The Open University of Sri Lanka

B.Sc/B.Ed Degree Programme

Applied Mathematics - Level 04

ADU4301/ADE4301 - Newtonian Mechanics I

No Book Test (NBT) - 2017/2018



Duration:- One Hour

Date: 08. 02. 2019

Time: - 4.15 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.

Answer All Questions.

- 1. A particle P, whose initial mass is m_0 , is projected vertically upwards from the ground at time t=0 with speed g/k, where k is a constant. As the particle moves upwards it gains mass by picking up small droplets of moisture from the cloud. The droplets are at rest before they are picked up. At time t the speed of P is v and its mass has increased to $m_0 e^{kt}$. Assuming that, during the motion, the acceleration due to gravity is constant,
- (a) Show that, while P is moving upwards, $kv + \frac{dv}{dt} = -g$
- (b) Find, in terms of m_0 , the mass of P when it reaches its greatest height above the ground.
- 2. A uniform rod AB, of mass m and length 2a, is free to rotate in a vertical plane about a fixed smooth horizontal axis L. The axis L is perpendicular to the rod and passes through the point C of the rod, where AC = 2a/3.
- (a) Find the moment of inertia of the rod about L.

The rod is held at rest with B vertically above C and is slightly displaced.

- (b) Find the angular speed of the rod when CB makes an angle θ with the upward vertical.
- (c) Find the magnitude of the angular acceleration of the rod when CB makes an angle θ with the upward vertical.
- (d) Find, in terms of g and a only, the angular speed of the rod when the force acting on the rod at C is perpendicular to the rod.

