

π radians = 180°	RPM = revolutions per minute	$(\omega / \text{RPM}) = \frac{60}{2\pi} (\omega / \text{rads}^{-1})$
$v = r\omega$	Velocity (ms^{-1}) of a particle undergoing constant speed circular motion at angular speed ω (rads^{-1}) at radius r (m). $\omega = 2\pi f$ where f is the rotation frequency (Hz). $f = 1/T$ where T is the rotation period	
$a = r\omega^2 = \frac{v^2}{r}$	Centripetal acceleration (ms^{-2}) towards the centre of a circular trajectory	

Question 1

- (i) The Russian ice skater Alexandra Trusova performed a *quadruple lutz* (four complete rotations) in 2019. She was in the air for 0.9s. Calculate her average angular speed ω in rads^{-1} .
- (ii) My hand-held gyroscope has a maximum rating of 15,000RPM. What is the corresponding ω in rads^{-1} ? What is the maximum frequency in Hz?
- (iii) As of 2019, the longest wind turbine blade has a radius of $r = 107\text{m}$. It is very important that the tip of the blade doesn't become supersonic to avoid shock waves. If the speed of the tip must be less than 343ms^{-1} , calculate the maximum rotation rate of the turbine (a) in rads^{-1} and (b) convert this to RPM.
- (iv) The radius of lane one of the bend of an athletics track is 36.50m. If an athlete runs the semicircular bend in 12.15s, calculate the centripetal acceleration in m/s^2 . Usain Bolt attained a top speed of about 12m/s in about 4.5s when running the 100m at World Record pace. How does this acceleration compare?
- (v) The Earth rotates about its axis every 24 hours. If the equatorial radius of the is 6378km, calculate the speed (in km/s) that a point at the equator moves through space.
- (vi) The Earth rotates about the Sun on average every 365.25 days. Assuming a circular orbit of radius $1\text{AU} = 1.496 \times 10^{11}\text{m}$, calculate the orbital speed in km/s.
- (vii) The Eurofighter Typhoon jet aircraft has a maximum operating limit of about '9g' i.e. an acceleration of $9 \times 9.81\text{ms}^{-2}$. Calculate the airspeed in m/s if it executes a '9g' turn with a radius of 100m.
- (viii) In athletics, the Men's hammer is a ball of mass 7.26kg attached to a wire of length 121.3cm. Assuming the wire handle is 70cm from the axis of rotation of the athlete, calculate the wire tension in N if the hammer completes one rotation in 0.99s. Although the hammer will certainly be released at around 45° elevation, assume it follows a horizontal circular path at a particular instant.
- (ix) A spacecraft consisting of a hollow hoop rotating at angular speed ω can simulate the effect of gravity on its occupants. If the reaction force per unit mass on an astronaut standing in the spacecraft is 9.81N/kg , calculate the hoop radius r of the spacecraft if it rotates at 3.00RPM.
- (x) In the Bohr model of Hydrogen, an electron 'sort-of-orbits' a proton nucleus at a radius of $r = 5.29 \times 10^{-11}\text{m}$ at a speed of about $\frac{1}{137}$ times the speed of light $c = 2.998 \times 10^8\text{ms}^{-1}$. Calculate the force (in N) on the electron exerted by the proton. The mass of an electron is $m = 9.109 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$.
- (xi) In aeronautics, a standard rate turn is accomplished at $3.00^\circ/\text{s}$. An Airbus A380 has a top speed of 1,185km/h, and executes a slow turn that corresponds to a centripetal acceleration of '0.1g'. Calculate the radius of the turn in km, and how what % of a 'standard rate turn' this corresponds to. What would be the radius for a '0.1g' standard rate turn, and what would be the airspeed in km/h?

Question 2 Calculate the rotational period of the Earth (in hours) if the normal contact force at the equator is half that at the poles. Assume $g = 9.81\text{N/kg}$ at both locations, modeling the Earth as a perfect sphere of radius $r = 6370\text{km}$.

Question 3 (This assumes knowledge of static friction and inclined planes)

Professor Parker (of mass $m = 80\text{kg}$) has a bet with a climbing friend that he can scale a featureless steel wall. He proposes to win the bet by placing himself against the interior wall of a giant horizontally rotating drum. When the drum attains angular speed ω , Prof. Parker should find himself stuck to the wall even when he pushes himself off the floor of the drum. To enter the drum, Prof. Parker slides down a ramp made from the same material as the drum. He finds that he can just slide when the ramp is at angle $\theta = 42^\circ$.

- (i) Determine an expression in terms of drum radius r for the minimum angular speed ω that causes Prof. Parker to be stuck to the vertical walls of the drum when he is not in contact with the floor. Plot a graph of ω (in RPM) vs r over the range $3.0\text{m} \leq r \leq 10.0\text{m}$
- (ii) A rigid radial rod connects the outer edge of the drum to the central axle. Prof. Parker hauls himself from $r = 5.0\text{m}$ to $r = 0.5\text{m}$. Assume ω is the minimum angular speed corresponding to $r = 5.0\text{m}$ and remains constant. Calculate how much energy must be dissipated in making this journey.

Question 4 The *Sky Rider* attraction at Lightwater Valley in Ripon, Yorkshire involves being seated in a chair dangled from a rotating disc via a chain, which can be considered to be of negligible mass and inextensible. The chain attachment is at radius r from the axis of rotation and the chain has length l . If the ride rotates at angular speed ω the chairs fly out at an angle of θ to the vertical.

- (i) Draw a diagram of the system, apply Newton II in vertical and horizontal directions and hence show that:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g \tan \theta}{r + l \sin \theta}}$$

- (ii) If $\theta = 30^\circ$, $l = 4.0\text{m}$, and the rotation speed is $v = 5\text{ms}^{-1}$, calculate the disc radius r (in m).
- (iii) If a man of mass 100kg is the passenger, use the parameters in (ii) to calculate the tension (in N) in the chain.

Question 5 (This assumes knowledge of projectile motion as well as circular motion)

The Dukes of Hazzard was an American TV series which ran between 1979 to 1985. A signature feature was a series of outrageous jumps performed by an orange Dodge Charger stock car called *The General Lee*. The car is travelling at constant speed v and comes to a bridge of radius of curvature r . The initial gradient of the bridge is $\tan \theta$.

- (i) Determine an expression for the normal reaction force R on the car, and hence work out an expression (in terms of v , gravity strength g and θ) for the largest r which results in the car becoming airborne.

- (ii) *The General Lee* is often shown to clear rivers, fly through trees, and jump over police cars. If the car hits a bump of height h and horizontal width $2w$, show that $v > \sqrt{\frac{(w^2 - h^2)g}{2h}}$ to get airborne, and the launch angle from horizontal is $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2wh}{w^2 + h^2}\right)$. Also, to clear the bump $v > \sqrt{\frac{(w^2 + h^2)^2 g}{2h(w^2 - h^2)}}$ and $v > \sqrt{\frac{(w^2 + h^2)g}{w}}$. Hence show for $h = 1.0\text{m}$ and $w = 2.0\text{m}$, the lowest speed to 'jump the bump' is 6.39m/s . How far does the car jump at 25m/s (55.9mph)?

Question 6 Dr French rides a water flume consisting of a tube with a cylindrical cross section of radius $a = 0.5\text{m}$. He descends from height h (initially at rest) and then takes a turn of radius $r = 5.0\text{m}$. If the water effectively provides perfect lubrication (i.e. negligible friction) between Dr French and the interior wall of the flume, determine an expression for h as a function of the angle θ he rises up the tube wall from the vertical. Sketch this, and evaluate at $\theta = 60^\circ$.