

You must show the procedures of your calculation; otherwise you won't get any credit.

- Let us choose the generalized coordinates to be the rectangular coordinates. Prove that the Lagrange's equations (for a single particle) can yield the Newtonian equations. 20%
- A particle of mass  $m$  is constrained to move on the inside surface of a smooth cone of half-angle  $\alpha$  (see Figure 1). The particle is subject to a gravitational force. (a) Determine a set of generalized coordinates and determine the constraints. (10%) (b) Find Lagrange's equation of motion. (10%) (20%)
- Figure 2 represents a simple mechanical oscillator with the damping constant  $b$  and a series RLC circuit, respectively. Write down the equation of motion for the oscillator and Kirchoff's equation for the electric circuit. (15%)
- A circular loop located on  $x^2 + y^2 = 9, z = 0$  carries a direct current of 10 A along  $a_\phi$ . Determine  $H$  at  $(0, 0, 4)$ . (Figure 3) 15% (b) A solenoid of length  $\ell$  and radius  $a$  consists of  $N$  turns of wire carrying current  $I$ . Show that at point  $P$  along its axis,  $H = \frac{nI}{2}(\cos\theta_2 - \cos\theta_1)a_z$  where  $n = N/\ell$ ,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles subtended at  $P$  by the end turns as illustrated by Figure 4 (hint: use part (a) can be treated as a single circular loop in the solenoid) 10% (25%)
- The volume between two concentric conducting spherical surfaces of radii  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a < b$ ) is filled with an inhomogeneous dielectric constant  $\epsilon = \frac{\epsilon_0}{1 + Kr}$ , where  $\epsilon_0$  and  $K$  are constants and  $r$  is the radial coordinate, while the outer surface is grounded. Find: (a) The displacement in the region  $a < r < b$ . 5% (b) The capacitance of the device. 5% (c) The polarization charge density in  $a < r < b$ . 5% (d) The surface polarization charge density at  $r = a$  and  $r = b$ . 5% (20%)

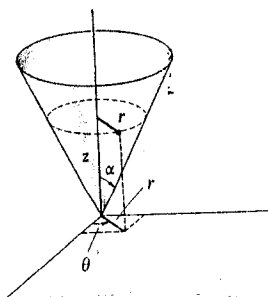
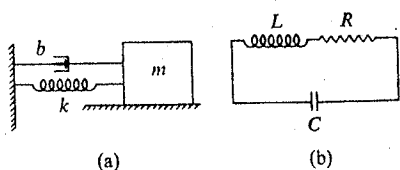


Fig. 1



(a)

(b)

Fig. 2

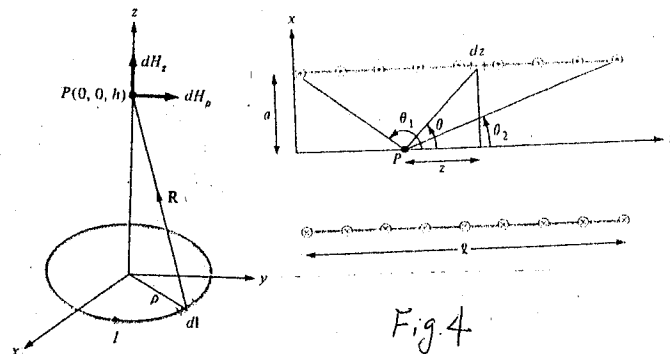


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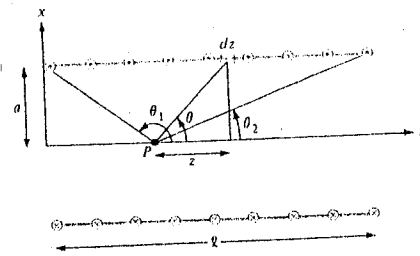


Fig. 4