Chapter 4

Motion in Two and Three Dimensions

Motion in Two and Three Dimensions

- Displacement, Velocity and Speed
- Relative Motion
- Projectile Motion
- Circular Motion

Particle Displacement





Vector Simulation



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Relative Displacement



Average Velocity





Average Velocity



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Instantaneous Velocity Vector



 $\vec{v}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$

There is not enough information presented here to actually calculate the instantaneous velocity. This is meant only to demonstrate the process.

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Instantaneous Velocity Vector

Instantaneous velocity

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j}$$

Magnitude of the velocity

$$\left| \vec{v}(t) \right| = v(t) = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

Direction of the velocity

$$\Theta = tan^{-1}(\frac{v_y}{v_x})$$

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Sailboat Velocity



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$$\vec{v}_{av} = v_{xav} \hat{i} + v_{yav} \hat{j}$$

where
$$v_{xav} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{110 \text{ m} - 130 \text{ m}}{120 \text{ s}} = -0.167 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_{yav} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = \frac{218 \text{ m} - 205 \text{ m}}{120 \text{ s}} = 0.108 \text{ m/s}$$

so
$$\vec{v}_{av} = \boxed{-(0.167 \text{ m/s})\hat{i} + (0.108 \text{ m/s})\hat{j}}$$

$$v_{av} = \sqrt{(v_{xav})^2 + (v_{yav})^2} = \boxed{0.199 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{yav}}{v_{xav}}$$

so
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{yav}}{v_{xav}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.108 \text{ m/s}}{-0.167 \text{ m/s}} = -33.0^\circ + 180^\circ = \boxed{147^\circ}$$

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Inverse Tangent Problem

The principle branch inverse tangent has a range of -90° to +90°

Blindly using a calculator to compute a tan⁻¹ will lead to errors.



$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{y \, \text{av}}}{v_{x \, \text{av}}}$$

so
$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{y \, \text{av}}}{v_{x \, \text{av}}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.108 \text{ m/s}}{-0.167 \text{ m/s}} = -33.0^{\circ} + 180^{\circ} = 147^{\circ}$$

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Relative Motion



Relative Motion



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Relative Motion



Assume the man throws a ball straight up in the air.

- What trajectory does he see?
- What trajectory does an observer on the ground see?

Acceleration Vectors

$$\vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$
$$\vec{a}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

Average acceleration

Instantaneous acceleration

Where:

$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k}$$
$$\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$$

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Acceleration Vector



2-D Projectile Motion



The approach to 2-D projectile problems is to resolve the velocity vector into horizontal and vertical components.

The *vertical* component is affected by gravity.

The *horizontal* component is unchanged.

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2-D Projectile Motion



The trajectory of a 2-D projectile is a parabola.

The horizontal lines demonstrate that the vertical motion of the balls are identical in both cases.

The vertical spacing is increasing due to the acceleration of the vertical velocity.

The horizontal spacing of the yellow ball is constant.

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2-D Projectile Motion Y vs T



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Launched from a Height



Origin at the beginning of the motion. Positive direction up.

Accel due to gravity pointed down (-y direction).

Final vertical position lower than starting position.

Tracing the Negative Solution



The mathematics describe a parabola. It extends backward and forward in time. This problem starts at t = 0. The negative solutions are not relavent to this problem.

Projectile Trajectories



Trajectories with angles that are complimentary (add to 90°) have identical ranges.

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Projectile Trajectories



Projectile Motion in Vector Form

$$a_{x} = 0; a_{y} = -g$$
$$\vec{a} = a_{x}\hat{i} + a_{y}\hat{j}$$
$$\vec{a} = 0\hat{i} + (-g)\hat{j}$$
$$\vec{a} = -g\hat{j} = \vec{g}$$

This notation is problematic because it hides the minus sign in the notation. Never do this.

g is always a scalar and its value is 9.8 m/s²

Associate the sign with the direction and display it explicitly.





The Hunter-Monkey Problem



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The Pendulum

A **simple pendulum** is constructed by attaching a mass to a thin rod or a light string. We will also assume that the amplitude of the oscillations is small.

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Pendulum Motion



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Pendulum Motion



This vector analysis shows that the average acceleration is in the same direction as ΔV .

In terms of understanding the dynamics of the motion of the pendulum this is not the most productive pathway.

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Pendulum Motion

Knowing the net acceleration vector acting on the pendulum is interesting. It describes the motion of the pendulum but this is not the path toward solving the problem of pendulum motion.



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The pendulum is best described using polar coordinates.

The origin is at the pivot point. The coordinates are (r, ϕ) . The r-coordinate points from the origin along the rod. The ϕ coordinate is perpendicualr to the rod and is positive in the counterclock wise direction.



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Circular Motion



Satellite Motion



Satellite motion is an example of circular motion but it is actually free fall

Tangential Acceleration

<u>Tangential acceleration</u> (a_t) is parallel to V

The acceleration perpendicular to V is the <u>centripetal acceleration</u> (a_c) .



The *tangential acceleration* can only change the magnitude of V.

The <u>centripetal</u> <u>acceleration</u> can only change the direction of V.

Projectile Problem

Ques: Where does it land?



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Projectile Problem



 $Range = 60cos(60^{\circ}) \times 11.61$ Range = 349.8m

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Problem analysis: The horizontal velocity is reversed when the ball strikes the wall. Forget the wall, solve the problem and fold the solution back, at the wall, later.





(c.) Where does it hit the wall?

Ans: Y coordinate value at t = 0.4s

$$\Delta y(t) = v_{oy}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^{2}$$

$$y_{hit}(t = 0.4) = \Delta y(t = 0.4) + 2.0$$

$$y_{hit} = 10(0.4) - \frac{1}{2}10(0.4)^{2} + 2.0$$

$$y_{hit} = 5.2m$$



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(d.) Airtime after hitting the wall?

Ans: Total time of unreflected path - 0.4s



(a.) Where does it hit the ground?

Ans: $x = v_{ox} *$ (Air time after wall hit), measured from the wall to the left.

 $x = 10 \times 1.78 = 17.8m$



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Extra Slides

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Apply Newton's 2nd
$$\sum F_{\phi} = -mg \sin \phi = ma_{\phi}$$
Law to the pendulum $\sum F_{r} = T - mg \cos \phi = m \frac{v^{2}}{r} = 0$

If we assume that $\varphi \ll 1$ rad, then $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi$ and $\cos \varphi \approx 1$, the angular frequency of oscillations is then:

$$\sum F_{\phi} = -mg \sin \phi = ma_{\phi} = mL\alpha$$

-mg \sin \phi = mL\alpha
$$\alpha = -(g/L) \sin \phi \qquad \qquad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

$$\alpha = -(g/L)\phi$$

The period of oscillations is

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

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Example (text problem 10.60): A clock has a pendulum that performs one full swing every 1.0 sec. The object at the end of the string weighs 10.0 N.

What is the length of the pendulum?

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

Solving for L:
$$L = \frac{gT^2}{4\pi^2} = \frac{(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(1.0 \text{ s})^2}{4\pi^2} = 0.25 \text{ m}$$

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The gravitational potential energy of a pendulum is

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U = mgy.

Taking y = 0 at the lowest point of the swing, show that $y = L(1-\cos\theta)$.



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