

Chapter 4

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Motion in two dimensions

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Position and Displacement

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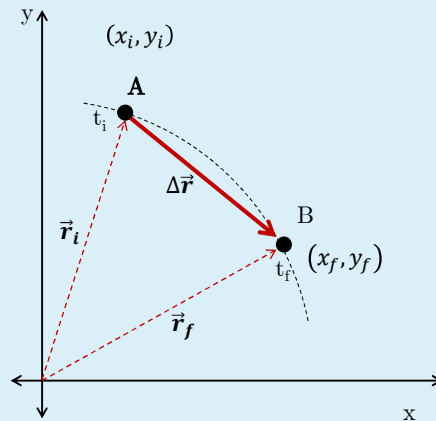
The position of an object is described by its position vector, $\vec{r}$, with respect to a chosen reference point (the origin).

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

The displacement of the object is the *change in its position*.

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

$$\Delta\vec{r} = (x_f - x_i)\hat{i} + (y_f - y_i)\hat{j}$$



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Velocity and Acceleration

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Average Velocity:

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

Instantaneous Velocity:

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

Average Acceleration:

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

Instantaneous Acceleration:

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

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Kinematic Equations for 2-D Motion

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- 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

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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:

$$\vec{r}_f = \vec{r}_i + \vec{v}_i t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

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Kinematic Equations: 2-D

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Equations	Missing
$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + \vec{a}t$	$\Delta \vec{r}$: displacement (m)
$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{v}_i t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$	$\vec{v}_f$: final velocity (m/s)
$\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{v}_f t - \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$	$\vec{v}_i$: initial velocity (m/s)
$\Delta \vec{r} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{v}_i + \vec{v}_f) t$	$\vec{a}$: acceleration (m/s ²)

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Kinematic Equations: Horizontal components

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Equations	Missing
$v_{fx} = v_{ix} + a_x t$	Δx : displacement (m)
$v_{fx}^2 = v_{ix}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$	t : time (s)
$\Delta x = v_{ix} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$	v_{fx} : final velocity (m/s)
$\Delta x = v_{fx} t - \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$	v_{ix} : initial velocity (m/s)
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (v_{ix} + v_{fx}) t$	a_x : acceleration (m/s ²)

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Kinematic Equations: Vertical components

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Equations	Missing
$v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_y t$	Δy : displacement (m)
$v_{fy}^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$	t : time (s)
$\Delta y = v_{iy} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$	v_{fy} : final velocity (m/s)
$\Delta y = v_{fy} t - \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$	v_{iy} : initial velocity (m/s)
$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} (v_{iy} + v_{fy}) t$	a_y : acceleration (m/s ²)

Average velocity

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A motorist drives south at 20 m/s for 3 min. , then turns west and travels at 25 m/s for 2 min. , and finally travels northwest at 30 m/s for 1 min. . For this 6 min. trip, find:

- the total vector displacement,
- the average speed
- the average velocity.

Average acceleration

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A car is traveling east at (60 km/h), it rounds a curve and after (5 s), it is traveling north at the same speed. Find the average acceleration of the car.

Position, velocity and acceleration

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A rabbit runs across a parking lot on which a set of coordinate axes has, strangely enough, been drawn. The coordinates (meters) of the rabbit's position as functions of time t (seconds) are given by

$$x = -0.31t^2 + 7.2t + 28$$

$$y = 0.22t^2 - 9.1t + 30.$$

- (a) At $t = 15\text{s}$, what is the rabbit's position vector $\vec{r}$, in unit vector notation and in magnitude-angle notation?
- (b) find the velocity $\vec{v}$ at time $t = 15\text{s}$.
- (c) find the acceleration $\vec{a}$ at time $t = 15\text{s}$.

SOLUTION

At $t = 15\text{ s}$, the scalar components are

$$x = (-0.31)(15)^2 + (7.2)(15) + 28 = 66\text{m}$$

And

$$y = (0.22)(15)^2 - (9.1)(15) + 30 = -57\text{m},$$

So:

$$\vec{r} = (66\text{m})\hat{i} - (57\text{m})\hat{j},$$

To get the magnitude and angle of $\vec{r}$, we use:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(66\text{m})^2 + (-57\text{m})^2} \\ &= 87\text{m}, \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-57\text{m}}{66\text{m}} \right) = -41^\circ.$$

Although $\theta = 139^\circ$ has the same tangent as -41° , the components of position vector $\vec{r}$ indicate that the desired angle is $139^\circ - 180^\circ = -41^\circ$.

