



## Motion in Two Dimensions

- In two- or three-dimensional kinematics, everything is the same as in one-dimensional motion except that we must now use full vector notation
  - Positive and negative signs are no longer sufficient to determine the direction







## Instantaneous Velocity, cont



- vector at any point in a particle's path is along a line tangent to the path at that point and in the direction of motion
- The magnitude of the instantaneous velocity vector is the speed
  - The speed is a scalar quantity

### **Average Acceleration**

• The average acceleration of a particle as it moves is defined as the change in the instantaneous velocity vector divided by the time interval during which that change occurs.

$$\vec{\mathbf{a}}_{avg} \equiv \frac{\vec{\mathbf{v}}_{f} - \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{i}}{t_{f} - t_{i}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{\mathbf{v}}}{\Delta t}$$







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

## **Kinematic Equations**, 2



- Position vector for a particle moving in the xy plane  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$
- The velocity vector can be found from the position vector

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

 Since acceleration is constant, we can also find an expression for the velocity as a function of time: \$\vec{v}\_f = \vec{v}\_i + \vec{a}t\$



- The position vector can also be expressed as a function of time:
  - $\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{t} = \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{i} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{i}t + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\mathbf{a}}t^{2}$
  - This indicates that the position vector is the sum of three other vectors:
    - The initial position vector
    - The displacement resulting from the initial velocity
  - The displacement resulting from the acceleration













- An object may move in both the *x* and *y* directions simultaneously
- The form of two-dimensional motion we will deal with is called **projectile motion**



- The free-fall acceleration is constant over the range of motion
  - It is directed downward
  - This is the same as assuming a flat Earth over the range of the motion
  - It is reasonable as long as the range is small compared to the radius of the Earth
- 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*









## **Analysis Model**



- The analysis model is the superposition of two motions
  - Motion of a particle under constant velocity in the horizontal direction
  - Motion of a particle under constant acceleration in the vertical direction
    - Specifically, free fall



## Projectile Motion – Implications



- The y-component of the velocity is zero at the maximum height of the trajectory
- The acceleration stays the same throughout the trajectory



# Height of a Projectile, equation The maximum height of the projectile can be found in terms of the initial velocity vector:

$$h = \frac{v_i^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}{2g}$$

This equation is valid only for symmetric motion















## **Centripetal Acceleration**



- The acceleration is always perpendicular to the path of the motion
- The acceleration always points toward the center of the circle of motion
- This acceleration is called the *centripetal acceleration*

## **Centripetal Acceleration, cont**

• The magnitude of the centripetal acceleration vector is given by



 The direction of the centripetal acceleration vector is always changing, to stay directed toward the center of the circle of motion







## **Relative Velocity**

- Two observers moving relative to each other generally do not agree on the outcome of an experiment
- However, the observations seen by each are related to one another
- A *frame of reference* can described by a Cartesian coordinate system for which an observer is at rest with respect to the origin



# Different Measurements, another example The man is walking on the moving beltway Sees the man walking at his normal walking speed The stationary woman sees the man walking at a much higher speed The combination of the speed of the beltway and the walking The difference is due to the relative velocity of their frames of reference



# Relative Velocity, equations

- The positions as seen from the two reference frames are related through the velocity
  - $\vec{\mathbf{r}}_{PA} = \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{PB} + \vec{\mathbf{V}}_{BA}t$
- The derivative of the position equation will give the velocity equation

$$\vec{\mathbf{u}}_{PA} = \vec{\mathbf{u}}_{PB} + \vec{\mathbf{v}}_{BA}$$

•  $\vec{u}_{PA}$  is the velocity of the particle P measured by observer A •  $\vec{u}_{PB}$  is the velocity of the particle P measured by observer B

• These are called the Galilean transformation equations

## Acceleration in Different Frames of Reference



- The derivative of the velocity equation will give the acceleration equation
- The acceleration of the particle measured by an observer in one frame of reference is the same as that measured by any other observer moving at a *constant velocity* relative to the first frame.