

Motion in Two Dimensions

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In one dimension $\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$

In two dimensions $\bar{\vec{v}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$

where

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} \quad (\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\vec{v}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \hat{i} + \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \hat{j} = \bar{v}_x \hat{i} + \bar{v}_y \hat{j}$$

where

$$\bar{v}_x = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}, \quad \bar{v}_y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t}$$

Similarly for instantaneous velocity $\Rightarrow$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} = \underbrace{v_x}_{\text{}} \hat{i} + \underbrace{v_y}_{\text{}} \hat{j}$$

Note:

$$\text{Speed} = v = |\vec{v}| = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \text{magnitude of } \vec{v}$$

Also from before

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}, \quad \tan \theta_x = \frac{v_y}{v_x}$$

For the average acceleration in two dimensions

$$\bar{\vec{a}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$

For the instantaneous acceleration $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2}$

In terms of components

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$$\bar{a}_x = \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}, \quad \bar{a}_y = \frac{\Delta v_y}{\Delta t}$$

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \quad a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt} = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

Motion in Two Dimensions: (Summary)

Parameter	1-Dimension	2-Dimensions
Position	x	$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$
Average velocity	$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$	$\bar{\vec{v}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}$
Displacement	$\Delta x = x_f - x_i$	$\Delta \vec{r} = \Delta x\hat{i} + \Delta y\hat{j}$
Instantaneous velocity	$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$	$\vec{v} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j}$ $= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ $= v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j}$
Average Acceleration	$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$	$\bar{\vec{a}} = \frac{\Delta v_x}{\Delta t}\hat{i} + \frac{\Delta v_y}{\Delta t}\hat{j}$
Instantaneous Acceleration	$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$	$\vec{a} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt}\hat{j}$ $= \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$ $= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\hat{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\hat{j}$ $= a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j}$

Motion with constant acceleration in two dimensions

Since $\vec{a}$ is a vector, then $\vec{a} = \text{constant}$ means that

$$a_x = \text{constant}$$

$$a_y = \text{constant}$$

$$a_z = \text{constant}$$

$\Rightarrow$ We can treat each dimension alone and write down the equations of motion

For a two dimensional motion

$\Rightarrow$

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + \vec{a} t$$

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_i t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2 \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i)$$

In terms of components

For x-component

$$v_{xf} = v_{xi} + a_x t$$

$$x_f = x_i + v_{xi} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$v_{xf}^2 = v_{xi}^2 + 2 a_x (x_f - x_i)$$

For y-component

$$v_{yf} = v_{yi} + a_y t$$

$$y_f = y_i + v_{yi} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

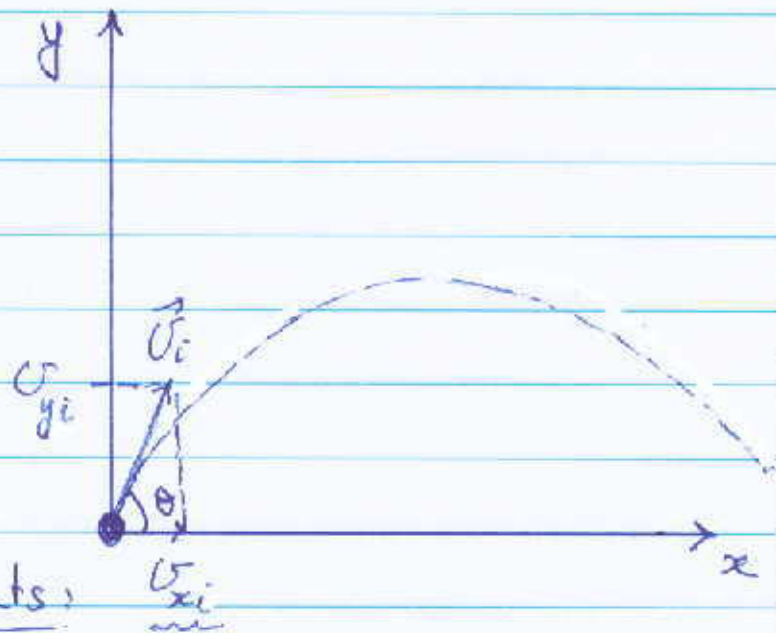
$$v_{yf}^2 = v_{yi}^2 + 2 a_y (y_f - y_i)$$

Applications on Motion in Two Dimensions (4)

- 1) Projectile motion (magnitude of $\vec{v}$ changes)
- 2) Circular motion (direction of $\vec{v}$ changes)

- 1) Projectile motion (In x-y plane)
(i.e. set $v_z = 0, z = 0$)

$$\Rightarrow a_x = 0$$
$$a_y = -g$$



In terms of components:

x-motion

$$v_{x_f} = v_{x_i} + (0)t = v_{x_i}$$

$$x_f = x_i + v_{x_i}t + \frac{1}{2}(0)t^2$$
$$= x_i + v_{x_i}t$$

$$\text{or } x_f - x_i = v_{x_i}t$$

displacement = velocity $\times$ time

y-motion

$$v_{y_f} = v_{y_i} - gt$$

$$y_f = y_i + v_{y_i}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

Here we have an accelerated motion.

