

# Chapter 10

## MISCELLANEOUS THE HODOGRAPH. MOTION ON REVOLVING CURVES. IMPULSIVE TENSIONS OF STRINGS

### End of Art 135 EXAMPLES

1. If  $P$  be any point on the parabola,  $S$  its focus,  $PK$  the perpendicular on the directrix, and  $SY$  the perpendicular on the tangent at  $P$ , then

$$v^2 = 2g \cdot PK = 2g \cdot SP = \frac{2g}{\alpha}, SY^2.$$

Hence  $SY$  is perpendicular to, and varies as, the velocity. The hodograph is thus the locus of  $Y$  turned through a right angle, i.e. it is a vertical straight line, and it is described with uniform velocity, since the velocity in the hodograph is equal to the acceleration in the path.

2. The polar reciprocal of a conic with respect to its focus is a circle, and if the conic is a parabola this circle passes through the focus. Hence, etc., by Art. 135.

3. By Art. 40,  $v = \sqrt{\mu} \cdot CD$ . Hence  $CD$  is parallel and proportional to the velocity. Hence, etc.

4.  $v^2 = 2g(a - \alpha \cos \theta) = 2ga \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$ . Hence, etc.

5.  $v = \frac{k}{SY} = \frac{k}{a + \alpha \cos \theta}$ . Hence the hodograph is the parabola  $r = \frac{\lambda}{1 + \cos \theta}$  turned through a right angle about the centre of force.

6. For the hodograph ;  $y^2 = \lambda x$ , and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = V$ , so that  $y = Vt$  and  $x = \frac{V^2}{\lambda} t^2$ .

For the path ;  $\frac{dX}{dt} = kx = \frac{kV^2}{\lambda} t^2$ , and  $\frac{dY}{dt} = ky = kVt$ .

$$\therefore X = \frac{kV^2}{3\lambda} t^3 + A, \text{ and } Y = \frac{kV}{2} t^2 + B, \text{ so that } (Y - B)^2 = \frac{9k\lambda^2}{8V^2} (X - A)^2.$$

7. With the notation of Art. 100, the figure being inverted, we have if the particle start at a depth  $a - b$  below the vertex

$$v^2 = 2g[2a \cos^2 QAD - (a - b)] = 2g[a \cos 2\theta + b], \text{ where } \theta = \angle QAD.$$

- If the particle starts from the highest point, then  $b = a$  and  $v = 2\sqrt{ga \cos \theta}$ , so that the hodograph is a circle.

8.  $v = \frac{h}{SY} = \frac{h}{r \sin \alpha} = \frac{h}{\alpha \sin \alpha} e^{-\theta \cot \alpha}$ . Hence the hodograph is the equi-angular spiral  $r = \lambda e^{-\theta \cot \alpha}$  turned through an angle  $\alpha$  about the pole.

9.  $S$  the pole,  $P$  any point on the curve,  $SY$  the perpendicular upon the tangent  $PT$ . Then, since

$$r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta, \quad \tan SPT = \frac{rd\theta}{dr} = -\cot 2\theta = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\theta\right),$$

so that  $\phi = \angle YSX = 3\theta$ . Hence

$$v^2 = \frac{h^2}{SY^2} = \frac{h^2}{r^2 \cos^2 2\theta} = \frac{h^2}{a^2} \sec^2 \frac{2\phi}{3}.$$

Hence the hodograph is the curve  $r^2 = \lambda^2 \sec^2 \frac{2}{3}\phi$  turned through a right angle, i.e. it is the curve

$$r^2 = \lambda^2 \sec^2 \left( \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} - \phi \right) = \lambda^2 \sec^2 \frac{\pi - 2\phi}{3}.$$

10.  $(x, y)$  any point on the curve and  $(\xi, \eta)$  the corresponding point on the circle. Then

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \lambda \xi = \lambda (\alpha + \alpha \cos \omega t), \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \lambda \eta = \lambda \alpha \sin \omega t.$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{\alpha} = \lambda t + \frac{\lambda}{\omega} \sin \omega t, \text{ and } \frac{y}{\alpha} = \frac{\lambda}{\omega} (1 - \cos \omega t),$$

if the particle is at the origin when  $t=0$ . Hence, etc.

