force. Your answer should involve the functions  $A()$  and  $\delta()$  you defined above evaluated at the appropriate frequencies.

5. In Atwood's Machine two masses ( $m_1$  &  $m_2$ ), connected by a string, hang off opposite ends of a frictionless pulley (radius  $R$ ; moment of inertia  $I$ ). If  $m_1$  moves up a distance  $x$  the pulley turns an angle  $\phi = x/R$  (why?) and the mass  $m_2$  falls a distance  $x$ . In homework you showed that the acceleration ( $\ddot{x}$ ) was given by:

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{(m_2 - m_1)g}{m_1 + m_2 + I/R^2}$$

- (a) Write down the kinetic energy of the entire system in terms  $\dot{x}$ .
- (b) Write down the potential energy of the entire system in terms of  $x$ .
- (c) Since gravity is a conservative force the above energy should be a constant and hence its time derivative should be zero. Take the time derivative of your total energy and derive the above formula for the acceleration  $\ddot{x}$ .