SOLUTION

$$\begin{aligned} v_x &= \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(-0.31t^2 + 7.2t + 28) \\ &= -0.62t + 7.2. \end{aligned}$$

At $t = 15\text{ s}$, this give $v_x = -2.1\text{m/s}$.. Similarly, applying the v_y part, we find

$$v_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(0.22t^2 - 9.1t + 30)$$

$$= 0.44t - 9.1.$$

At $t = 15\text{s}$, this gives

$$v_y = -2.5\text{m/s}.$$

$$\vec{v} = (-2.1\text{m/s})\hat{i} + (-2.5\text{m/s})\hat{j},$$

To get the magnitude and angle

$$v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{(-2.1\text{m/s})^2 + (-2.5\text{m/s})^2} = 3.3\text{m/s}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_y}{v_x} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-2.5\text{m/s}}{-2.1\text{m/s}} \right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1} 1.19 = -130^\circ.$$

SOLUTION

the x component of $\vec{a}$ to be

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(-0.62t + 7.2) = -0.62\text{m/s}^2.$$

the y component as

$$a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(0.44t - 9.1) = 0.44\text{m/s}^2.$$

We see that the acceleration does not vary with time

$$\vec{a} = (-0.62\text{m/s}^2)\hat{i} + (0.44\text{m/s}^2)\hat{j},$$

For the magnitude we have

$$a = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} = \sqrt{(-0.62\text{m/s}^2)^2 + (0.44\text{m/s}^2)^2} = 0.76\text{m/s}^2.$$

For the angle we have

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{a_y}{a_x} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{0.44\text{m/s}^2}{-0.62\text{m/s}^2} \right) = -35^\circ.$$

However, this angle, which is the one displayed on a calculator, indicates that $\vec{a}$ is directed to the right and downward. Yet, we know from the components that $\vec{a}$ must be directed to the left and upward. To find the other angle that has the same tangent as -35° but is not displayed on a calculator, we add 180° :

$$-35^\circ + 180^\circ = 145^\circ.$$

Uniform acceleration

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A particle moves in the xy plane, starting from the origin at $t = 0$ with an initial velocity having an x component of 20 m/s and a y component of -15 m/s . The particle experiences an acceleration in the x direction, given by $a_x = 4 \text{ m/s}^2$.

(A) Determine the total velocity vector at any time.

(B) Calculate the velocity and speed of the particle at $t = 5 \text{ s}$ and the angle the velocity vector makes with the x axis.

(C) Determine the x and y coordinates of the particle at any time (t) and its position vector at this time.

SOLUTION

We set $v_{xi} = 20 \text{ m/s}$, $v_{yi} = -15 \text{ m/s}$, $a_x = 4.0 \text{ m/s}^2$, and $a_y = 0$.

the velocity vector:

$$\vec{v}_f = \vec{v}_i + \vec{a}_t = (v_{xi} + a_x t)\hat{i} + (v_{yi} + a_y t)\hat{j}$$

Substitute numerical values with the velocity in (m/s) and the time in seconds:

$$\vec{v}_f = [20 + (4.0)t]\hat{i} + [-15 + (0)t]\hat{j} = [(20 + 4.0t)\hat{i} - 15\hat{j}]$$

Notice that the x component of velocity increases in time while the y component remains constant;

SOLUTION

At $t = 5.0 \text{ s}$:

$$\vec{v}_f = [(20 + 4.0(5.0))\hat{i} - 15\hat{j}] = (40\hat{i} - 15\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

Determine the angle θ that $\vec{v}_f$ makes with the x axis at $t = 5.0 \text{ s}$:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v_{yf}}{v_{xf}}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-15 \text{ m/s}}{40 \text{ m/s}}\right) = -21^\circ$$

Evaluate the speed of the particle as the magnitude of $\vec{v}_f$:

$$v_f = |\vec{v}_f| = \sqrt{v_{xf}^2 + v_{yf}^2} = \sqrt{(40)^2 + (-15)^2} \text{ m/s} = 43 \text{ m/s}$$

The negative sign for the angle θ indicates that the velocity vector is directed at an angle of 21° below the positive x axis.

SOLUTION

With $x_i = y_i = 0$ at $t = 0$

Express the position vector of the particle at any time t :

$$x_f = v_{xi}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 = 20t + 2.0t^2$$

$$y_f = v_{yi}t = -15t$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_f = x_f \hat{i} + y_f \hat{j} = (20t + 2.0t^2)\hat{i} - (15t)\hat{j}$$