12.  $x = a \cos \theta, y = a \sin \theta$ , and  $z = a\theta \tan \alpha$ , so that  $z = \frac{a}{\cos \alpha} \theta$ .

$$\text{Then } X^2 = \lambda v^2 \left( \frac{dx}{ds} \right)^2 = \lambda \cdot 2g \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \alpha (b - a\theta \tan \alpha),$$

$$Y^2 = \lambda v^2 \left( \frac{dy}{ds} \right)^2 = \lambda \cdot 2g \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \alpha (b - a\theta \tan \alpha),$$

$$\text{and } Z^2 = \lambda v^2 \left( \frac{dz}{ds} \right)^2 = \lambda \cdot 2g \sin^2 \alpha (b - a\theta \tan \alpha).$$

$$\therefore X^2 + Y^2 = Z^2 \cot^2 \alpha, \text{ and } Z^2 = 2\lambda g \sin^2 \alpha \left( b - a \tan \alpha \tan^{-1} \frac{X}{Y} \right).$$

Hence, etc.

## End of Art 140

### EXAMPLES

1. The perpendicular  $OC$  upon the tube revolves with constant angular velocity  $\omega$ , so that the acceleration of  $C$  is  $a\omega^2$  along  $CO$  and is zero perpendicular to  $CO$ . Hence, if  $CP=r$ , we have

$$\ddot{r} - r\omega^2 = 0, \text{ and } \frac{R}{m} = a\omega^2 + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dt} \left( r^2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) = a\omega^2 + 2\omega\dot{r}.$$

Hence  $r = A \sinh(\omega t + B)$ . Also, when  $t=0$ ,  $r=0$  and  $\dot{r}=-a\omega$ .

$$\therefore r = -a \sinh \omega t, \text{ and } \frac{R}{m} = -m\omega^2 [2 \cosh \omega t - 1].$$

2. For the motion of the particle with respect to the tube put on an extra force  $m\omega^2 a \sin \theta$  outwards from the given diameter.

$$\text{Then } a\ddot{\theta} = -g \sin \theta + ng \sin \theta \cos \theta, \text{ and } a\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{R}{m} - ng \sin^2 \theta - g \cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore a\dot{\theta}^2 = 2g \cos \theta + ng \sin^2 \theta + 2g, \text{ since } \dot{\theta}=0 \text{ when } \theta=\pi.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore t \sqrt{\frac{g}{a}} &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sec^2 \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta}{\sqrt{1+(1+n) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+n}} \log \left[ \sqrt{1+n} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \sqrt{1+(1+n) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+n}} \log [\sqrt{1+n} + \sqrt{2+n}]. \end{aligned}$$

3. As in Ex. 2,  $a\dot{\theta}^2 = 2g \cos \theta + \omega^2 a \sin^2 \theta + B$

$$= \omega^2 a \left[ 2 \cos^2 \frac{a}{2} \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta - 2 \cos^2 \frac{a}{2} \right], \text{ since } \dot{\theta}=0 \text{ when } \theta=a.$$

$$\text{Hence } \dot{\theta}^2 = 4\omega^2 \sin^2 \frac{a}{2} \left( \cos^2 \frac{a}{2} - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right).$$

$$\therefore \omega t = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{a}{2}} \int \frac{\cosec^2 \frac{\theta}{2} d\theta}{\sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - \cot^2 \frac{a}{2}}} = -\frac{1}{\sin \frac{a}{2}} \cosh^{-1} \left( \frac{\cot \frac{\theta}{2}}{\cot \frac{a}{2}} \right),$$

since  $\theta=a$  when  $t=0$ . Hence, etc.

$$4. a\ddot{\theta} = \omega^2 a \sin \theta \cos \theta - g \sin \theta + \frac{\lambda}{a} \left( 2a \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - a \right) \sin \frac{\theta}{2}.$$

$$\therefore a\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{\omega^2 a}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta) + 2(\lambda - g)(1 - \cos \theta) - 4\lambda \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right). \quad \dots \dots (1)$$

This holds until the string becomes unstretched, i.e. until

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ when } \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

The motion is then given by

$$a\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{\omega^2 a}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta) - 2g (1 - \cos \theta) + A. \quad \dots \dots (2)$$

The value of  $\dot{\theta}$  given by (1) and (2) must be the same when  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ , so that  $A = \lambda$ . From (2)  $\dot{\theta} = 0$  when  $\theta = \pi$ , if  $\lambda = 4g$ . Hence, etc.

