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 $\vec{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ 

 $\vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 = \hat{\mathbf{i}}$ 

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 = 2\hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{r}}_3 = \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Find:

- (1) The position of the center of mass.
- (2) The velocity of the center of mass.
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- (4) The angular momentum of the system.
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$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} m_i \vec{r}_i$$

$$\vec{r}_{cm} = \frac{1}{3} \Big( (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \Big) = \frac{1}{3} \Big( \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}} \Big)$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} m_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{1}{3} \Big( (2\hat{\mathbf{i}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \Big) = \frac{1}{3} \Big( 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \Big)$$

$$\vec{p} = \sum_{i} m_i \vec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{p} = ((2\hat{\mathbf{i}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}})) = (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$ec{ ext{L}} = \sum_i ec{r}_i imes m ec{v}_i$$

$$\vec{L} = \left[ (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}) \times (2\hat{\mathbf{i}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \times (\hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \times (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \right] = -2\hat{\mathbf{k}} - \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{i}} = -2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$T = \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}[(2)^2 + (1)^2 + ((1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2)] = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_{cm}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(3)\left(\frac{1}{9}((3)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2)\right) = \frac{1}{2}(3)\left(\frac{1}{9}(9 + 4 + 1)\right) = \frac{7}{3}$$

#### **Question (2) (6 marks)**

A proton of mass  $m_p$  with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v_o}$  collides with a helium atom, mass  $4m_p$ , that is initially at rest. If the proton leaves the point of impact at an angle  $45^o$  with its original line of motion, find the final velocities of each particle. Assume that the collision is inelastic and that Q is equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the initial energy of the proton.

Conservation of momentum:

$$v_o = \dot{v}_p cos45 + 4\dot{v}_\alpha cos\phi \qquad \dot{v}_p sin45 - 4\dot{v}_\alpha sin\phi = 0$$

$$4\dot{v}_\alpha cos\phi = v_o - \frac{\dot{v}_p}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad 4\dot{v}_\alpha sin\phi = \frac{\dot{v}_p}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$16v_\alpha'^2 = v_o^2 - \sqrt{2}v_\alpha\dot{v}_n + v_n'^2$$

Conservation of energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}m_p v_o^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_p v_p'^2 + \frac{1}{2}4m_p v_\alpha'^2 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{2}m_p v_o^2\right)$$
$$16v_\alpha'^2 = 3v_o^2 - 4v_p'^2$$

subtracting:

$$\begin{split} v_o^2 - \sqrt{2} v_o \acute{v}_p + v_p'^2 - \left(3 v_o^2 - 4 v_p'^2\right) &= 0 \\ -2 v_o^2 - \sqrt{2} v_o \acute{v}_p + 5 v_p'^2 &= 0 \\ \acute{v}_p &= \frac{\sqrt{2} v_o \pm \sqrt{2 v_o^2 + 40 v_o^2}}{10} = \frac{v_o}{10} \left(\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{42}\right) \\ \acute{v}_p &= 0.7895 v_o \;,\; \acute{v}_{px} = \acute{v}_{px} = \frac{\acute{v}_p}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.558 \; v_o \\ \acute{v}_\alpha &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{16} v_o^2 - \frac{1}{4} v_p'^2\right)} = \frac{v_o}{2} \sqrt{(0.75 - 0.7895^2)} = 0.1780 \; v_o \\ tan\phi &= \frac{\acute{v}_p}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\acute{v}_p}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{0.7895}{\sqrt{2} v_o - \acute{v}_p} = \frac{0.7895}{\sqrt{2} - 0.7895} = 1.2638 \\ \phi &= tan^{-1} (1.2638) = 51.65^o \\ \acute{v}_{\alpha x} &= \acute{v}_\alpha cos\phi = 0.110 v_o \;, \quad \acute{v}_{\alpha y} = -\acute{v}_\alpha sin\phi = -0.140 \; v_o \end{split}$$

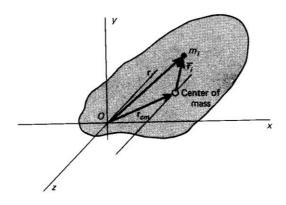
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Consider the equation of the moment of inertia about some axis, say the z-axis,

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$$x_{i} = x_{cm} + \bar{x}_{i} , \quad y_{i} = y_{cm} + \bar{y}_{i}$$

$$I = \sum_{i} m_{i} (x_{i}^{2} + y_{i}^{2}) = \sum_{i} m_{i} [(x_{cm} + \bar{x}_{i})^{2} + (y_{cm} + \bar{y}_{i})^{2}]$$

$$I = \sum_{i} m_{i} (\bar{x}_{i}^{2} + \bar{y}_{i}^{2}) + \sum_{i} m_{i} (x_{cm}^{2} + y_{cm}^{2}) + 2x_{cm} \sum_{i} m_{i} \bar{x}_{i} + 2y_{cm} \sum_{i} m_{i} \bar{y}_{i}$$

