

Homework Assignment #3
(50 points)Due Thursday, September 15
(at lecture)

3.5 (10 points) Challenge problem. A particle moves along a circular path given in spherical coordinates by

$$r(t) = R \quad \text{and} \quad \theta(t) = \theta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(t) = 2\pi(1 - e^{-\gamma t}),$$

where $R > 0$, θ_0 , and $\gamma > 0$ are constants.

- (a) Give the particle's path in cylindrical coordinates.
- (b) Give the particle's position vector $\mathbf{r}(t)$ in cylindrical coordinates.
- (c) Give the velocity $\mathbf{v}(t)$ and the speed $v(t) = |\mathbf{v}(t)|$ in cylindrical coordinates.
- (d) Give the acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t)$ in cylindrical coordinates.
- (e) Draw the entire trajectory for $t \geq 0$. On your drawing, draw and label at the right place on the trajectory the velocity and acceleration at time $t = 0$ and at time $t = \gamma^{-1} \ln 2$.