5. As before the relative motion is given by

$$a\ddot{\theta} = \omega^2 \alpha (1 - \cos \theta) \sin \theta, \text{ so that } \dot{\theta}^2 = 2\omega^2 [1 - \cos \theta] - \omega^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

$$\therefore \omega t = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \phi \frac{d\theta}{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = \left[ -\cot \frac{\theta}{2} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \phi = \tan \frac{\phi}{2}. \quad \therefore \phi = 2 \tan^{-1} (\omega t).$$

6.  $a\ddot{\theta} = \omega^2 a \sin \theta \cos \theta - g \sin \theta$ . Hence there is relative equilibrium when  $\theta = 0$ , or when  $\cos \theta = \frac{g}{\omega^2 a}$ .

First, let  $\omega^2 > \frac{g}{a}$ . Let  $\cos \alpha = \frac{g}{\omega^2 a}$ , and put  $\theta = \alpha + \psi$ , where  $\psi$  is small.

$$\text{Then } \ddot{\psi} = -\psi \left[ \frac{g}{a} \cos \alpha - \omega^2 \cos 2\alpha \right] = -\psi \frac{\alpha^2 \omega^4 - g^2}{a^2 \omega^2}, \text{ etc.}$$

Secondly, if  $\omega^2 < \frac{g}{a}$ , the relative equilibrium is given by  $\theta = 0$ .

If  $\theta$  is small, then  $a\ddot{\theta} = -\theta(g - \omega^2 a)$ , etc.

7.  $x^2 = 4ay$ . The acceleration to increase  $x$

$$= \omega^2 x \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4y^2}} - \frac{g \cdot 2y}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4y^2}} = \frac{2ax \left( \omega^2 - \frac{g}{2a} \right)}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4y^2}}. \text{ Hence, etc.}$$

$$8. v^2 = 3ga + 2 \int_0^y \omega^2 y dy - 2g(2a - x) = 3ga + \omega^2 y^2 + 2g(x - 2a) \\ = \frac{g}{a} [y^2 + 2ax - a^2].$$

Hence  $v = 0$ , when

$$\omega^2 \sin^2 \theta (1 + \cos \theta)^2 + 2\alpha^2 \cos \theta (1 + \cos \theta) - \alpha^2 = 0,$$

i.e. when  $0 = \cos \theta [4 + 2 \cos \theta - 2 \cos^2 \theta - \cos^3 \theta] = \cos \theta (2 - \cos^2 \theta)(2 + \cos \theta)$ , the only solution of which is  $\cos \theta = 0$ .

$$9. \frac{v^2}{\rho} = R', \text{ and } \frac{vdv}{de} = 0, \text{ i.e. } v^2 = V^2. \quad \therefore R' = \frac{V^2}{\rho}.$$

$$\text{Hence, by Art. 136, } R = R' + 2m\omega V = 2m\omega V + \frac{V^2}{\rho}.$$

10. At time  $t$ , let  $x$  be the stretched length of a portion of the string whose unstretched length was  $\xi$ , and  $T$  the tension at distance  $x$ . Then

$$T - (T + dT) = \omega^2 x \cdot m d\xi, \text{ where } \lambda \frac{dx - d\xi}{d\xi} = T.$$

$$\therefore \lambda \frac{d^2 x}{d\xi^2} = -m\omega^2 x. \quad \therefore x = A \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m\omega^2}{\lambda}} \xi + B \right] = A \sin \left[ \frac{\theta \xi}{a} + B \right].$$

