

# Grade 11S – Physics

## Unit Two: Mechanics



### Chapter 9: System of Particles

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Consider two particles: A of mass  $m_1 = 3\text{kg}$  its position vector is given by  $\vec{r}_A = -3t\vec{i} + 3t^2\vec{j}$  and B of mass  $m_2 = 2\text{kg}$  whose position vector is given by  $\vec{r}_B = 2t\vec{i} - 2t^2\vec{j}$  in SI units.

**Studying Particle A:**

1. Calculate the position of A at  $t=0$ , 1, and 2 seconds.
2. Determine the equation of trajectory of A.
3. Determine the nature of motion of A.
4. Determine the speed of A when its ordinate  $y = 12\text{ m}$ .
5. Determine the resultant of the forces acting on A.

## Quiz

## System of particles

20 min



$$\mathbf{m}_1 = 3\text{kg}, \vec{r}_A = -3t\vec{i} + 3t^2\vec{j}, \mathbf{m}_2 = 2\text{kg}, \vec{r}_B = 2t\vec{i} - 2t^2\vec{j}$$

1. Calculate the position of A at  $t=0$ ,  $t=1$ , and at  $t=2$  seconds.

$$\text{At } t_0 = 0: \vec{r}_{0A} = -3(0)\vec{i} + 3(0)^2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_{0A} = 0$$

$$\text{At } t_1 = 1\text{s}: \vec{r}_{1A} = -3(1)\vec{i} + 3(1)^2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_{1A} = -3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$$

$$\text{At } t_2 = 2\text{s}: \vec{r}_{2A} = -3(2)\vec{i} + 3(2)^2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_{2A} = -6\vec{i} + 12\vec{j}$$

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2. Determine the equation of trajectory of A.

$$x = -3t \rightarrow t = -\frac{x}{3}$$

Substitute in y

$$y = 3t^2 \rightarrow y = 3\left[-\frac{x}{3}\right]^2 \rightarrow y = \frac{x^2}{3}$$

3. Determine the nature of motion of A

$$\vec{r}_A = -3t\vec{i} + 3t^2\vec{j} \rightarrow \vec{V}_A = -3\vec{i} + 6t\vec{j} \rightarrow \vec{a}_A = 6\vec{j}$$

Since  $a > 0$ , then the motion of A is U.A.R.M

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4. Determine the speed of A when its ordinate  $y = 12$  m.

$$y = 3t^2 \Rightarrow 12 = 3t^2 \Rightarrow t^2 = 4 \Rightarrow t = 2\text{sec}$$

$$\vec{V}_A = -3\vec{i} + 6t\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{V}_A = -3\vec{i} + 6(2)\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{V}_A = -3\vec{i} + 12\vec{j}$$

$$V_A = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} \Rightarrow V_A = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (12)^2}$$

$$V_A = 12.36\text{m/s}$$



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5. Determine the resultant of the forces acting on A.

$$\sum \vec{F}_{ex/A} = m_1 \vec{a}_A$$

$$\sum \vec{F}_{ex/A} = 3(6\vec{j})$$

$$\sum \vec{F}_{ex/A} = 18\vec{j}$$

**Particle B:**

- 1. Determine the acceleration vector of B and deduce the resultant of the forces acting on B.**
- 2. Determine the radius of curvature of the trajectory of B at  $t = 1$  s.**



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1. Determine the acceleration vector of B and deduce the resultant of the forces acting on B.

$$\vec{r}_B = 2t\vec{i} - 2t^2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{V}_B = 2\vec{i} - 4t\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{a}_B = -4\vec{j}$$

$$\sum \vec{F}_{ex/B} = m_2 \vec{a}_B \Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}_{ex/B} = 2(-4\vec{j}) \Rightarrow \sum \vec{F}_{ex/B} = -8\vec{j}$$

2. Determine the radius of curvature of the trajectory of B at  $t = 1$  s.

$$\vec{V}_B = 2\vec{i} - 4t\vec{j}$$

$$\rightarrow V_B = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4t)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow a_t = \frac{8t}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2}} \text{ m / s}^2$$

$$\rightarrow a_t = \frac{8(1)}{\sqrt{1 + 4(1)^2}} = 3.57 \text{ m / s}^2$$

$$\rightarrow V_B = \sqrt{4 + 16t^2} \text{ m/s}$$

$$a_t = V'_B = \frac{32t}{2\sqrt{4 + 16t^2}}$$

$$a_n^2 = a^2 - a_t^2$$

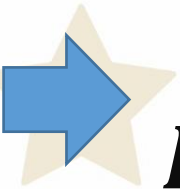
$$\rightarrow a_n^2 = (4)^2 - (3.57)^2$$

$$a_n = 1.80 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{v^2}{a_n} = \frac{\left[ \sqrt{4 + 16t^2} \right]^2}{1.80}$$



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$$R = 11.11 \text{ m}$$

**System A + B:**

- 1. Determine the position vector of the center of mass  $G$  of the system  $[A + B]$ .**
- 2. Determine the acceleration vector of the center of mass  $G$  of the system  $[A + B]$ .**
- 3. Deduce the resultant of the forces acting on  $G$ .**

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1. Determine the position vector of the center of mass G of the system [A + B].

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{m_1\vec{r}_A + m_2\vec{r}_B}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{3(-3t\vec{i} + 3t^2\vec{j}) + 2(2t\vec{i} - 2t^2\vec{j})}{3 + 2}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{-9t\vec{i} + 9t^2\vec{j} + 4t\vec{i} - 4t^2\vec{j}}{5}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{-5t\vec{i} + 5t^2\vec{j}}{5}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = -t\vec{i} + t^2\vec{j}$$

2. Determine the acceleration vector of the center of mass G of the system [A + B].

$$M \cdot \vec{a}_G = \sum \vec{F}_{ex/A} + \sum \vec{F}_{ex/B}$$

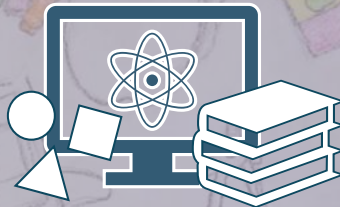
$$(3 + 2)\vec{a}_G = -18\vec{j} + 8\vec{j}$$

$$5\vec{a}_G = -10\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{a}_G = -2\vec{j}$$



# The End





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