

Chapter 3

Motion in Two or Three Dimensions

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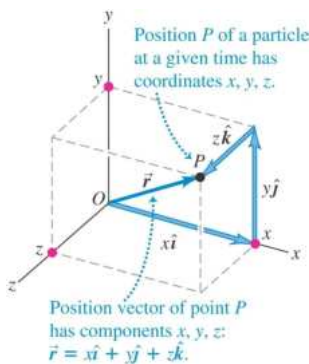
Goals for Chapter 3

- To use vectors to represent the position of a body
- To determine the velocity vector using the path of a body
- To investigate the acceleration vector of a body
- To describe the curved path of projectile
- To investigate circular motion

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Position vector

- The position vector from the origin to point P has components x , y , and z .



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Position and Displacement

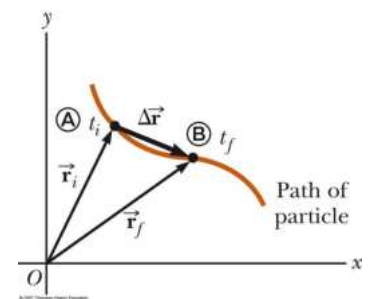
The position of an object is described by its position vector, \vec{r}

The **displacement** of the object is defined as the **change in its position**

$$\Delta\vec{r} \equiv \vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i$$

Where

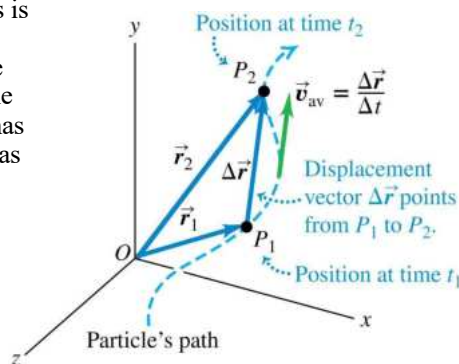
$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$



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Average velocity

- The average velocity between two points is the displacement divided by the time interval between the two points, and it has the same direction as the displacement.



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Average Velocity

The average velocity is the ratio of the displacement to the time interval for the displacement

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

The direction of the average velocity is the direction of the displacement vector

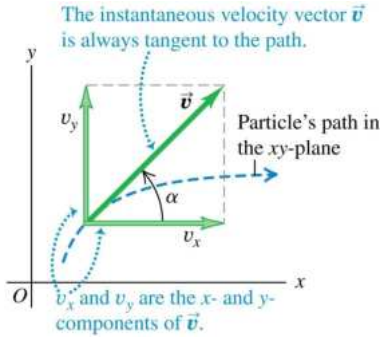
The average velocity between points is *independent of the path taken*

- This is because it is dependent on the displacement, also independent of the path

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Instantaneous velocity

- The *instantaneous velocity* is the instantaneous rate of change of position vector with respect to time.
- The components of the instantaneous velocity are $v_x = dx/dt$, $v_y = dy/dt$, and $v_z = dz/dt$.
- The instantaneous velocity of a particle is always tangent to its path.



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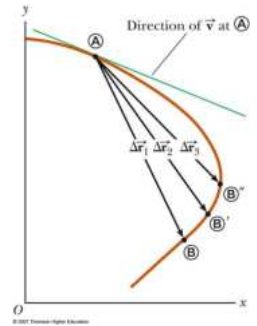
Instantaneous Velocity

The instantaneous velocity is the limit of the average velocity as Δt approaches zero

$$\mathbf{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$$

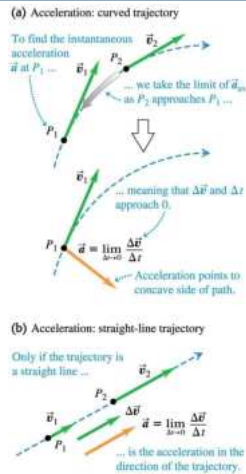
- As the time interval becomes smaller, the direction of the displacement approaches that of the line tangent to the curve



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Instantaneous acceleration

- The *instantaneous acceleration* is the instantaneous rate of change of the velocity with respect to time.
- Any particle following a curved path is accelerating, even if it has constant speed.
- The components of the instantaneous acceleration are $a_x = dv_x/dt$, $a_y = dv_y/dt$, and $a_z = dv_z/dt$.