Now  $x = 0$  when  $\xi = 0$ . Also  $T = 0$ , i.e.  $\frac{dx}{d\xi} = 1$ , when  $\xi = a$ .

$$\therefore B = 0 \text{ and } 1 = \frac{A\theta}{a} \cos \theta. \text{ Hence, when } \xi = a, x = A \sin \theta = \frac{a}{\theta} \tan \theta.$$

11. Here  $\frac{dr}{ds} = \cos \alpha$ , and  $\ddot{s} = \omega^2 r \cos \alpha$ , i.e.  $\ddot{r} = \omega^2 r \cos^2 \alpha$ ,  
 $\dot{r}^2 = \omega^2 \cos^2 \alpha (r^2 - \alpha^2 \cos^2 \alpha)$ .

For initially  $\dot{s} + \alpha \omega \sin \alpha = 0$ , i.e.  $\dot{r} + \alpha \omega \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 0$ , i.e.  $\dot{r} = -\alpha \omega \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$ ,  
when  $r = \alpha$ . Hence  $\dot{r} = 0$  when  $r = \alpha \cos \alpha$ .

$$\text{Also } R' - m\omega^2 r \sin \alpha = \frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{m \sin \alpha \cdot v^2}{r} = \frac{m \sin \alpha \cdot \dot{r}^2}{r \cos^2 \alpha},$$

$$\therefore R' = m\omega^2 \sin \alpha \left( 2r - \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{r} \right).$$

Hence  $R = R' + 2m\omega v = R' + 2m\omega^2 \sqrt{r^2 - \alpha^2 \cos^2 \alpha}$ ,  
so that, when  $r = \alpha \cos \alpha$ ,  $R = m\omega^2 \alpha \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$ ,  
and, when  $r = \alpha$ ,  $R = m\omega^2 \sin \alpha (2\alpha - \alpha \cos^2 \alpha) + 2m\omega^2 \alpha \sin \alpha = \text{etc.}$

12. Put  $x+iy = Ae^{it}$ , and we obtain

$$p = a - \frac{k}{2} - i(\omega - \beta), \text{ or } -\left(a + \frac{k}{2} - i(\omega + \beta)\right), \text{ where } \alpha, \beta \text{ can be found.}$$

Hence if  $a - \frac{k}{2} = \gamma$ ,  $\omega - \beta = \delta$ ,  $m = -\left(a + \frac{k}{2}\right)$ , and  $n = (\omega + \beta)$ ,

we have  $x+iy = (A+Bi)e^{\gamma t}(\cos \delta t - i \sin \delta t) + (C+Di)e^{nt}(\cos nt - i \sin nt)$ ,  
so that  $x = e^{\gamma t}[A \cos \delta t + B \sin \delta t] + e^{nt}[C \cos nt + D \sin nt]$ ,  
and  $y = e^{\gamma t}[-A \sin \delta t + B \cos \delta t] + e^{nt}[-C \sin nt + D \cos nt]$ .

These reduce to the given equations if we are given that, when  $t=0$ ,  
then  $x=1$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $\dot{x}=\gamma$  and  $\dot{y}=-\delta$ .

13. The tension of the string =  $\lambda \frac{x}{d}$ , so that the equations of Art. 51  
become, on putting  $\frac{\lambda}{dm} = \omega^2 n^2$ ,

$$[D^2 + \omega^2 (n^2 - 1)]x - 2\omega Dy = 0, \text{ and } [D^2 + \omega^2 (n^2 - 1)]y + 2\omega Dx = 0.$$

$$\therefore [D^2 + \omega^2 (n^2 - 1)](x+iy) + 2\omega iD(x+iy) = 0.$$

Putting  $x+iy = Ae^{it}$ , we have  $p = ai$  or  $-bi$ , where

$$\alpha = (n-1)\omega \text{ and } \beta = (n+1)\omega.$$

$$\therefore x+iy = (A+Bi)(\cos \alpha t + i \sin \alpha t) + (C+Di)(\cos \beta t - i \sin \beta t).$$

$$\therefore x = A \cos \alpha t - B \sin \alpha t + C \cos \beta t + D \sin \beta t,$$

$$\text{and } y = A \sin \alpha t + B \cos \alpha t - C \sin \beta t + D \cos \beta t.$$

