

## Physics 101 Lecture 4 Kinematics: Projectile and Circular Motion



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What concepts did you find most difficult, or what would you like to be sure we discuss in lecture?

- More conceptual problems ... sometimes the problems without physical numbers can be the most challenging.
- First part
- None
- the trigonometry.
- what would happen if the horizontal component was altered?
- can we go over more practice problems for circular motion.

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## Review: 1-dimensional Kinematics Example

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  - How fast is the car going after it has traveled  $\frac{1}{2}$  the distance (75 meters)?
- A)  $v < 15$  m/s   B)  $v = 15$  m/s   C)  $v > 15$  m/s

**Note: It's NOT half, so relation is not linear!**

Let's think about a plan for solving this problem

Plan:

1. First use kinematics to find acceleration from first problem statement
2. Use kinematics again to find speed at  $x = 75$  m

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$$v = v_0 + a t$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

Plan:

1. Find acceleration:  $0 = (30 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2a(150 \text{ m})$ , so  $a = -3 \text{ m/s}^2$
2. Use kinematics again to find speed at  $x = 75$  m:

$$v^2 = (30 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 + 2(-3 \text{ m/s}^2)(75 \text{ m}), \text{ so } v = 21.2 \text{ m/s}$$

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## Important Concepts for Motion in 2 Dimensions

- X and Y directions are **Independent!**
- Position, velocity and acceleration are vectors (they have directions and magnitudes)
- Vectors have special rules

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## Kinematics in Two Dimensions: Equations and Facts

Must be able to identify variables in these equations!

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$v_x = v_{0x} + a_x t$$

$$v_x^2 = v_{0x}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$$

$$y = y_0 + v_{0y} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

$$v_y = v_{0y} + a_y t$$

$$v_y^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$$

Remember: x and y directions are *independent*.

Independent means:

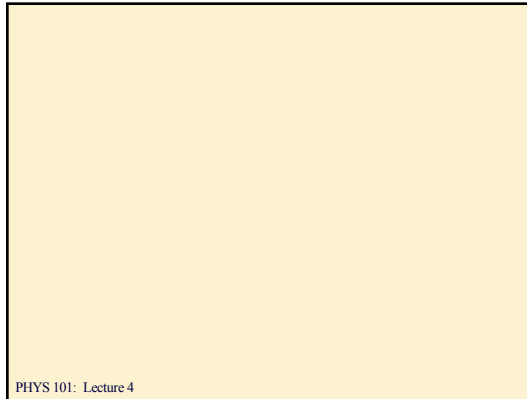
Calculate the x-direction by itself and the y-direction by itself, then use math to combine if needed

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### Demo: Ball shot vertically from moving train

This demo illustrates the independence of x and y motion.

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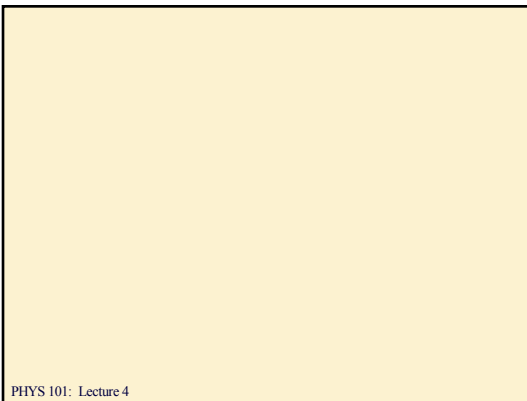
### Projectile Motion: A Special Case

$a_x = 0$	$a_y = -g$
$x = x_0 + v_{0x}t$	$y = y_0 + v_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
$v_x = v_{0x}$	$v_y = v_{0y} - gt$
	$v_y^2 = v_{0y}^2 - 2g\Delta y$

**Procedure:**

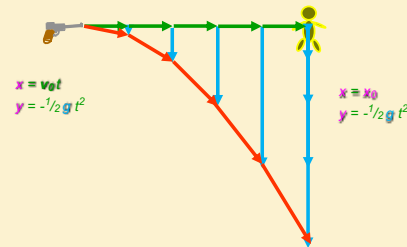
- Choose standard coordinate system (that's how + and - are determined)
- Solve kinematics equations in each direction separately.
- As time evolves, motion in each direction proceeds independently

