

## Differentiate between Classical and Quantum Mechanics in Detail?

### Mechanics :-

It can be defined as a branch of science which deals with the motion of and forces on bodies not in quantum realm.

Mechanics is area of physics concerned with motions of macroscopic objects.

### Classical Mechanics :-

It is a branch of physics which deals with motion of objects small as well as larger objects. But it would be valid if objects are :-

$$v \ll c$$

Macroscopic

Classical mechanics tells us about state and condition of objects. It has two limitations which are mentioned above. First, the velocity of object should be lower than speed of light.

Secondly, classical mechanics is valid

for macroscopic system, (larger objects).  
The study of rest, or motion state  
of object is called Classical mechanics  
It is also known as Newton  
Mechanics, Hamiltonian Mechanics.

**What is it good for? (Classical mechanics)**

Classical mechanics is helpful in  
describing the motion of macroscopic  
solids, fluids under the influences of  
forces.

e.g. planets moving around the sun  
apples falling on people's heads  
Planes flying around.

**Invention of Classical Mechanics:-**

The Greeks described about it but  
they were wrong because most of  
their ideas were irrelevant.

Later, Galileo Galilei came up with  
some better scientific idea in (1564-1642).

After his death, Issac Newton came  
up with calculus laws of motion in

(1642-1727) which are still in use today. A few years later, Joseph Louis Lagrange (1736-1813) and William Hamiltonian (1805-1865) develop different alternative formulation of Newton's Law to solve complex problem a lot easier.

**Boundaries:-**

Classical mechanics can not describe about:-

Objects moving close to speed of light ( $c = 458 \frac{m}{s}$ ),

which describes Newton's special relativity

GR can not also explain about tiny objects (with noticeable de-Broglie wavelength-

$(\lambda = \frac{h}{p})$ .

Which describe Quantum mechanics.

Classical Mechanics is not 100%

accurate and it is not a complete

Theory. But it's still useful in its

boundaries.

Some Laws of Classical Mechanics does not need any modifications - e.g.

Law of Conservation of energy -

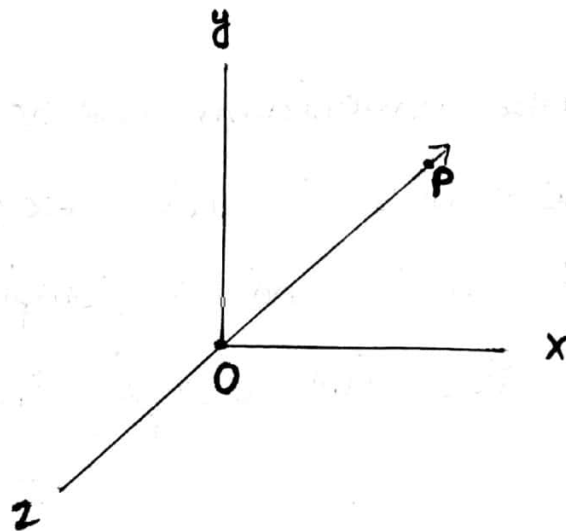
Law of Conservation of mass -

Law of Conservation of Linear momentum

They are universally accepted.

### Frame of Reference :-

The location of any particle or event according to Time can be described by Three coordinate axis, at a fixed origin. These coordinate axis are known as frame of references or Cartesian Coordinates.



These axis are mutually perpendicular.



Frame of reference has Two Types :-

**Inertial frame of reference :-**

$$a = 0$$

Newton's Law are only valid for inertial frame of reference. Earth is an idealized inertial frame of reference.

Exchange of coordinates does not effect the result, and it is called Newtonian

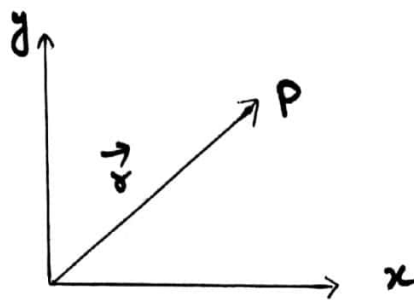
Relativity.

**Non-Inertial frame of Reference :-**

$$a \neq 0$$

acceleration is not zero in this frame of reference.

# Newtonian Mechanics of a Single Particle



As we know :-

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \rightarrow 1$$

and

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

put value of  $\vec{v}$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \rightarrow 2$$

Newton's Second Law :- (general form)

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt} \rightarrow 3$$

as momentum :-

$$P = mv \rightarrow 4$$

put value of P :-

$$F = \frac{d(mv)}{dt}$$

In this frame of reference, particle is an point mass with a fixed origin.