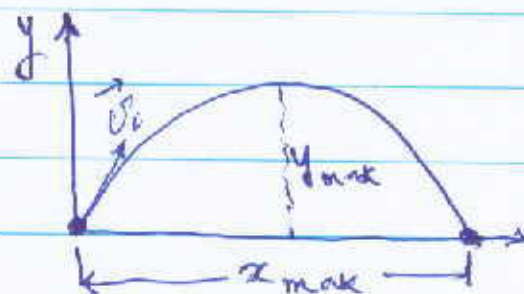
Conclusion: We divide a two-dimensional motion into TWO one-dimensional motions.

Some calculations on Projectile motion

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Need to calculate:

- * Maximum height
- * Time of flight
- * Range of the projectile



* At the maximum height $v_y = 0$, $y = y_{max}$

$\Rightarrow$

$$0 = v_{yi} - g t_{max}$$

t_{max} = time to reach maximum height

$\Rightarrow$

$$t_{max} = \frac{v_{yi}}{g}$$

Now we use $y_f = y_i + v_{yi}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ to find y_{max} .

$$y_{max} = 0 + v_{yi} t_{max} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{max}^2$$

$$= v_{yi} \frac{v_{yi}}{g} - \frac{1}{2} g \frac{v_{yi}^2}{g^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y_{max} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_{yi}^2}{g}$$

* To find the time of flight, use

$$y_f = y_i + v_{yi}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y_f = 0, y_i = 0 \quad t = t_{flight}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 0 + v_{yi} t_{flight} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{flight}^2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (v_{yi} t_{flight} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{flight}^2) \\ &= \left(v_{yi} - \frac{1}{2} g t_{flight} \right) t_{flight} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{\text{flight}} = \frac{2U_{yi}}{g}$$

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* To find the range x_{max}

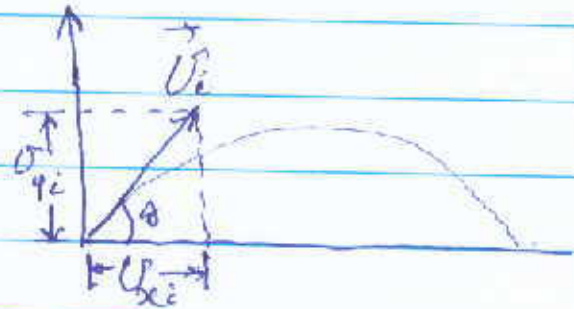
$$x_{\text{max}} = U_{xi} t_{\text{flight}}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x_{\text{max}} = \frac{2U_{xi} U_{yi}}{g}$$

But

$$U_{xi} = U_i \cos \theta$$



$$U_{yi} = U_i \sin \theta$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x_{\text{max}} = \frac{2(U_i \cos \theta)(U_i \sin \theta)}{g}$$

$$= \frac{(U_i^2)(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)}{g}$$

$$x_{\text{max}} = \frac{U_i^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g}$$

Also

$$y_{\text{max}} = \frac{U_i^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

$$t_{\text{flight}} = \frac{2 U_i \sin \theta}{g}$$

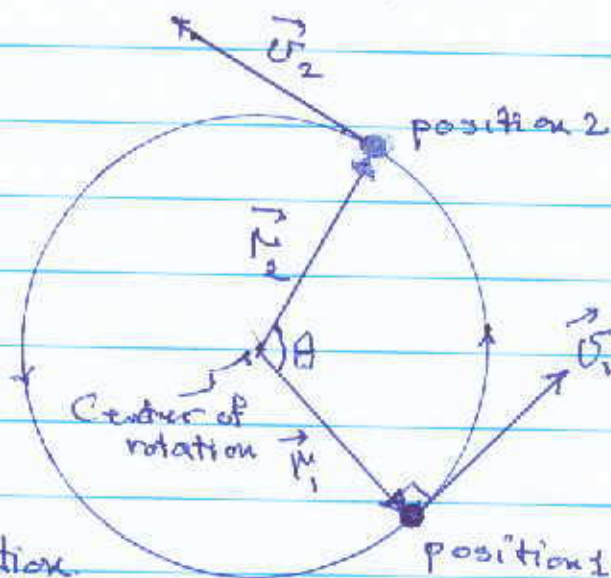
Uniform Circular Motion:

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Here we study the motion of a body that is going in a circle at constant speed

Acceleration means a change in the rate of $\vec{v}$. i.e. $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$

In free fall $\Rightarrow \vec{v}$ changes magnitude but not direction $\Rightarrow$ acceleration.



