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Motion in two dimensions

Introduction to vectors

- **Vector** : is defined as a physical quantity which has both magnitude and direction (forces , velocity , acceleration)
- Scalar : is defined as a physical quantity which has magnitude only (mass , time , energy)
- Vectors are denoted by \vec{A} or A (highlighted)
- Magnitude of vectors $|\vec{A}|$ or A
- *A vector* is pictured in a diagram by an arrow with a length is proportional to the magnitude and an angle for the direction



Addition of vectors (graphically)

• Note that $\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$



Multiplication of a vector by a scalar



Negative of a vector



Components of a vector

- $A_x = A * \cos \theta$ (x components)
- $A_v = A * \sin \theta$ (y components)
- Where θ is the angle measured from the positive x axis counter clockwise



Uni vectors (\hat{x}, \hat{y})

- The vector \vec{A} can be written in terms of unit vectors as :
- $\vec{A} = (a_x * \hat{x}) + (a_y * \hat{y})$
- Where \hat{X} is a unit vector in the x direction
- Where $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ is a unit vector in the y direction

• The sum of two vectors may be obtained as :

- $\overrightarrow{C} = \overrightarrow{A} + \overrightarrow{B} = (A_X * \widehat{X} + A_Y * \widehat{Y}) + (B_X * \widehat{X} + B_Y * \widehat{Y}) = (C_X * \widehat{X}) + (C_Y * \widehat{Y})$
- With :
- $C_X = A_X + B_X$
- $C_{\gamma} = A_{\gamma} + B_{\gamma}$
- $C = |\vec{C}| = |C_X^2 + C_Y^2$
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} c_y/c_x$



• Example :

- 1) find the components of the vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} if $|\vec{A}|= 2$, $|\vec{B}|= 3$
- 2) find the sum resultant of \vec{A} and \vec{B}

• Solution :

- 1)
- $A_x = A * \cos \theta_1 = 2 \cos 30 = 1.73$
- $A_y = A * \sin \theta_1 = 2 \sin 30 = 1$
- $B_x = B * \cos \theta_2 = 3 \sin(-45) = 2.12$
- $B_y = B * \sin \theta_2 = 3 \sin(-45) = -2.12$ • 2)



- $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) * \hat{X} + (A_y + B_y) * \hat{Y} \dots = (1.73 + 2.12) * \hat{X} + (1-2.12) * \hat{Y}$ • = $3.85 * \hat{X} - 1.12 * \hat{Y}$
- $C = |\vec{C}| = \sqrt{(3.85)^2 + (-1.12)^2} = 4$
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} c_y/c_x = \tan^{-1} 1.12/3.85 = -16.2^{\circ}$

- Example : given $\vec{A} = 2\hat{X} + \hat{Y}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{X} + 7\hat{Y}$, Find :
- 1) the components of $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$
- 2) the magnitude and direction of \vec{C}
- Solution :
- 1)
- $\vec{C} = (2 + 4) * \hat{X} + (1 + 7) * \hat{Y} = 6\hat{X} + 8\hat{Y}$
- $C_x = 6$, $C_y = 8$ $|\vec{C}| = \sqrt{36+64} = 10$
- 2)
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} c_y / c_x = \tan^{-1} 8 / 6 = 53^{\circ}$



The velocity in two dimension

• The displacement $\overrightarrow{\Delta S}$ is given by : $\overrightarrow{\Delta S} = (\Delta x * \hat{x}) + (\Delta y * \hat{y})$

• The average velocity is :

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$$\overrightarrow{\nabla} = \overrightarrow{\Delta S} / \Delta t = (\Delta x / \Delta t * \hat{x}) + (\Delta y / \Delta t * \hat{y})$$

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$$V = (\bar{v}_x * \hat{x}) + (\bar{v}_y * \hat{y})$$



- Example : a car travels halfway around an oval race track at constant speed of 30 m/s :
- 1) what are it v_{ins} at points 1 and 2?
- 2) it takes 40s to go from 1 to 2 which are 300m apart, what is the average velocity during this time interval?
- Solution :
- 1)
- $\vec{V}_{ins(1)} = 30\hat{y} \text{ m/s}$ $\vec{V}_{ins(2)} = -30\hat{y} \text{ m/s}$
- 2)
- $\overline{V} = \Delta S / \Delta t = (\Delta x * \hat{x} + \Delta y * \hat{y}) / \Delta t = (300 \hat{x} + 0 \hat{y}) / 40 = 300 \hat{x} / 40 = 7.5 \hat{x} m/s$



• Example : a boat moves at 10m/s relative to the water toward the shore , the velocity of the water current is 5m/s to the right , find the velocity of the boat relative to the shore ?