Now, when  $t=0$ ,  $x=a$ ,  $\dot{x}=0$ ,  $y=0$  and  $\dot{y}=0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{A}{\beta} = \frac{C}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{ and } B=D=0.$$

Hence, on putting  $\alpha t = \theta$ , we have

$$x = \left[ a - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \cos \theta + \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \cos \frac{n+1}{n-1} \theta,$$

$$\text{and } y = \left[ a - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \sin \theta - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \sin \frac{n+1}{n-1} \theta,$$

which are the equations of a hypocycloid, where the radius of the fixed circle =  $a$ , and that of the rolling circle

$$= \frac{\alpha}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right] = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left[ 1 - \omega \sqrt{\frac{dm}{\lambda}} \right].$$

14. Let  $A$  be the starting point,  $P$  any point on the tube,  $PM$  perpendicular to the vertical through  $A$ , and  $MN$  the perpendicular upon the vertical axis.

Then the acceleration  $\omega^2 NP$  is equivalent to  $\omega^2 NM$  and  $\omega^2 MP$ . Hence, if  $AP=x$ , we have

$$\ddot{x} = \omega^2 \cdot MP \sin \alpha - g \cos \alpha = \omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha \left[ x - \frac{g \cos \alpha}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha} \right].$$

$$\therefore x - \frac{g \cos \alpha}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha} = A \cosh(\omega \sin \alpha t) + B \sinh(\omega \sin \alpha t).$$

Now, when  $t=0$ ,  $x=0$ , and  $\dot{x}=0$ .  $\therefore A = -\frac{g \cos \alpha}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha}$ , and  $B=0$ .

$$\therefore x = \frac{g \cos \alpha}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha} [1 - \cosh(\omega \sin \alpha t)] = -\frac{2g \cos \alpha}{\omega^2 \sin^2 \alpha} \sinh^2(\frac{1}{2}\omega \sin \alpha t).$$

## End of Art 143

### EXAMPLES

1. Equation (4) of Art. 142 gives

$$\frac{d^2 T}{d\theta^2} = T, \text{ so that } T = Ae^\theta + Be^{-\theta} = \frac{e^\pi - e^{-(\pi-\theta)}}{e^\pi - e^{-\pi}} \cdot T_0,$$

since  $T=T_0$  when  $\theta=0$ , and  $T=0$  when  $\theta=\pi$ .

2. Here  $\tan \phi = r \frac{d\theta}{dr} = \frac{2}{3}$ , so that  $\frac{dr}{ds} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$  and  $p=r \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$ , and hence  $p=r \frac{d\sigma}{dp} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2} r$ . Hence equation (4) of Art. 142 gives  $\frac{d^2 T}{dr^2} = \frac{4}{9} \frac{T}{r^2}$ . Putting  $T=r^n$ , we have  $n=\frac{4}{3}$  or  $-\frac{1}{3}$ .

$$\therefore T = Ar^{\frac{4}{3}} + Br^{-\frac{1}{3}} = Ce^{2\theta} + De^{-\frac{\theta}{3}},$$

where  $T_0=C+D$  and  $0=Ce^{2\theta}+De^{-\frac{\theta}{3}}$ ,

so that  $\frac{C}{-1} = \frac{D}{\frac{5\theta}{3}} = \frac{T_0}{e^{\frac{5\theta}{3}} - e^{-\frac{\theta}{3}} - 1}$ . Hence, etc.

3. Here  $\tan \phi = \frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{dr}{ds} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{73}}$ ,  $p=\frac{3r}{\sqrt{73}}$  and  $\rho=\frac{\sqrt{73}}{3} r$ . Hence we have

$$\frac{d^2 T}{dr^2} \cdot \frac{64}{73} = \frac{T}{r^2} \cdot \frac{9}{73}.$$

Putting  $T=r^n$ , we have  $n=\frac{9}{8}$  or  $-\frac{1}{8}$ , so that  $T=Ar^{\frac{9}{8}} + Br^{-\frac{1}{8}}$ .

