

DSE- 5: CLASSICAL DYNAMICS

(Credits: 06)

F.M. = 75 (Theory – 60, Internal Assessment – 15)

Internal Assessment [Class Attendance – 05, Class Test/ Assignment/ Seminar – 10]

Theory:

75 Lectures

The emphasis of the course is on applications in solving problems of interest to physicists. Students are to be examined on the basis of problems, seen and unseen.

Classical Mechanics of Point Particles: Review of Newtonian Mechanics; Application to the motion of a charge particle in external electric and magnetic fields- motion in uniform electric field, magnetic field-gyroradius and gyrofrequency, motion in crossed electric and magnetic fields. Generalized coordinates and velocities, Hamilton's principle, Lagrangian and the Euler-Lagrange equations, one-dimensional examples of the Euler-Lagrange equations- one-dimensional Simple Harmonic Oscillations and falling body in uniform gravity; applications to simple systems such as coupled oscillators Canonical momenta & Hamiltonian. Hamilton's equations of motion. Applications: Hamiltonian for a harmonic oscillator, solution of Hamilton's equation for Simple Harmonic Oscillations; particle in a central force field- conservation of angular momentum and energy. (22 Lectures)

Small Amplitude Oscillations: Minima of potential energy and points of stable equilibrium, expansion of the potential energy around a minimum, small amplitude oscillations about the minimum, normal modes of oscillations example of N identical masses connected in a linear fashion to (N -1) - identical springs. (10 Lectures)

Special Theory of Relativity: Postulates of Special Theory of Relativity. Lorentz Transformations. Minkowski space. The invariant interval, light cone and world lines. Space-time diagrams. Time-dilation, length contraction and twin paradox. Four-vectors: space-like, time-like and light-like. Four-velocity and acceleration. Metric and alternating tensors. Four-momentum and energy-momentum relation. Doppler effect from a four-vector perspective. Concept of four-force. Conservation of four-momentum. Relativistic kinematics. Application to two-body decay of an unstable particle. (33 Lectures)

Fluid Dynamics: Density ρ and pressure P in a fluid, an element of fluid and its velocity, continuity equation and mass conservation, stream-lined motion, laminar flow, Poiseuille's equation for flow of a liquid through a pipe, Navier-Stokes equation, qualitative description of turbulence, Reynolds number. (10 Lectures)

Reference Books:

1. Classical Mechanics, H. Goldstein, C.P. Poole, J.L. Safko, 3rd Edn. 2002, Pearson Education.
2. Mechanics, L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, 1976, Pergamon.
3. Classical Electrodynamics, J.D. Jackson, 3rd Edn., 1998, Wiley.
4. The Classical Theory of Fields, L.D Landau, E.M Lifshitz, 4th Edn., 2003, Elsevier.
5. Introduction to Electrodynamics, D.J. Griffiths, 2012, Pearson Education.
6. Classical Mechanics, P.S. Joag, N.C. Rana, 1st Edn., McGraw Hall.
7. Classical Mechanics, R. Douglas Gregory, 2015, Cambridge University Press.
8. Classical Mechanics: An introduction, Dieter Strauch, 2009, Springer.
9. Solved Problems in classical Mechanics, O.L. Delange and J. Pierrus, 2010, Oxford Press