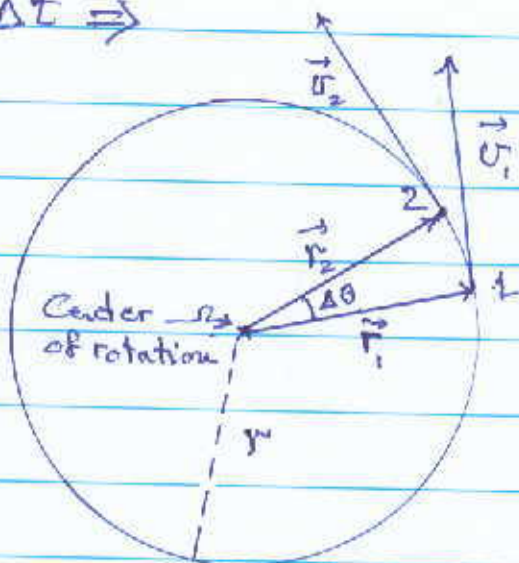
In uniform circular motion $\Rightarrow \vec{v}$ changes direction but not magnitude $\Rightarrow$ acceleration

In projectile motion $\Rightarrow \vec{v}$ changes magnitude and direction $\Rightarrow$ acceleration

Therefore in uniform circular motion $\Rightarrow |\vec{v}_1| = |\vec{v}_2|$, $|\vec{v}_1| = |\vec{v}_2|$, but $\vec{v}$ changes direction.

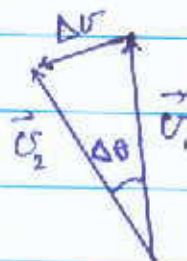
Consider a small change in position $\Rightarrow \Delta\theta$ in a small time interval Δt .

In $\Delta t \Rightarrow$



$$\vec{r}_2 = \vec{r}_1 + \Delta \vec{r}$$

$$|\vec{r}_2| = |\vec{r}_1| = r$$



$$\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \Delta \vec{v}$$

$$|\vec{v}_2| = |\vec{v}_1| = v$$

$\Rightarrow$ We have two similar triangles that have the same vertex angle $\Delta\theta$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Delta r}{r} \approx \Delta\theta, \quad \frac{\Delta v}{v} \approx \Delta\theta$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Delta r}{r} = \frac{\Delta v}{v}$$

or

$$\Delta v = \frac{v}{r} \Delta r$$

Divide by Δt

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v}{r} \frac{\Delta r}{\Delta t}$$

Take limit when $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{v}{r} v = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

or

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

The direction of $\Delta \vec{v}$ when $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow \Delta\theta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Delta \vec{v}$ is $\perp$ to $\vec{v}$.

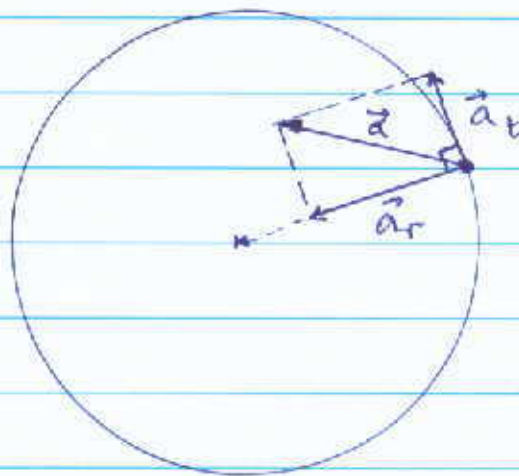
$\Rightarrow$ Direction of $\vec{a}$ is towards the center of rotation.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \vec{a}_r \quad (\text{radial acceleration})$$

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

Nonuniform Circular Motion:

Here $\vec{v}$ changes magnitude and direction, i.e. the speed of the rotating body changes along the circular path.



The result is a tangential acceleration $\vec{a}_t$ in the direction of the tangent (increasing or decreasing).

In such a case $\vec{a}$ = total acceleration

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_t + \vec{a}_r$$