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Escape Velocity or Bust: Kinetic Mastery for College Physics

Calculate orbital perturbations and non-linear trajectories to ensure your deep-space probe doesn't drift into the cosmic void.

1. A particle moves along a path such that its position vector is given by $r(t) = (A\cos(\omega t))i + (A\sin(\omega t))j$. Which of the following best describes the relationship between the particle's velocity and acceleration vectors?

- A. They are parallel and in the same direction.
- B. They are parallel and in opposite directions.
- C. They are mutually perpendicular at all times.
- D. The angle between them varies sinusoidally with time.

2. In a frame of reference undergoing constant linear acceleration, the kinematic equations of motion for a projectile remain invariant compared to an inertial frame.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The time-dependent acceleration of a research submersible is defined by $a(v) = -kv^2$, where k is a constant and v is velocity. If the initial velocity is v_0 at $t=0$, the velocity as a function of time is $v(t) =$ _____.

- A. $v_0 / (1 + v_0 kt)$
- B. $v_0 e^{(-kt)}$
- C. $v_0 - kt^2$
- D. $v_0 / (1 - v_0 kt)$

4. Consider a projectile launched with velocity ' v ' at an angle ' θ ' on an inclined plane that itself makes an angle ' ϕ ' with the horizontal. To maximize the range ' R ' along the incline, what must be the relationship between θ and ϕ ?

- A. $\theta = 45^\circ$
- B. $\theta = 45^\circ + \phi$
- C. $\theta = 45^\circ + \phi/2$
- D. $\theta = 90^\circ - \phi$

5. The jerk of an object, defined as the third derivative of displacement with respect to time, must be zero for the standard kinematic equations (e.g., $\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$) to be valid.

- A. True
- B. False

6. A particle moves such that its velocity is $v = ks$, where s is the distance covered and k is a positive constant. The acceleration of the particle is _____.

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- A. $k^2/2$
- B. ks
- C. k^2
- D. $k/2$

7. In polar coordinates (r, θ) , the radial component of acceleration for a particle moving in a plane is given by which expression?

- A. d^2r/dt^2
- B. $d^2r/dt^2 - r(d\theta/dt)^2$
- C. $d^2r/dt^2 + r(d\theta/dt)^2$
- D. $2(dr/dt)(d\theta/dt) + r(d^2\theta/dt^2)$

8. If the velocity of a particle is zero at a given instant, the acceleration of that particle at that same instant must also be zero.

- A. True
- B. False

9. A relativistic particle moves with a velocity fraction ' β ' of the speed of light. If its position is measured in frame S , how does the observed velocity change when transforming to frame S' moving at velocity ' v '? This requires the use of:

- A. Galilean Transformation
- B. Lorentz Velocity Addition
- C. Euler-Lagrange Equations
- D. Kepler's Second Law

10. A point moves along the curve $y = x^2/2$ with a constant speed ' v '. The magnitude of its acceleration at the origin $(0,0)$ is _____.

- A. v^2
- B. v
- C. 0
- D. $v^2/2$