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Instantaneous Acceleration

The instantaneous acceleration is the limiting value of the ratio $\Delta \mathbf{v}/\Delta t$ as Δt approaches zero

$$\mathbf{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv_x}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt} \hat{j} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$$

- The instantaneous acceleration equals the derivative of the velocity vector with respect to time

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Kinematic Equations for Two-Dimensional Motion

When the two-dimensional motion has a constant acceleration, a series of equations can be developed that describe the motion

These equations will be similar to those of one-dimensional kinematics

Motion in two dimensions can be modeled as two *independent* motions in each of the two perpendicular directions associated with the x and y axes

- Any influence in the y direction does not affect the motion in the x direction

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Kinematic Equations

Position vector for a particle moving in the xy plane

$$\mathbf{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$

The velocity vector can be found from the position vector

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j}$$

- Since acceleration is constant, we can also find an expression for the velocity and position as a function of time:

$$\mathbf{v}_f = \mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{a}t \quad \mathbf{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_f = (v_{ix} + a_x t) \hat{i} + (v_{iy} + a_y t) \hat{j}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_f = (v_{ix} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2) \hat{i} + (v_{iy} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2) \hat{j}$$

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Projectile Motion: Special Case of Two-Dimensional Motion

Object is thrown with initial velocity v_0 at an angle θ .

Acceleration: $a_x = 0$ $a_y = -g$ It is directed downward

The effect of air friction is negligible

With these assumptions, an object in projectile motion will follow a parabolic path

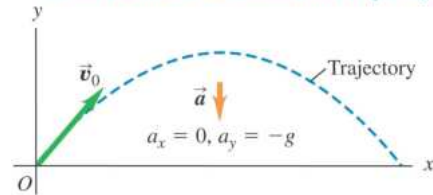
- This path is called the *trajectory*

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Projectile motion

- A projectile is any body given an initial velocity that then follows a path determined by the effects of gravity and air resistance.
- Begin by neglecting resistance and the curvature and rotation of the earth.

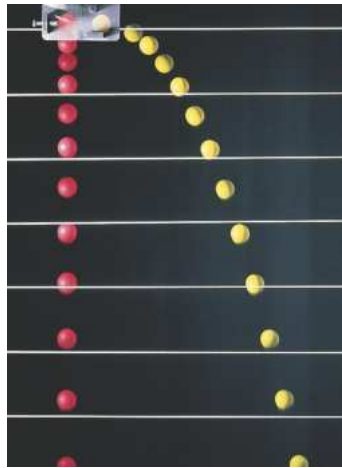
- A projectile moves in a vertical plane that contains the initial velocity vector \vec{v}_0 .
- Its trajectory depends only on \vec{v}_0 and on the downward acceleration due to gravity.



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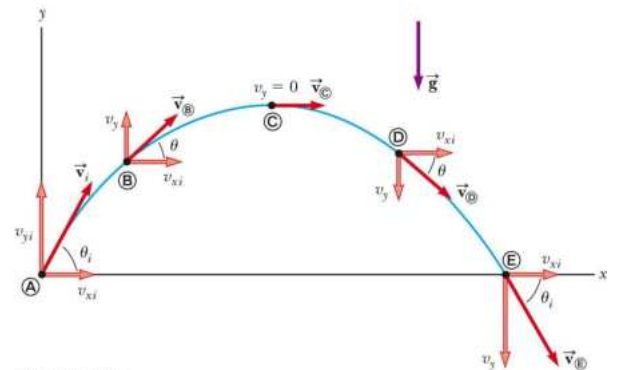
The x and y motion are separable—Figure 3.16

- The red ball is dropped at the same time that the yellow ball is fired horizontally.
- The strobe marks equal time intervals.
- We can analyze projectile motion as horizontal motion with constant velocity and vertical motion with constant acceleration: $a_x = 0$ and $a_y = -g$.



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Projectile Motion Diagram



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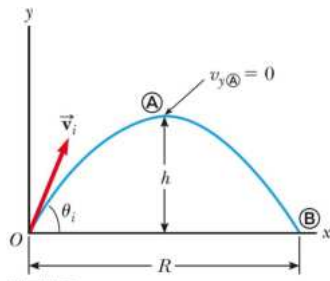
Range and Maximum Height of a Projectile

When analyzing projectile motion, three characteristics are of special interest

The range, R , is the horizontal distance of the projectile

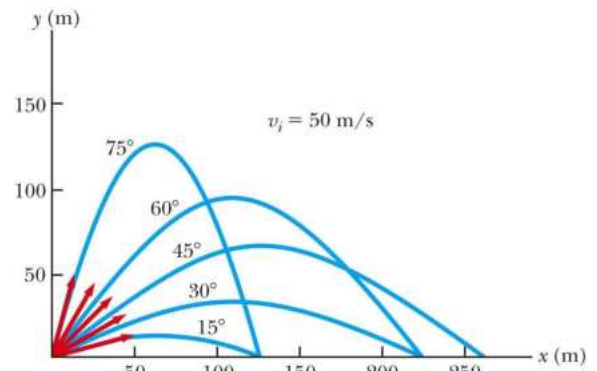
The maximum height the projectile reaches is h

