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First Semester Special Examination – 2014

MECHANICS

BRANCH(S) : B. TECH

QUESTION CODE : H 458

Full Marks – 70

Time : 3 Hours

*Answer Question No. 1 which is compulsory and any **five** from the rest.*

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.



1. Answer the following questions :

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- (a) The resultant of two forces is equal to each of the force. What is the angle between them ?
- (b) What is a wedge ? How does it help us ?
- (c) 'The position of center of gravity of a slender wire does not depend upon the shape of the curve of its axis'. Whether the statement is true or false ? Justify your answer.
- (d) Define 'a partially constrained body' and 'degrees of freedom'.
- (e) What is plane truss ? Discuss with an example.
- (f) Explain velocity-time diagram.
- (g) What is the value of normal acceleration, if a particle moves in a straight line ?
- (h) Is the law of conservation of energy is applicable to the system of particles that perform curvilinear motions ? Justify your answer.
- (i) State and explain the principle of impulse-momentum.
- (j) What are the basics involved in the 'Principle of virtual work' ? In virtual work principle, what is the work done by a body of weight 1 kN when its centre of gravity moves horizontally by a distance of 1 m ?

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2. A ball of weight $W = 1 \text{ kN}$ is suspended from the string of length $l = 1 \text{ m}$ and is pulled by a horizontal force Q . The weight is displaced by a distance $d = 0.2 \text{ m}$ from the vertical position as shown in Figure 1. Find the angle α , the force Q required and the tension S in the string in the displaced position using the first principles, if the ball is in equilibrium. 10

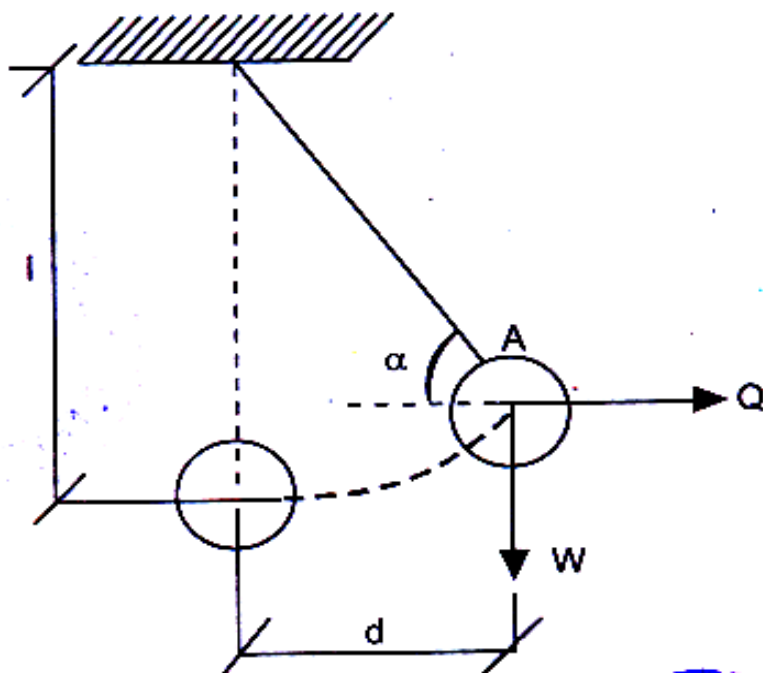


Figure 1

3. Find the forces in all the members of the pin jointed truss as shown in Figure 2 by method of joints. Check your result for the member x by method of sections. 10

