



P.B. SIDDHARTHA COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

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CLASSICAL MECHANICS

Offered to : M.Sc.(PHYSICS)

Course Code: 22PH1T1

Course Type : Core
MECHANICS

Course: CLASSICAL

Year of Introduction :2004

Year of offering : 2022

Year of Revision :2022

Percentage of Revision : Nil

Semester : I

Credits : 4

Hours Taught : 60 hrs. per Semester

Max.Time : 3 Hours

Course Description : Classical mechanics (22PH1T1) is introduced for describing the motion of macroscopic objects as well as astronomical objects under the influence of a system of forces. It is concerned with the set of physical laws describing the motions of bodies mathematically and is highly essential for the enhancing the logical and analytical thinking of the students. For objects governed by classical mechanics, if the present state is known, it is possible to predict how it will move in the future as well as how it has moved in the past. The classical mechanics was based the foundational works of Sir Isaac Newton, and the mathematical methods by Leibniz, Lagrange, Leonhard Euler, etc., in the 17th century. Later, more abstract methods were developed, leading to the reformulations of classical mechanics known as Lagrangian mechanics and Hamiltonian mechanics. They are used in all areas of modern physics.

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the Lagrangian equations for simple classical systems
2. To learn the concept of Hamiltonian mechanics for classical systems
3. To learn the Hamilton-Jacobi formalism of simple classical systems.
4. To understand the canonical transformations and poisson bracket relations
5. To impart the methods of solving rigid body dynamics

Course Outcomes: At the end of this course, students should be able to:

CO1:Understand the concepts of Lagrangian formulation and can describe the motion of mechanical

systems using Lagrangian formulation.

CO2:Apply the Hamilton formalism to solve problems.

CO3:Apply the concepts of canonical transformations and poisson brackets formulation on physical

systems

CO4: Understand the formulation of Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

CO5: Apply knowledge the concept of rigid body dynamics and rotating frames on different system

Syllabus	
Unit	Learning Units
I	<p>Newtonian Mechanics and Lagrangian mechanics Newton's laws, Mechanics of a particle: Conservation laws, Mechanics of a system of particles: Conservation laws, Conservation of angular momentum, Lagrange's equations, Velocity Dependent potentials and the Dissipation function, L-C Circuit, Lagrangian of an Electromagnetic field. (CO1)</p>
II	<p>Variational principles Hamilton's principle, Deduction of Hamilton's equations from modified Hamilton principle, Derivation of Lagrange's equations from Hamilton's principle, Simple applications of the Hamilton principle: Formulation - Simple pendulum, Principle of Least Action.</p>
III	<p>Canonical transformations Legendre transformations, Equations of canonical transformation, Examples of Canonical transformations, The harmonic oscillator, Canonical invariants, Conservation of energy, Infinitesimal canonical transformations, and conservation theorems in the Poisson bracket formulation, the angular momentum. (CO3)</p>
IV	<p>Hamilton-Jacobi Method Hamilton - Jacobi equation of Hamilton's principal function, The Harmonic oscillator problem as an example, Hamilton - Jacobi equation for Hamilton's characteristic function, Action-angle variables in systems of one degree of freedom.</p>
V	<p>Dynamics of a rigid body Independent coordinates of rigid body, The Euler angles, infinitesimal rotations as vectors (angular velocity), conservation of angular momentum and inertia tensor, principal moments of inertia, rotational kinetic energy of a rigid body, Symmetric top, Torque-free motion of a rigid body. (CO5)</p>

Reference Books:

1. Classical Mechanics, H. GOLDSTEIN (Addison Wesley) 2005.
2. Classical Mechanics, J.C. UPADHYAYA (Himalaya Publishing House) 2010.
3. Classical Mechanics, Gupta, Kumar and Sharma, Pragati Prakashan, 2001
4. Classical Mechanics, G. Aruldass, PHI Learning Private Ltd, 2009

Course Delivery method : Face-to-face / Blended

Course has focus on :Employability

Websites of Interest :<https://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/vsearch.php>

Co-curricular Activities Quiz.

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M.Sc., (PHYSICS) Programme – I Semester

Course Code: 20PH1T1 Title: CLASSICAL MECHANICS

(w.e.f admitted batch 2022-23)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

SECTION-A

Q.NO

Answer All Questions 5x4=20M

1. (A) Explain the concept of generalized co-ordinates
(Or) (CO1) L2
(B) Explain Newton's laws of motions with examples
2. (A) Discuss about Hamiltonian function (H)
(Or) (CO2) L2
(B) Explain variational principle
3. (A) What are Legendre transformations?
(Or) (CO3) L1
(B) Define Poisson Bracket.
4. (A) What is Hamilton's principle function?
(Or) (CO4) L1
(B) What are action-angle variables?
5. (A) Define inertia tensor with examples
(Or) (CO5) L1
(B) What are space coordinate systems?

SECTION-B

Answer All Questions 5x10=50M

6. What are constraints? Classify them with suitable examples.
(Or)
State D'Alembert's principle and simply Lagrange's equation of motion from it. (CO1)
L2
7. A) State and explain the Hamilton's principle.
(Or)
B) Demonstrate Hamilton's equations from modified Hamilton's principle. (CO2) L2
8. A) Apply canonical transformations to the harmonic oscillator problem.
(Or)
B) Solve the that Poisson's brackets and their properties from canonical transformations (CO3)
L3
9. A) Explain the harmonic oscillator problem using Hamilton-Jacobi method.
(Or)
B) Explain the significance of Hamilton's characteristic function. (CO4)
L2
10. A) Explain Euler's angles and obtain transformation matrix.
(Or)
B) Explain the rotational kinetic energy of a rigid body. (CO5)
L2

Note: Question paper contains 5 short answers with internal choice from each unit and 5 long answer questions with internal choice from each unit.