The total time the projectile spends in air t_{tot}



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More About the Range of a Projectile



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Trajectory Equation y vs x

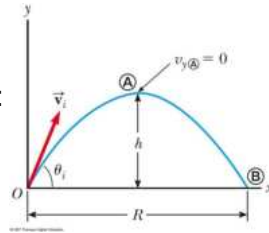
$$x = (v_0 \cos \theta)t \quad (1) \quad y = (v_0 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \quad (2)$$

By substituting value of t from

Equation 1 into Equation 2

the trajectory equation is obtained:

$$y = \tan \theta \cdot x - (g/2v_0^2 \cdot \cos^2 \theta)x^2$$



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The equations for projectile motion

- If we set $x_0 = y_0 = 0$, the equations describing projectile motion are shown at the right.

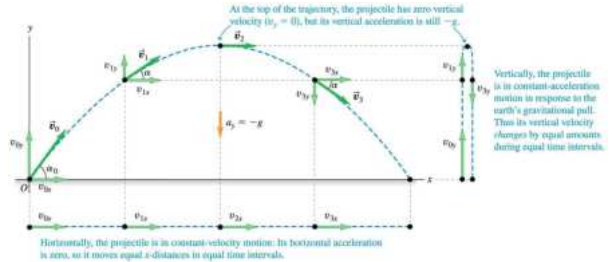
$$x = (v_0 \cos \alpha_0)t$$

$$y = (v_0 \sin \alpha_0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_x = v_0 \cos \alpha_0$$

$$v_y = v_0 \sin \alpha_0 - gt$$

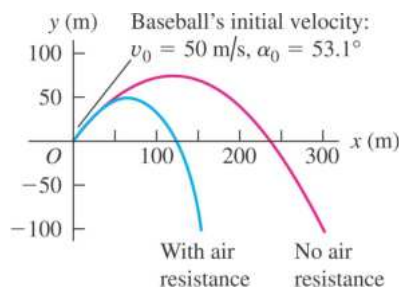
- The trajectory is a parabola.



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The effects of air resistance—Figure 3.20

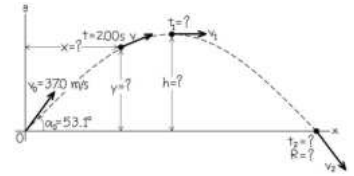
- Calculations become more complicated.
- Acceleration is not constant.
- Effects can be very large.
- Maximum height and range decrease.
- Trajectory is no longer a parabola.



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Height and range of a projectile - Example

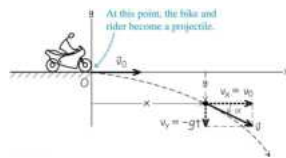
A batter hits a baseball so that leaves the bat at a speed of 37.0 m/s at an angle 53.10. (a) Find the position of the ball and its speed at $t = 4$ s. (b) Find the time where the ball reaches the highest point of its flight, and its height at this time. (c) find the range of the motion.



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A body projected horizontally - Example

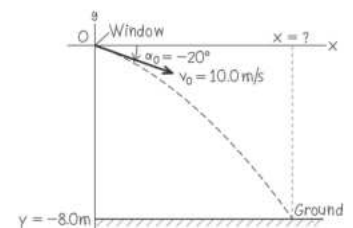
A motorcycle rider rides off the edge of a cliff at horizontal velocity of 9 m/s. (a) Find the motorcycle's position and velocity 0.50 s after it leaves the edge of the cliff. (b) If the height of the cliff is 10 m, how long will it take for rider to reach the ground?



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Different initial and final heights- Example

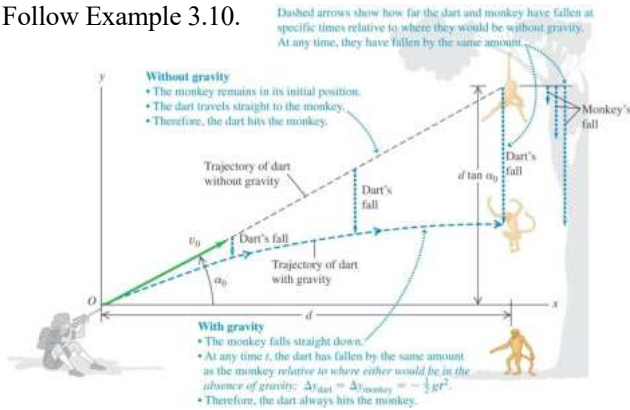
You throw a ball from your window 8.0 m above the ground with an initial velocity of 10 m/s at an angle of 20° below the horizontal. How far horizontally from your window will the ball hit the ground? Ignore air resistance.



