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# **PHYS 101**

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## Motion in Two or Three Dimensions

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## **Chapter 3**

# Chapter ThreeMotion in Two or ThreeDimensions

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- Projectile Motion
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#### **Position and Displacement**

#### **Position**

 The location of a particle relative to the origin of a coordinate system is given by:

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{r} = (-3 \text{ m})\hat{i} + (2 \text{ m})\hat{j} + (5 \text{ m})\hat{k}$$



#### **Displacement**

The displacement of a particle moves between two position vectors is given by:

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1.$$



$$\Delta \vec{r} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k},$$

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} + \Delta z \hat{k}.$$



#### Example 1:

A particle moving from  $\vec{r_1} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$  to  $\vec{r_2} = 12\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ , then the displacement is:

#### Solution:

**(C)** 

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(A) 10\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}
(B) 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}
(C) 10\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}
(D) 5\hat{j}
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#### **Average Velocity and Instantaneous Velocity**

## Average Velocity

The average velocity of a particle undergoes any displacement in a time is:

$$\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}.$$

$$\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \hat{i} + \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \hat{j} + \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} \hat{k}$$



#### Instantaneous Velocity

• The instantaneous velocity of a particle is given by:

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}.$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt} (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$$
$$= \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}.$$



• It always directed along the tangent to the particle's path at the particle's position





#### Example 2:

A particle moves in xy plane as x(t) = 2t(m) and  $y(t) = t^2 - 1(m)$ . The velocity of the particle at t=1 s is:

#### Solution:

**(D)** 

(A)  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} (m/s)$ (B)  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} (m/s)$ (C)  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} (m/s)$ (D)  $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} (m/s)$ 



## **The Acceleration Vector**

## Average Acceleration and Instantaneous Acceleration Average Acceleration

• The average acceleration of a particle is velocity changes in a time interval and given by:

$$\vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}.$$



## The Acceleration Vector

#### **Instantaneous Acceleration**

The instantaneous acceleration of a particle is given by:

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

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( v_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + v_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + v_z \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{dv_x}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{dv_y}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{dv_z}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{k}}.$$





## **The Acceleration Vector**

#### **Example 3:**

At t=0, a car moves with velocity  $\overrightarrow{v_0} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  (m/s) and acceleration  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{j}$  (m/s<sup>2</sup>). The velocity of the car at t=2 is:

#### Solution:

**(B)** 





#### **Projectile Motion**

- The projectile motion is the motion of a particle that is launched with an initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0$  and initial angle  $\theta_0$ .
- The particle's horizontal acceleration is zero during its flight and free fall acceleration –g for its vertical acceleration.
- The projectile is launched with an initial velocity  $\vec{v}_0$  that can be written as

$$\vec{v}_0 = v_{0x}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + v_{0y}\hat{\mathbf{j}}.$$



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The components ν<sub>0x</sub> and ν<sub>0y</sub> can then be found if we know the angle θ<sub>0</sub> between v
<sub>0</sub> and the positive *x* direction as follows:

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta_0$$
 and  $v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta_0$ .





• If  $\vec{v}_0$  is expressed as a magnitude  $v_0$  and angle  $\theta_0$ , the particle's equations of motion along the horizontal x axis and vertical y axis are:

$$\begin{aligned} x - x_0 &= (v_0 \cos \theta_0)t, \\ y - y_0 &= (v_0 \sin \theta_0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2, \\ v_y &= v_0 \sin \theta_0 - gt, \\ v_y^2 &= (v_0 \sin \theta_0)^2 - 2g(y - y_0). \end{aligned}$$

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#### **Example 4:**

A boy kicks a ball at an angle of  $40^{\circ}$  to the horizontal with speed of 14.0 m/s. The time it takes to reach the highest point is:

**(A)** 

## Solution:

(A) 0.92 s
(B) 0.77 s
(C) 0.15 s
(D) 1.12 s

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#### The Equation of the Path

• The trajectory (path) of the particle in projectile motion is given by:

$$y = (\tan \theta_0)x - \frac{gx^2}{2(v_0 \cos \theta_0)^2}$$
  
The Horizontal Range  
• The particle horizontal range  
is given by:  

$$R = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin 2\theta_0.$$

The horizontal range R is maximum for a launch angle of  $45^{\circ}$ .

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#### **Example 5**:

A boy kicks a ball at an angle of  $40^{\circ}$  to the horizontal with speed of 14.0 m/s. The maximum height that the ball can reach is:

**(B)** 

#### Solution:

(A) 9.87 m
(B) 4.13 m
(C) 15.33 m
(D) 12.68 m

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#### **Example 6:**

Referring to question 5, the horizontal range that the ball can reach is:

#### Solution:

**(D)** 

(A) 9.87 m
(B) 14.7 m
(C) 15.33 m
(D) 19.7 m



#### **Example 7:**

A projectile is launched to achieve a maximum range of 140 m, the speed of the projectile must be:

#### Solution:

**(C)** 

(A) 17 m/s
(B) 27 m/s
(C) 37 m/s
(D) 45 m/s



- The motion of an object which is thrown with initial velocity from a certain height,
  - The angle = 0.

-The following two equations can be used to find all variables in this case:

$$x = v_0 t$$
$$y = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$







#### Example 8:

A toy car runs on a horizontal table with 3 m/s. The angle it makes with the horizontal when it leaves the table is:

#### Solution:

**(**A**)** 

(A) Zero
(B) 45<sup>0</sup>
(C) 60<sup>0</sup>
(D) 90<sup>0</sup>



#### **Example 9:**

A stone is thrown horizontally from the top of a tall building. It follows a path that is:

**(D)** 

#### Solution:

(A) circular(B) two straight lines(C) a straight line(D) parabolic



#### **Uniform Circular Motion**

- If a particle travels along a circular arc of radius at constant speed, it is in uniform circular motion.
- Its acceleration can be given by:

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

where *r* is the radius of the circle *v* is the speed of the particle.

(centripetal acceleration),





The acceleration direction is toward the centre of the circular arc.

• The particle period is the time for the particle to complete a circle can be given by:

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$$





#### Example 10:

The velocity and acceleration of a body in a uniform circular motion are:

#### Solution:

**(B)** 

(A) differed by 45<sup>0</sup>
(B) perpendicular
(C) differed by 135<sup>0</sup>
(D) parallel



#### **Example 11:**

A car rounds a 20 m radius curve at 10 m/s. The magnitude of its acceleration is:

#### Solution:

**(D)** 

(A) zero
(B) 2 m/s<sup>2</sup>
(C) 4 m/s<sup>2</sup>
(D) 5 m/s<sup>2</sup>



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#### Example 12:

A truck is traveling with a constant speed of 20 m/s. When the truck follows a curve in the road, its centripetal acceleration is  $4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ . The radius of the curve is:

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#### Solution:

(A) 225 m
(B) 144 m
(C) 100 m
(D) 81 m