(Inertial frame of reference).

So  $m$  is constant.

$$F = m \frac{dv}{dt} \quad \therefore a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

So,

Put value of eq(2)  $F = ma$  (Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law)  $\rightarrow \underline{5}$

$$F = m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \rightarrow \underline{6}$$

## LAW of Conservation of Linear Momentum

As

$$F = \frac{dp}{dt}$$

If system has zero net force.

Then,

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = F_{\text{net}}$$

Let's suppose  $\therefore$

$$F_{\text{net}} = 0$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0$$

Integrate :-

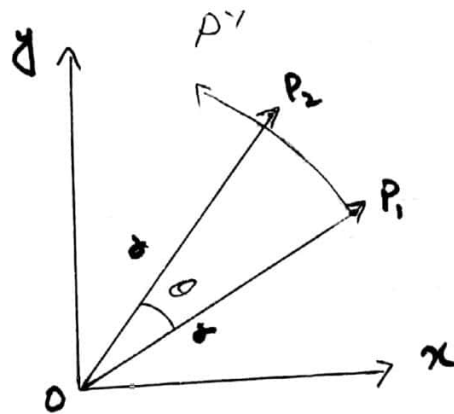
$$\int \frac{dp}{dt} = \int 0$$

So,

$$P = \text{constant}$$

if net force is zero, then Linear momentum will be constant.

## LAW of Conservation of Angular Momentum



Moment of Linear Momentum with fixed origin is known as Angular Momentum.

$$L = r \times P \rightarrow \tau$$

Taking derivative both sides with respect to Time :-

$$\frac{d}{dt} L = \frac{d}{dt} (r \times P)$$



Sum Theorem :-

$$\frac{d}{dt} L = \frac{dr}{dt} \times P + r \times \frac{dP}{dt}$$

as we know,  $P = mv$ ,  $\frac{dr}{dt} = v$

So, and  $\frac{dP}{dt} = F$

$$= v \times mv + r \times F$$

According to vector Calculus rule,  
Cross product of Two same vectors  
is zero - So,

$$v \times v = 0 \rightarrow v \times mv = 0$$
$$= 0 + r \times F$$

$$r \times F = J$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = 0 + J$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = J \rightarrow \underline{J}$$

And

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = F$$

F produce Linear motion and  
J produce angular motion.

if  $J = 0$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = 0$$

Integrate :-

$$\int \frac{dL}{dt} = \int 0$$

$$L = \text{constant}$$

## LAW of Conservation of Energy

Work Energy Principle

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 F \cdot ds \rightarrow \underline{9}$$

As we know :-

$$F = ma$$

$$\text{or } F = m \frac{dv}{dt} \rightarrow (a)$$

And

$$s = vt$$

$$\text{or } ds = v dt \rightarrow (b)$$

put value of a, b in eq (9).

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 m \frac{dv}{dt} \cdot v dt$$

Simplify :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{12} &= m \int_1^2 dv \cdot v \\
 &= m \int_1^2 v \cdot dv \\
 &= m \int_1^2 v dv
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrate:-

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{12} &= \frac{m}{2} v^2 \Big|_1^2 \\
 &= \frac{m}{2} [v_2^2 - v_1^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} m v_1^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{12} = T_2 - T_1 \rightarrow \underline{10}$$

Work on P.E.,

$$\Delta U = -W_{12}$$

$$\text{or } U_2 - U_1 = -W_{12}$$

Simplify:-

$$W_{12} = U_1 - U_2 \rightarrow \underline{11}$$

Compare eqn 11 and 10 :-

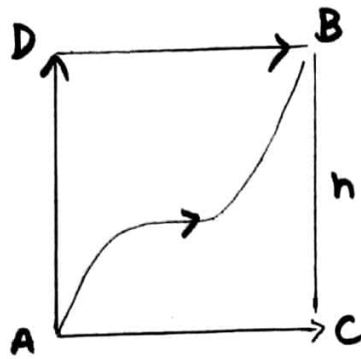
$$T_2 - T_1 = U_1 - U_2$$

$$T_2 + U_2 = U_1 + T_1$$

Rearrange :-

$$T_1 + U_1 = T_2 + U_2$$

Conservative force :-



If work done by a force is independent of path, so force is known as conservative force.  
e.g. gravitational force.

$$\int F \cdot ds = 0$$

## QUANTUM MECHANICS

Definition:-

The branch of mechanics that deals with mathematical description of motion and interaction of subatomic particles.