• Solution :

- • $|\vec{V}| = |v_b^2 + v_w^2| = |10^2 + 5^2| = 11.18 \text{ m/s}$
- $\theta = \tan^{-1} v_{b}/v_{w} = \tan^{-1} 10/5 = 63.4^{\circ}$



Acceleration in two dimension

- Average acceleration : $\overline{\overline{a}} = \overline{\Delta v} / \Delta t = (\overline{v}_2 \overline{v}_1) / \Delta t$
- where $\vec{V} = (v_x * \hat{x}) + (v_y * \hat{y})$:
- $\overline{a} = (\Delta v_x / \Delta t * \hat{x}) + (\Delta v_y / \Delta t * \hat{y}) = (a_x * \hat{x}) + (a_y * \hat{y})$
- Instantaneous acceleration : $\vec{a} = d\vec{v}/dt$
- $\vec{a} = (dv_x/dt * \hat{x}) + (dv_y/dt * \hat{y}) = (a_x * \hat{x}) + (a_y * \hat{y})$

• **Example** : the example that is in slide 15 , the velocity of the car changes from $\vec{v}=30\hat{y}$ m/s to $-30\hat{y}$ m/s , what was the average acceleration ?

• Solution :

• $\overline{\overline{A}} = \Delta \overline{v} / \Delta t = (\overline{v}_2 - \overline{v}_1) / \Delta t = (-30\hat{v} - 30\hat{v}) / 40 = 1.5\hat{v} \text{ m/s}^2$



Finding the motion of an object

- Motion in two dimensions can be considered as two separate motions, the first in the x – direction and the second in the y – direction.
- Using the same kinematical equation for one dimensional motion:

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 $V_x = v_{0x} + a_x t \qquad \Delta x = v_{0x} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$

$V_{y} = v_{0y} + \alpha_{y}t$	$\Delta y = v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$

projectiles

- Two conditions must be satisfied :
- 1) air resistance is neglected
- 2) \vec{g} is constant and the only force acting on the object is the gravitational force
- Projectile motion can be considered as two separate motions :
- 1) uniform motion in the $x direction (a_x = 0)$
- 2) free falling motion in the $y direction (a_y = -g)$

Uniform motion	Free falling
$V_x = v_{0x}$	$V_y = v_{0y} - gt$
$\Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}_{0\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{t}$	$\Delta y = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

• **Example** : a diver leaps from a tower with $v_{0x} = +7$ m/s and $v_{0y} = +3$ m/s , find :

- 1) the components of her position and velocity 1s later ?
- 2) the position and velocity
- Solution :
- 1)
- $V_x = v_{0x} = 7 \text{ m/s}$
- $V_y = v_{0y} gt = 3 (9.8 * 1) = -6.8 m/s$
- $X = v_{0x}t = 7 m$
- Y = $v_{0y}t \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = 3 (\frac{1}{2} * 9.8 * 1^2) = -1.9 \text{ m}$
- 2)
- $V = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{7^2 + (-6.8)^2} = 9.7$
- θ = tan⁻¹ v_y/v_x = 44.1[°]
- • $|\vec{V}| = |x^2 + y^2| = |7^2 + (-1.9)^2 = 7.25 \text{ m}$
- θ = tan⁻¹ y/x = -15[°]



- **Example** : a ball is thrown horizontally from a window 10m above the ground and hits the ground 40m away , how fast was the ball thrown ?
- Solution :
- $Y = v_{0y}t \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = 0 \frac{1}{2}*9.8*t^2 \dots 10 = -\frac{1}{2}*9.8*t^2 \dots t = 1.429 s$

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$$X = v_{0x}t \dots v_{0x} = x/t = 40/1.429 = 28 m/s$$

• Note that : $v_{0x} = v_0 = 28 \text{ m/s}$



- **Example** : a ball is kicked with $v_0 = 25$ m/s at an angle of 30° to the horizontal :
- 1) when does it reach its greatest height ?
- 2) where is it at that time ?
- Solution :
- 1)
- $V_{0x} = v_0 \cos \theta = 25 \cos 30 = 21.7 \text{ m/s}$
- $V_{0y} = v_0 \sin \theta = 25 \sin 30 = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$
- At the highest distance v_y = 0
- $V_y = v_{0y} gt \dots 0 = 12.5 9.8t \dots t = 1.28 s$
- 2)
- X = v_{0x}t = 21.7 * 1.28 = 27.8 m
- Y = $v_{0y}t \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = (12.5 * 1.28) (\frac{1}{2} * 9.8 * 1.28^2) = 7.97 \text{ m}$
- *Position* : $\vec{v} = (x * \hat{x}) + (y * \hat{y}) = (27.8 * \hat{x} + 7.97 * \hat{y}) m$