But  $T=2$  when  $r=1$ , and  $T=1$  when  $r=256$ , so that  $A=0$  and  $B=2$ .

Hence when  $r=81$ ,  $T=\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ .

4. Let  $T$  be the blow, per unit of length, on the upper sphere, so that

$$mV = 2\pi r \cdot T \cos \alpha = \frac{2\pi r \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}{R} \cdot T.$$

Also, if  $T_1$  is the impulsive tension in the wire, then

$$T_1 \cdot 2 \sin \theta = T \sin \alpha \cdot 2r\theta, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is very small.}$$

$$\therefore T_1 = r \sin \alpha T = \frac{r^2}{R} \cdot T = \frac{mVr}{2\pi \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}.$$

5. Let  $AOB$  be the horizontal diameter,  $B$  being the point at which the vertical part of the string is tangential, and let  $f (= a\vec{\psi})$  be the acceleration of the string at time  $t$ .

Then,  $\theta$  being the angular distance of any point of the string in the tube from  $A$ , we have

$$ma\delta\theta \cdot f = (T + dT) \cos \delta\theta - T - mga\delta\theta \cos \theta = \delta T - mga\delta\theta \cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore maf(\theta - \psi) = T - mga(\sin \theta - \sin \psi), \text{ since } T = 0 \text{ when } \theta = \psi.$$

Hence, if  $T_1$  is the tension at  $B$ ,

$$maf(\pi - \psi) = T_1 + mga \sin \psi.$$

But, for the vertical portion of the string, we have

$$ma\vec{\psi} \cdot f = -T_1 + mga\vec{\psi}.$$

Hence  $m\vec{f} \cdot \pi = mg(\psi + \sin \psi)$ , i.e.  $a\pi\vec{\psi} = g(\psi + \sin \psi)$ .

$$\text{Also } \frac{T}{mga} = \sin \theta - \sin \psi + (\theta - \psi), \quad \frac{\psi + \sin \psi}{\pi}.$$

The maximum value of  $T$  is given by  $\frac{dT}{d\theta} = 0$ , and then  $\cos \theta = -\frac{\psi + \sin \psi}{\pi}$ .

6. At any moment let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be the vectorial angles of the ends of the chain. For any element of the chain, if  $f$  be its acceleration, we have

$$m\delta s \cdot f = (T + \delta T) \cos \delta\psi - T + m\mu r \cdot \delta s \cos \alpha = \delta T + m\mu s \cdot \delta s \cos^2 \alpha.$$

$$\therefore mfs = T + \frac{m\mu}{2} s^2 \cos^2 \alpha + A. \quad \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Since the tension is zero at each end, this gives

$$f \cdot l = \frac{\mu}{2} [s_\gamma^2 - s_\beta^2] \cos^2 \alpha, \text{ i.e. } f = \frac{\mu}{2} (s_\gamma + s_\beta) \cos^2 \alpha.$$

The distance of a particle at the middle point of the chain from the pole  $= \frac{s_\gamma + s_\beta}{2}$ ,  $\cos \alpha$ , and hence its acceleration

$$= \mu \left[ \frac{s_\gamma + s_\beta}{2} \cos \alpha \right] \cos \alpha = \frac{\mu}{2} (s_\gamma + s_\beta) \cos^2 \alpha = f.$$

Also (1) gives

$$T + \frac{m\mu}{2} (s^2 - s_\beta^2) \cos^2 \alpha = mif(s - s_\beta) = \frac{m\mu}{2} (s_\gamma + s_\beta)(s - s_\beta) \cos^2 \alpha.$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{m\mu}{2} \cos^2 \alpha (s - s_\beta) [s_\beta + s_\gamma - (s + s_\beta)] = \frac{m\mu}{2} \cos^2 \alpha (s - s_\beta) (s_\gamma - s)$$

$$= \frac{m\mu}{2} \cdot x (l - x) \cos^2 \alpha.$$