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Tranquilizing a falling monkey

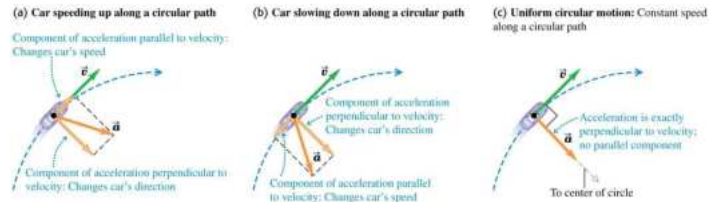
- Where should the zookeeper aim?
- Follow Example 3.10.



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Uniform circular motion—Figure 3.27

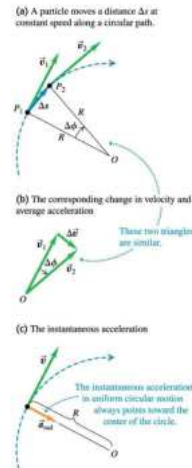
- For *uniform circular motion*, the speed is constant and the acceleration is perpendicular to the velocity.



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Acceleration for uniform circular motion

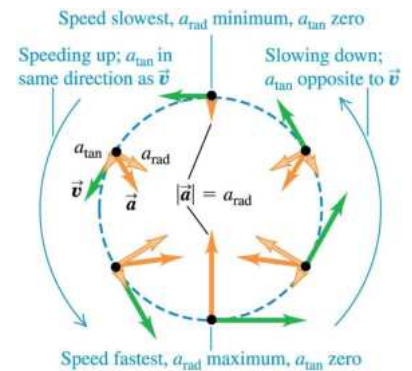
- For uniform circular motion, the instantaneous acceleration always points toward the center of the circle and is called the *centripetal acceleration*.
- The magnitude of the acceleration is $a_{\text{rad}} = v^2/R$.
- The *period* T is the time for one revolution, and $a_{\text{rad}} = 4\pi^2R/T^2$.



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Nonuniform circular motion—Figure 3.30

- If the speed varies, the motion is *nonuniform circular motion*.
- The radial acceleration component is still $a_{\text{rad}} = v^2/R$, but there is also a tangential acceleration component a_{tan} that is *parallel* to the instantaneous velocity.



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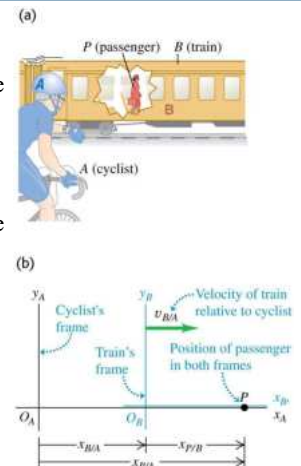
Relative velocity—Figures 3.31 and 3.32

- The velocity of a moving body seen by a particular observer is called the velocity *relative* to that observer, or simply the *relative velocity*.
- A *frame of reference* is a coordinate system plus a time scale.

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Relative velocity in one dimension

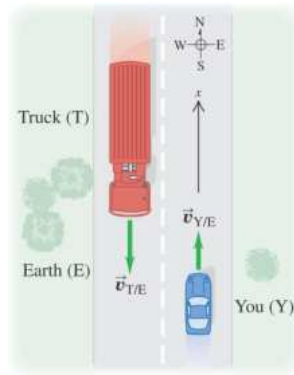
- If point P is moving relative to reference frame A , we denote the velocity of P relative to frame A as $v_{P/A}$.
- If P is moving relative to frame B and frame B is moving relative to frame A , then the x -velocity of P relative to frame A is $v_{P/A-x} = v_{P/B-x} + v_{B/A-x}$.



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Relative velocity on a straight road

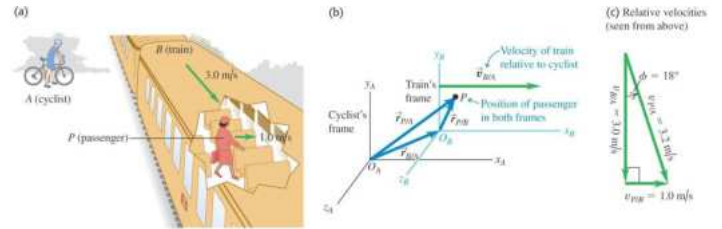
- Motion along a straight road is a case of one-dimensional motion.
- Follow Example 3.13 and Figure 3.33.
- Refer to Problem-Solving Strategy 3.2.



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Relative velocity in two or three dimensions

- We extend relative velocity to two or three dimensions by using vector addition to combine velocities.
- In Figure 3.34, a passenger's motion is viewed in the frame of the train and the cyclist.



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