

**Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2015/Jan.2016**  
**Space Mechanics and Launch Vehicles**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

**Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting  
at least TWO questions from each part.**

**PART - A**

- 1 a. Give an expression for rotating coordinates in terms of total derivative relative to inertial axes. (04 Marks)
- b. With the help of coordinate transformations, derive the transfer matrix and inverse of transfer matrix. (06 Marks)
- c. What do you mean by, angular rates of Euler angles for transformation of angular velocities? (10 Marks)
- 2 a. Explain the two-body problem in terms of resultant force. (08 Marks)
- b. Derive the well-known Kepler equation for planetary motion. (12 Marks)
- 3 a. The satellite orbit was characterized by  $e = 0.508$  and  $\frac{a}{R} = 3.34$ , and its launch point was  $\frac{r_0}{R} = 2.0$ ,  $\theta = 62^\circ 23'$ . If the satellite continues along this orbit to  $\theta = 150^\circ$ , at which time the orbit is to be increased to a value  $\frac{a}{R} = 3.60$  without rotating the apse line, determine the required increment in the velocity and its direction-consider  $\frac{r_1 v_1^2}{K} = 0.68$ ,  $v_1 = 0.823 \sqrt{\frac{K}{r_1}}$ ,  $\beta_1 = 24^\circ$ . (12 Marks)

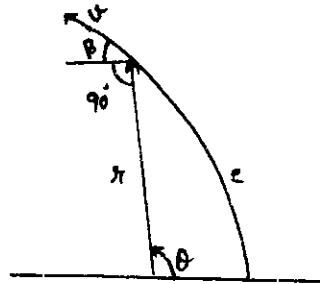


Fig. Q3 (a)

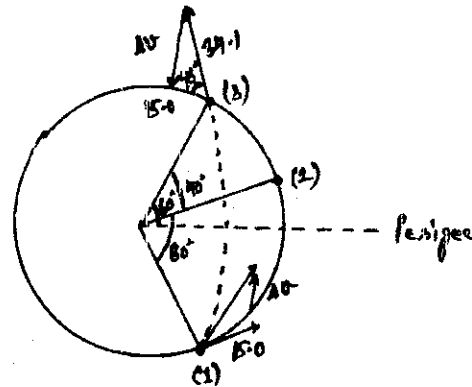


Fig. Q3 (b)

- b. Given two vehicles on the same circular orbit of  $\frac{r}{R} = 3.0$ , with vehicle 1 lagging vehicle 2 by  $80^\circ$ . It is desired for 1 to intercept and rendezvous with 2 at a position 3 which is  $40^\circ$  ahead of 2. Determine the transfer orbit and the required increments of velocity. (08 Marks)
- 4 a. Derive the energy equation for general motion of a symmetric Gyro or top with the help of neat sketch. (12 Marks)
- b. How will you define total velocity increment for the Hohmann Transfer orbit? (08 Marks)

**PART – B**

- 5 a. Write a short notes on:  
 i) Solid Rocket Engine  
 ii) Liquid Rocket Engine.  
 iii) Cryogenic Rocket Engine (12 Marks)
- b. The following data are given for a certain rocket unit: thrust, 8896 Newton, Propellant consumption, 3.867 kg/sec, Velocity of vehicle, 400 m/sec, energy content of propellant, 16.9 megajoule/kg. Determine  
 i) the effective exhaust velocity.  
 ii) the kinetic jet energy for 1 kg of propellant.  
 iii) the internal efficiency.  
 iv) the propulsive efficiency.  
 v) the overall efficiency.  
 vi) the specific impulse  
 vii) the specific propellant consumption. (08 Marks)
- 6 a. How will you define the velocity and altitude reached by a vertically ascending rocket-powered vehicle? (08 Marks)
- b. Determine the burnout velocity and burnout altitude for a dragless projectile with the following parameters for a simplified vertical trajectory:  $\bar{C} = 2209$  m/sec,  $\frac{m_p}{m_0} = 0.57$ ,  $t_p = 5.0$  sec and  $v_0 = h_0 = 0$  (12 Marks)
- 7 a. What are the initial conditions at injection into orbit? Explain it with reference frame and suitable derivation. (10 Marks)
- b. How to do optimization of multistage rockets in terms of mass ratio for each stage? Derive it. (10 Marks)
- 8 a. How will you define manned and unmanned space missions? Explain it by examples. (08 Marks)
- b. What are the selections of materials for space craft? Explain. (04 Marks)
- c. How to make life time estimation for a satellite? (08 Marks)

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