Tutorial 1 (PHY201)

1. A point moves in a circle at a constant speed of 50cm/s. The period of one complete journey around the circle is 6sec. At t=0 the line to the point from the circle makes an angle of 30 degree with the x axis.

(a) Obtain the equation of the x coordinate of the point as a function of time, in the form $x = A \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$, giving the numerical values of A, ω , and α .

(b) Find the values of x, dx/dt, d^2x/dt^2 at t=2 sec and plot the displacement vector, velocity vector and acceleration vector in the complex plane.

- 2. A circular hoop of diameter *d* hangs on a nail. What is the period of its oscillations at small amplitude?
- 3. A real spring is generally made up of some material and the mass of spring m cannot be neglected as compared to the mass M that hangs to it. Following your book of French, derive the oscillation frequency of such a heavy spring. By what % the true frequency is offset if m is 10% of M.
- 4. Show that multiplication of any complex number z by $e^{i\Theta}$ is described, in geometrical terms, as a positive rotation through an angle Θ of the vector by which z is represented, without any alteration of its length.
- 5. (i) Consider a metal wire of Young's modulus Y having a relaxed length L_0 . It is clamped from the upper end. It is loaded with a mass m at the lower end and it elongates the wire. Find out the period of small oscillations of mass?

(ii) Express your answer in terms of period of a simple pendulum. What would be effective length of the pendulum?