

## 1 Problem 1:

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## 2 Problem 2:

### 2.1 1

Proof:  $((\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T)$ , so

$$(\mathbf{R}\vec{r}_1)^T \cdot (\mathbf{R}\vec{r}_2) = \vec{r}_1^T \mathbf{R}^T \cdot \mathbf{R}\vec{r}_2 = \vec{r}_1^T \mathbf{I} \vec{r}_2 = \vec{r}_1^T \vec{r}_2 = \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2$$

Or you can say the length and angle of vector not change with the rotation. But you can't use a special example of rotation to prove it.

### 2.2 2

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} \times \vec{c} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(b_2c_3 - b_3c_2) - \hat{j}(b_1c_3 - b_3c_1) + \hat{k}(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1) \\ \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) &= a_1(b_2c_3 - b_3c_2) + a_2(b_3c_1 - b_1c_3) + a_3(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Cyclic permutation of rows (or columns) does not change the determinant value.

If you said it equals its volume or expand all items, all right.

Proof:  $dW = q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{v} dt = q(\vec{B} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{v})) dt = 0$

### 2.3 3

Just expand it ...

### 2.4 4

Use the conclusion fo (3), consider  $\vec{U} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ , we have  $\vec{U} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{d})\vec{c} - (\vec{U} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{d}$

$$(\vec{U} \cdot \vec{d})\vec{c} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{d})\vec{c} \quad (2)$$

Similarly,  $(\vec{U} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{d} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{d}$

## 3 Problem 3

Many students misunderstand this question but actually it's a very naive question.

Polar vectors represent "translational symmetry": Their mirror behavior matches intuitive expectations (e.g., a forward-pointing vector in reality points backward in a mirror).

Axial vectors represent "rotational symmetry" and handedness: They arise from cross products, which depend on the right-hand rule. Mirror reflection inverts "handedness" (left → right), so axial vectors' mirror behavior is opposite to polar vectors for parallel mirrors, and identical for perpendicular mirrors. This reflects a deeper distinction between "translational" and "rotational" quantities in physics.

## 4 Problem 4

For the  $\Delta L$  in L, we have  $v = \sqrt{2gL}$ , so  $\Delta t_i = \frac{\Delta L}{\sqrt{2gL_i}}$ .

Now we prove  $\sum \Delta t_i$  is a limited value.

Actually,

$$T = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{L/n}{\sqrt{2gL_i}} = \int_0^H \frac{dL}{\sqrt{2gL}} = \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}} \quad (3)$$

You can't describe it by words or skip the integral and just say it's limited.

## 5 Problem 5

$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\left| \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right|}{\left( 1 + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$

### 5.1 1

Consider  $y = \sqrt{R^2 - x^2}$ ,

so,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}}$ ,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{-R^2}{(R^2 - x^2)^{3/2}},$$

$$\text{and } 1 + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{R^2 - x^2} = \frac{R^2}{R^2 - x^2}.$$

Hence the conclusion.

### 5.2 2

At the highest point  $v_x = v_0 \cos \theta$ ,  $v_y = v_0 \sin \theta$ . Gravity has \*\*no component\*\* along the horizontal (tangential) direction,  $a_\tau = 0$ . For the normal acceleration  $a_n = v^2/\rho$ , we need know the  $\rho$  of the approximate cycle.

$$x = v_0 \cos \theta \cdot t \implies t = \frac{x}{v_0 \cos \theta}, \quad y = v_0 \sin \theta \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2,$$

We can rewrite  $y = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}$ .

Get  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta - \frac{gx}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}$ , at the highest point  $x = v_0 \cos \theta \cdot \frac{v_0 \sin \theta}{g}$ , so we get  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{\left| -\frac{g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \right|}{(1+0^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$a_n = v^2/\rho = \frac{g(v_0 \cos \theta)^2}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} = g, \text{ hence the conclusion.}$$