QM is incorporating the concepts of quantization of energy,

wave-particle duality, the uncertainty principle, and correspondence principle.

## Postulates of Quantum

Mechanics :-

Postulate 1 :-

The state of a system is completely described by Hermitian Linear operators.

Postulate 2 :-

All measurable quantities are described by a wave function  $\psi(r,t)$ .

Postulate 3 :-

The only values that are obtained in a measurement of an observable "A" are eigen values " $a_n$ " of corresponding operator "A". The measurement changes the state of system to eigen function of "A" with eigen value " $a_n$ ".



## Postulate 4 :-

If a system is described by a normalized wavefunction  $\psi$ . Then the average value of observable corresponding to  $\hat{A}$  is -

$$\langle a \rangle = \int \psi^* \hat{A} \psi d\tau$$

## Implications and elaborations on Postulates :-

### Postulate 1 :-

The physically relevant quantity is  $|\psi|^2$

$$\psi^*(x,t)\psi(x,t) = |\psi(x,t)|^2$$

= Probability density at time  $t$  and position  $x$

$\psi(x,t)$  must be normalized

$$\int \psi^* \psi d\tau = 1$$

$\psi(x,t)$  must be well behaved

Single valued  
 $\Psi$  and  $\Psi'$  continuous  
Finite

Postulate 2 :-

Example :: Particle in a box  
eigenfunctions of  $\hat{H}$

$$\hat{H}(\psi) \psi_n(x) = E_n \psi_n(x)$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \left[\frac{2}{a}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right]$$

But if  $\psi$  is not an eigenfunction of operator, then statement is not true.

e.g.  $\psi_n(x)$  above with momentum operator.

$$\hat{P}_n \psi_n(x) = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \psi_n(x) = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \left[\frac{2}{a}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \right]$$
$$\neq P_n \left[ \left[\frac{2}{a}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left[\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right] \right]$$

In order to create a Q.M. operator from a classical observable, use  $\hat{x} = x$  and  $\hat{p}_x = -i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$  and replace in classical expression.

e.g.,

$$K.E. = \frac{1}{2m} \hat{p}^2 = \frac{1}{2m} (\hat{p})(\hat{p}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \quad (1D)$$

$$\text{Postulate 3:} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right] \quad (3D)$$

If  $\psi$  is an eigen function of operator, then it's easy

$$\hat{H}\psi_n = E_n \psi_n \quad \text{measurement of energy yield}$$

Postulate = 4

This connects to expectation value.

if  $\psi_n$  is an eigen function of  $\hat{A}$ , then

$$\hat{A}\psi_n = a_n \psi_n$$

$$\langle a \rangle = \int \psi_n^* \hat{A} \psi_n d\tau = a_n \int \psi_n^* \psi_n d\tau = a_n$$

$$\langle a \rangle = a_n \quad \text{only value possible}$$

If  $\psi = c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2$  as above

$$\langle a \rangle = \int \psi^* \hat{A} \psi d\tau = \int (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2)^* \hat{A} (c_1 \psi_1 + c_2 \psi_2) d\tau = c_1^2 a_1 + c_2^2 a_2$$

$c_1^2$  is probability of measuring  $a_1$  -

# Difference between Classical And Quantum Mechanics

Classical	Quantum
Events are continuous. They move in smooth, orderly and predictable patterns.	$\Delta t$ is not so accurate in Quantum Mechanics. eg H-atom.
Macroscopic Level	Microscopic Level.
Energy levels are continuous.	Discrete Energy level.
HUP (X) is absent.	HUP is present.
$\Delta t$ is based upon Newton's Law of motion.	$\Delta t$ takes into account Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and de Broglie concept of dual nature of matter (particle and wave nature).
$\Delta t$ is based on Maxwell's electromagnetic wave theory according to which any amount of energy may be emitted or absorbed continuously.	$\Delta t$ is based on Planck's Quantum

# Classical

The state of a system is defined by specifying all forces acting on particles as well as

Their position and velocity.

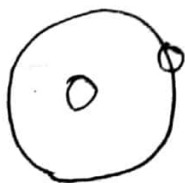
The future state then can be predicted with certainty.

It is an oldest and fundamental Mechanics.

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\text{Momentum} = mv$$

Orbits



# Quantum

Theory according to which only discrete values of energy are emitted or absorbed.

It gives probabilities

of finding particles at various location in space.

It is a modern concept of Mechanics.

$$E = hf$$

$$\text{Momentum} = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

It is orbitals



a standing wave.