

2. **Solution:** We need to convert all terms, both the scalar and unit vector, into Cartesian coordinates. To convert the scalar term,  $1/r$ , recall that  $r$  is the distance from the origin so that :

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

We use the transformation equations and results from the last homework to write the unit vector  $\hat{r}$ :

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad (1)$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad (2)$$

$$z = r \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

and :

$$\hat{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} + \cos \theta \hat{z}$$

If we divide each of the transformation equations (eqs. 1-3) by  $r$ , we see that:

$$\frac{x}{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi; \quad \frac{y}{r} = \sin \theta \sin \phi; \quad \frac{z}{r} = \cos \theta$$

We can use these results to rewrite  $\hat{r}$ :

$$\hat{r} = \frac{1}{r} (x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z})$$

so that:

$$\frac{1}{r} \hat{r} = \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{1}{r} (x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z}) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} (x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z})$$

3. **Solution:** Here we are asked to find the work done by a force over a specific contour. This means we want to evaluate the line integral :

$$W = \oint \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$$

where we need to remember to convert both the force and line element to polar coordinates.

The function will transform as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f} &= 2(\rho \sin \phi)(\cos \phi \hat{\rho} - \sin \phi \hat{\phi}) - (\rho \cos \phi)(\sin \phi \hat{\rho} + \cos \phi \hat{\phi}) = \\ &\quad \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi \hat{\rho} - \rho(2 \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi) \hat{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

and the line element becomes:

$$d\mathbf{l} = d\rho \hat{\rho} + \rho d\phi \hat{\phi}$$

The line integral becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_0^\pi [\rho \sin \phi \cos \phi \hat{\rho} - \rho(2 \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi) \hat{\phi}] \cdot (d\rho \hat{\rho} + \rho d\phi \hat{\phi}) \\ &= \int_0^\pi \rho (\sin \phi \cos \phi) d\rho - \rho^2 (1 + \sin^2 \phi) d\phi \end{aligned}$$

Since our contour is the circle  $\rho = 2$ ,  $d\rho = 0$  (since  $\rho$  is a constant along the contour), and our integral becomes simply:

$$W = -4 \int_0^\pi (1 + \sin^2 \phi) d\phi = -6\pi$$


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4. **Solution:** We begin with the transformation equations :

$$x = a \cosh u \cos v$$

$$y = a \sinh u \sin v$$

$z = z$

Taking differentials :

$$dx = a (\sinh u \cos v du - \cosh u \sin v dv)$$

$$dy = a (\cosh u \sin v du + \sinh u \cos v dv)$$

$$dz = dz$$

Squaring and adding:

$$ds^2 =$$

$$\begin{aligned} dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 &= a^2 (\sinh^2 u \cos^2 v (du)^2 - 2 \sinh u \cosh u \cos v \sin v du dv + \cosh^2 u \sin^2 v (dv)^2) \\ &\quad + a^2 (\cosh^2 u \sin^2 v (du)^2 + 2 \cosh u \sin v \sinh u \cos v du dv + \sinh^2 u \cos^2 v (dv)^2) \\ &\quad + (dz)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that all the mixed derivative terms cancel, indicating that this is in fact an orthogonal transformation.

Summing terms and grouping, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (ds)^2 &= a^2 (\sinh^2 u \cos^2 v + \cosh^2 u \sin^2 v) (du)^2 \\ &\quad + a^2 (\cosh^2 u \sin^2 v + \sinh^2 u \cos^2 v) (dv)^2 + (dz)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The scale factor for  $z$  is trivially 1. We can simplify the parenthetical expressions by recalling:

$$\cosh^2 x = 1 + \sinh^2 x$$

and obtain for  $h_u$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &a^2 (\sinh^2 u \cos^2 v + (1 + \sinh^2 u) \sin^2 v) (du)^2 \\ &= (\sinh^2 u (\cos^2 v + \sin^2 v) + \sin^2 v) (du)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow h_u = a \sqrt{\sinh^2 u + \sin^2 v} \end{aligned}$$

Using the same identity, you will find that  $h_v = h_u$ .

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5. **Solution:** We begin with our original equation :

$$\ddot{r} - \frac{h^2}{r^3} = \frac{-GM}{r^2}$$

and our goal is to transform this from an equation in terms of  $r(t)$  to an equation in terms of  $u(\theta)$  where  $u = 1/r$ . We will need to make use of the chain rule and also the result:

$$r^2 \dot{\theta} = h \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{h}{r^2} = h u^2$$

Let's focus on the most complex of these terms, the second derivative. Our goal is to convert :

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} \rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2}$$

we will need to start with the first derivative term. We can use the chain rule to write:

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{du} \frac{du}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{-1}{u^2} \frac{du}{d\theta} (h u^2) = -h \frac{du}{d\theta} \equiv w$$

To find the second derivative, we write:

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right) = \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -h \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} \cdot h u^2$$

So the original differential equation becomes:

$$-h^2 u^2 \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} - h^2 u^3 = -GM u^2$$

Divide through by  $-h^2 u^2$  and we obtain:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u = \frac{GM}{h^2}$$