

## Mechanik (Theoretische Physik 1)

Sommersemester 2018

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Übungsblatt Nr. 1

Dieses Blatt wird in den Übungen vom 16.04. - 20.04.18 besprochen.

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### Aufgabe 1:

#### Helical trajectory

3 Punkte

Consider a particle moving in a helical trajectory  $\mathbf{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$  with respect to a reference frame  $F$ , with the helix revolving around the  $z$  axis of  $F$ . At  $t = 0$  the particle lies at  $\mathbf{r}(0) = (L, 0, 0)$ . The projection of  $\mathbf{r}$  on the  $xy$  plane,  $\mathbf{r}_{xy} \equiv (x(t), y(t), 0)$ , moves around the origin of the  $xy$  plane counter clockwise, with uniform circular motion, completing a revolution every  $T$  seconds. Meanwhile the  $z$  coordinate increases uniformly with time, changing by  $h$  units in every revolution. What are the equations of the trajectory, the speed and acceleration in Cartesian coordinates? What are their expressions in cylindrical coordinates?

### Aufgabe 2:

#### Helical Trajectory in different reference frames

3 Punkte

Derive the equations for the same trajectory, velocity and acceleration as in Problem 1, but in the following reference frames: i/. A frame  $F_2$  that moves with uniform acceleration  $a_z$  in the positive  $z$  direction, considering that at  $t = 0$  the frame  $F_2$  overlaps with the frame  $F$  of problem 1, with zero relative velocity. ii/. A frame  $F_3$  with rotates uniformly in time around the  $z$  axis of the frame  $F$  of problem 1, with a positive angular velocity  $\omega = 2\pi/T$ . Would the forces that appear to act on the particle be the same in all frames  $F, F_2, F_3$  (answer this last question qualitatively)?

### Aufgabe 3:

#### Velocity in spherical coordinates

2 Punkte

A trajectory can be defined in either Cartesian coordinates  $(x(t), y(t), z(t))$ , or in spherical coordinates  $(r(t), \theta(t), \phi(t))$ . What is the line element  $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$  in spherical coordinates? Use the result to infer the value of the magnitude of the velocity vector,  $|\mathbf{v}|^2 = \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2$ , in spherical coordinates.

**Aufgabe 4:**  
**Shape of trajectories with conserved angular momentum**

**2 Punkte**

Suppose that angular momentum  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{p}$  is conserved, with  $\mathbf{r}$  taken as the position vector with respect to the origin of a given reference frame. The next diagrams show possible planar trajectories, with the origin of the reference frame highlighted as a thick dot. Are the trajectories compatible with angular momentum conservation?

