Lecture 4

Motions in Two and Three Dimensions

- Projectile Motion
- Circular Motion

(HR&W, Chapters 3 and 4)

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One dimension (1D)

Position: $x(t) \ m$
Velocity: $v(t) \ m/s$
Acceleration: $a(t) \ m/s^2$

Three dimension (2D)

Position: $r(t) \ m$
Velocity: $v(t) \ m/s$
Acceleration: $a(t) \ m/s^2$

All are vectors: have direction and magnitude.

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**Motion along the straight line + Vectors**

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$^6$ Make sure that the acceleration is indeed constant before using the equations in this table.

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**Gravitation is universal**

Most important case of constant acceleration: Free fall

$a = -g$ where $g = 9.8 \ m/s^2$
(Defining “up” as the positive direction)

Gravitational acceleration does not depend on the nature of the material or the mass of the object.
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Elephant and Feather

http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us/gbssci/phys/mmedia/newtlaws/efar.html

\[ a = -g \quad \text{where} \quad g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \]

(defining "up" as the positive direction)

\[ a_y = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \]
\[ v_y(t) = v_{y0} + a_y t; \]
\[ y(t) - y_0 = v_{y0} t + a_y t^2 / 2 \]

If \( g \) is the same,
\( H = y_f - y_0 \) is the same,
and \( v_{y0} \) is the same, then the time of the fall should be the same for both Elephant and Feather!
What is wrong ???

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Free Fall Motion

As learned in an earlier unit, free-fall is a special type of motion in which the only force acting upon an object is gravity. Objects which are said to be undergoing free-fall, are not encountering a significant force of air resistance, they are falling under the sole influence of gravity. Under such conditions, all objects will fall with the same rate of acceleration, regardless of their mass. But why? Consider the free-falling motion of a 1000 kg baby elephant and a 1 kg overweight mouse:

\[ a = -g \quad \text{where} \quad g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \]

(defining "up" as the positive direction)

Motion in 3D:

\[ \vec{r} = \vec{x} \hat{i} + \vec{y} \hat{j} + \vec{z} \hat{k} \]

\( t = 0 \)
\( r = 0 \)
\( r_0 = r(t=0) \)

beginning of the process
is arbitrary; can set where you want it
position at \( t=0 \);

\[ \vec{r} = \vec{r}_x + \vec{r}_y + \vec{r}_z = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k} \]

\( a_x \neq 0 \)
\( v_x(t) = v_{x0} + a_x t; \)
\( x(t) - x_0 = v_{x0} t + a_x t^2 / 2 \)

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\( a_z \neq 0 \)
\( v_z(t) = v_{z0} + a_z t; \)
\( z(t) - z_0 = v_{z0} t + a_z t^2 / 2 \)

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2D and 3D Motion

- Motion in 2D and 3D
  - Position, displacement, velocity, and acceleration
  - Projectile motion
  - Uniform circular motion
  - Relative motion
  - Reference frames
Position and Displacement

\[ \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \]
\[ \Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 \]
\[ \Delta \vec{r} = (x_2\hat{i} + y_2\hat{j} + z_2\hat{k}) - (x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k}) \]
\[ = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k} \]
\[ = \Delta x\hat{i} + \Delta y\hat{j} + \Delta z\hat{k} \]

Average and Instantaneous Velocity

\[ \vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta x\hat{i} + \Delta y\hat{j} + \Delta z\hat{k}}{\Delta t} \]
\[ \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k} \]
\[ = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j} + v_z\hat{k} \]
\[ v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_z = \frac{dz}{dt} \]

Average and Instantaneous Acceleration

\[ \vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} \]
\[ \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dv_z}{dt}\hat{k} \]
\[ = a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j} + a_z\hat{k} \]
\[ a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt}, \quad a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad a_z = \frac{dv_z}{dt} \]

Motion in 3D; Summary

Kinematic Variables in 2D or 3D

\[ \vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k} \]
\[ \vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k} \]
\[ = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j} + v_z\hat{k} \]
\[ \vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{dv_x}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dv_z}{dt}\hat{k} \]
\[ = a_x\hat{i} + a_y\hat{j} + a_z\hat{k} \]
\[ \vec{r}(t), \vec{v}(t), \text{and} \vec{a}(t) \text{are not in same direction!} \]
Projectile Motion

Horizontal motion + Vertical motion

"Free fall with horizontal motion"

\[ x = \text{horizontal} \]
\[ y = \text{vertical (take positive direction as "up")} \]
\[ z \text{ is not relevant} \]

\[ \mathbf{a} \text{ is only in the vertical direction: } \mathbf{a} = -g \mathbf{j} \]

\[ a_y = -g \quad a_x = 0 \]

Projectile Motion (continued)

In both directions the acceleration is constant

\[ a_x = 0 \quad a_y = -g \]

\[ v_x = v_{0x} = \text{constant} \quad v_y = v_{0y} - gt \]

\[ \begin{align*}
x &= x_0 + v_{0x}t \\
y &= y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2
\end{align*} \]

Projectile Motion (continued)

Projectile Motion; General Case

Horizontal motion

\[ x - x_0 = v_{0x}t = (v_0 \cos \theta_0)t \]

Trajectory and horizontal range

\[ y = (\tan \theta_0)x - \frac{gx^2}{2(v_0 \cos \theta_0)^2} \quad R = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin 2\theta_0 \]

Vertical motion

\[ y - y_0 = v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = (v_0 \sin \theta_0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \]

\[ v_y = v_0 \sin \theta_0 - gt \]

\[ v_y^2 = (v_0 \sin \theta_0)^2 - 2(g(y - y_0)) \]
Projectile Motion

**Sample Problem**

A ball rolls off a table of height $h$. The ball has horizontal velocity $v_0$ when it leaves the table.

**How far away does it strike the ground?**

**How long does it take to reach the ground?**

For $x$ direction:
$$t = \frac{\Delta x}{v_0}$$

For $y$ direction:
$$y(t) = 0$$
$$y(t) - h = v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$\Delta x = v_0 \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$$

For $v_0 = 2.2 \text{ m/s}$
$$h = 1.0 \text{ m}$$
$$\Delta x = 1.0 \text{ m}$$

QZ#3 **How long is the fall?**

QZ#4 (continued)

Which path (A or B) is quicker and why?

Balls A and B start with equal velocities.

Which path (A or B) is quicker and why?
Uniform Circular Motion

Centripetal acceleration

\[ a = \frac{v^2}{r} \]

Period

\[ T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} \]

Sample Problem

A runner takes 12 seconds round a 180° curve at one end of an oval track. The distance covered on the curve is 100 meters. What is her centripetal acceleration?

\[ v = 100 \text{ m} / 12 \text{ s} = 8.33 \text{ m/s}; \ R = \frac{100}{\pi} = 31.8 \text{ m} \]

\[ a = (8.33)^2 / 31.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = 2.2 \text{ m/s}^2 \]