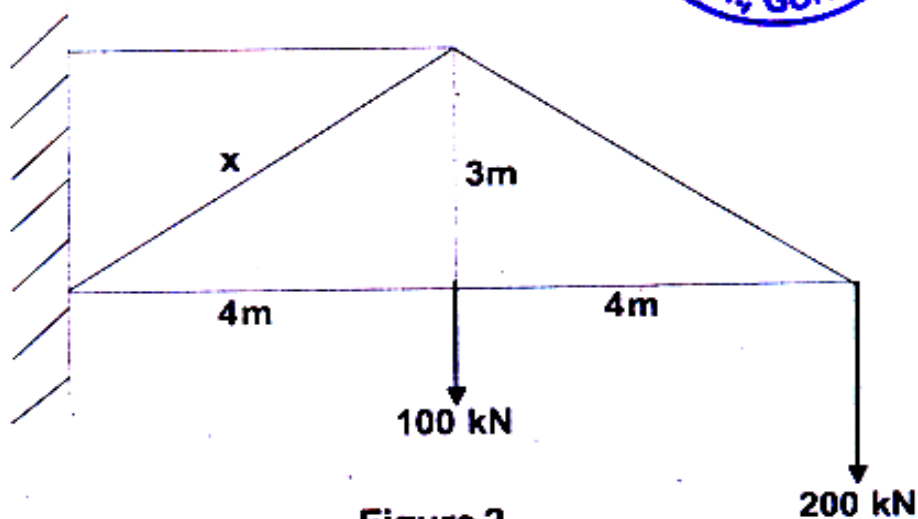


Figure 2

4. (a) Determine the centroid of the area between curves $y = (b/a)x$ and $y = kx^3$ where both the curves meet at points $(0, 0)$ and (a, b) . Find the ratio a/b for which the x and y coordinates of the centroid will be equal. 5
- (b) Determine the moment of inertia of a T-section (flange $12 \text{ mm} \times 4 \text{ mm}$) and web ($4 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm}$) about its centroidal x -axis. 5
5. Using the principle of virtual work, determine the force F required to hold the frame shown in Figure 3 in equilibrium under the load $P = 500 \text{ N}$ at $\theta = 60^\circ$. Each link is of length $2a = 0.8 \text{ m}$. 10

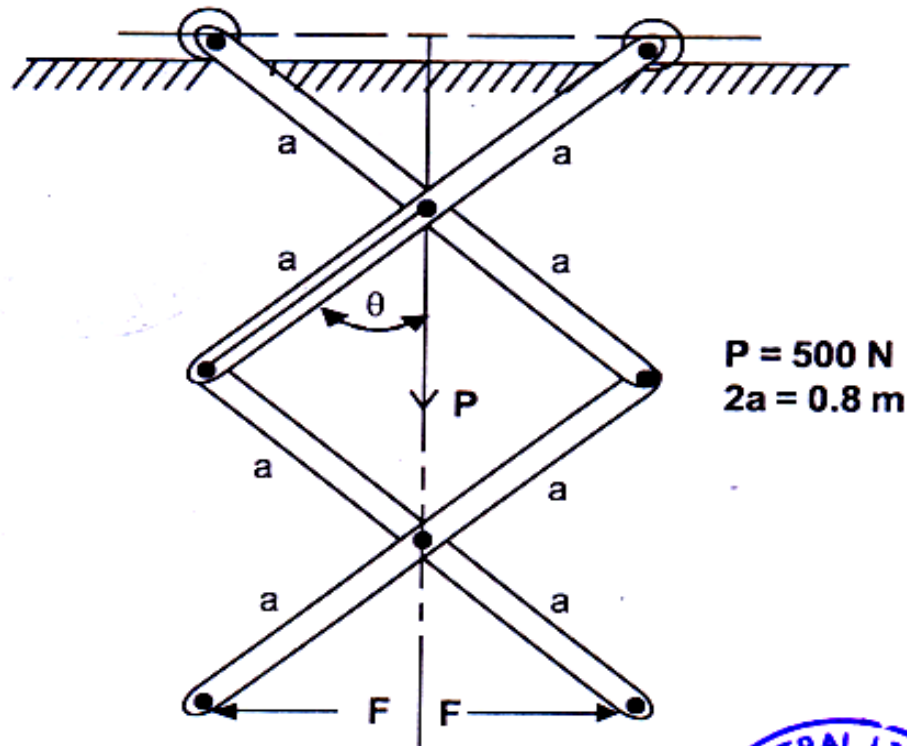


Figure 3

6. (a) A particle of weight W is dropped vertically into a medium that offers resistance proportional to the square of the velocity of the particle. The buoyancy of the medium is negligible, and the resisting force is f when the velocity is 1 m/sec . What uniform velocity will the particle finally attain? 5
- (b) A ball is projected on horizontal plane at an angle of 40° with an initial velocity of 70 km/hr . Determine the
- horizontal range,
 - maximum height attained by the particle,
 - total time of flight, and
 - time taken to reach the highest position of path.
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7. (a) Considering only rotation of the earth, determine the resultant acceleration of a point on its surface at the latitude 47° North. Assume the radius of the earth as $R = 6400$ Km. 5
- (b) A rotor decreases uniformly from a rotating speed of 2000 rpm to rest in 300 sec. Determine the angular deceleration and the number of radians rotated before coming to rest. 5
8. (a) Determine the moment of inertia I_x of a homogeneous rectangular parallelepiped having dimensions a , b and c with respect to a centroidal axis parallel to the edges of length c . 5
- (b) A tennis ball is dropped from a 5 m high ceiling of a room. After bouncing thrice, the ball attains a height of 1 m measured from the floor. Determine the coefficient of restitution in this situation. 5