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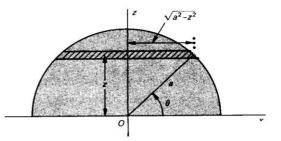
this distance l. That is  $l^2 = (x_{cm}^2 + y_{cm}^2)$ . From the definition of the center of mass,

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## Question (4) (9 marks)

- (a) Find the center of mass of a solid homogeneous hemisphere of radius a.
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- (c) Find the radius of gyration of a thin uniform rod of length *a* and mass *m* about an axis passing through one end.

To find the center of mass of a solid homogeneous hemisphere of radius *a*, we know from symmetry that the center of mass lies on the radius that is normal to the plane face.



$$dV = \pi r^2 dz = \pi (a^2 - z^2) dz$$

$$z_{cm} = \frac{\int_0^a \rho \pi z (a^2 - z^2) dz}{\int_0^a \rho \pi (a^2 - z^2) dz} = \frac{\frac{a^2 z^2}{2} - \frac{z^4}{4} \Big|_0^a}{a^2 z - \frac{z^3}{3} \Big|_0^a} = \frac{\frac{a^4}{2} - \frac{a^4}{4}}{a^3 - \frac{a^3}{3}} = \frac{\frac{a^4}{4}}{\frac{2a^3}{3}} = \frac{3}{8}a$$

For a thin uniform rod of length 2a and mass m, for an axis perpendicular to the rod at one end is

Figure 8.3.2 Coordinates for finding the moment of inertia of a disc.

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$$I = \int_0^{2a} x^2 \rho \ dx = \rho \frac{a^3}{3} \bigg|_0^{2a} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{m}{2a} \right) (8a^3) = \frac{4}{3} ma^2$$

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$$k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}ma^2\right)}{m}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \qquad \qquad \vec{\mathbf{v}}_2 = 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} \qquad \qquad \vec{\mathbf{v}}_3 = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

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$$\vec{v}_{cm} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} m_i \vec{v}_i$$

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$$\vec{L} = [(2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}) \times (\hat{\mathbf{i}}) + (\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \times (2\hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \times (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}})] = -\hat{\mathbf{k}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{i}}$$
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$$\frac{1}{2}mv_{cm}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(3)\left(\frac{1}{9}((2)^2 + (3)^2 + (1)^2)\right) = \frac{1}{2}(3)\left(\frac{1}{9}(4+9+1)\right) = \frac{7}{3}$$

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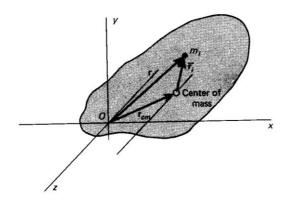
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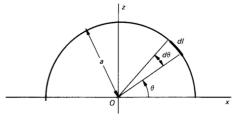
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# Question (4) (9 marks)

- (a) Find the center of mass of a thin wire bent into the form of a semicircle of radius a.
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- (c) Show that the moment of inertia for a thin uniform rod of length 2a and mass m about an axis perpendicular to the rod at one end is  $\frac{4}{3}ma^2$ .

To find the center of mass of a thin wire bent into the form of a semicircle of a radius a, we use axes as shown in the figure



$$dl = a d\theta$$
 and  $z = a \sin\theta$ 

$$z_{cm} = \frac{\int_0^a \rho(a \sin\theta) \ a \ d\theta}{\int_0^a \rho \ a \ d\theta} = \frac{\int_0^{\pi/2} (a \sin\theta) \ d\theta}{\int_0^{\pi/2} \ d\theta} = \frac{a \left[-\cos\theta\right]_0^{\pi/2}}{\left[\theta\right]_0^{\pi/2}} = \frac{a}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} a$$



For a thin uniform rod of length a and mass m, for an axis perpendicular to the rod at the center is

$$I = \int_{-a/2}^{a/2} x^2 \rho \, dx = \frac{1}{12} \rho \, a^3 = \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{m}{a}\right) a^3 = \frac{1}{12} m a^2$$
$$k = \sqrt{\frac{I}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{1}{12} m a^2\right)}{m}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{12}}$$

$$I = \int_0^{2a} x^2 \rho \ dx = \rho \frac{a^3}{3} \Big|_0^{2a} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{m}{2a} \right) (8a^3) = \frac{4}{3} ma^2$$