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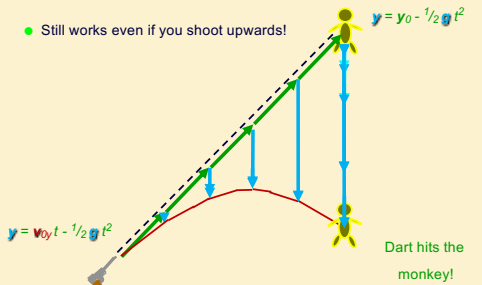
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You throw a ball to your friend at a window of a building 12 meters above and 5 meters to the right of you. Determine the speed and angle you should throw it such that the ball "just reaches" your friend moving at 0 speed in y-direction.

y-direction ( $v_{0y}$ ):

$$v_{fy}^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2(-g)\Delta y, \text{ with } v_{fy} = 0$$

$$v_{0y} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 12} = 15.3 \text{ m/s}$$

The reason why  $v_{fy} = 0$  is that the vertical velocity when ball gets to your friend is 0 m/s.

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x-direction ( $v_{0x}$ ):

First find the time it takes ball to get to your friend (this is a y-direction question):

$$v_{fy} = v_{0y} - gt, \text{ with } v_{fy} = 0$$

$$t = v_{0y}/g = (15.3 \text{ m/s})/g = 1.56 \text{ s.}$$

Then use the time to find the required horizontal speed (x-direction question):

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$$

$$v_{0x} = 5 \text{ m} / 1.56 \text{ s}$$

$$= 3.2 \text{ m/s}$$

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Speed and Angle:

First use the x- and y-direction velocities you calculated to find the angle for the initial velocity vector:

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{v_{0y}}{v_{0x}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{15.3 \text{ m/s}}{3.2 \text{ m/s}} = 78.2^\circ$$

Then use these values to find the magnitude (speed) of the initial velocity vector (Pythagorean Thm):

$$|v| = \sqrt{v_{0x}^2 + v_{0y}^2} = \sqrt{3.2^2 + 15.3^2} = 15.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Note: Angle is not the same as throwing directly to your friend. The "direct" angle is 63.4°.

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## Projectile Motion: Summary

- Velocity, position, and acceleration are vectors
  - They have *both* magnitude and direction
  - Vector magnitude:  $|A| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$
  - Vector direction (described by an angle):  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$
- x- and y-directions are *independent*
- Kinematic Equations for 2-D: *Must be able to identify variables in these equations!*

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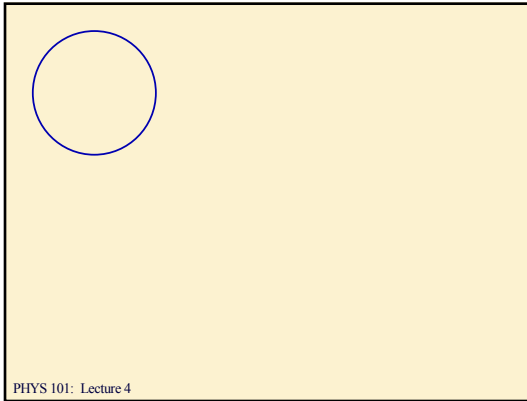
## Motion in a Circle with Constant Speed: Uniform circular motion

(Here "uniform" means "constant speed")

- If an object moves *with constant speed*  $v$  in a perfect circle of radius  $r$  then:
  - Its velocity vector is constantly changing direction (though its speed is constant). As a result, it must be *accelerating*.
  - The magnitude of the object's acceleration is  $a = v^2/r$  and is directed *towards the center of the circle*. (Centripetal Acceleration)
- Unless the acceleration is  $v^2/r$ , the motion will not be circular with constant speed.
- Note: A car *could* also have a "tangential acceleration" in addition to its centripetal acceleration.

**Demo:** Consider the wine glass on a plate, water in bucket...

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## Summary of Concepts

- Projectile Motion
  - ➔ Kinematic Equations for 2-D: *Must be able to identify variables in these equations!*

● $x = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2$	● $y = y_0 + v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2$
● $v_x = v_{0x} + a_x t$	● $v_y = v_{0y} + a_y t$
● $v_x^2 = v_{0x}^2 + 2a_x \Delta x$	● $v_y^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2a_y \Delta y$
  - ➔ *Projectile Motion*: a special case where  $a_x = 0$  and  $a_y = g$
- Uniform Circular Motion
  - ➔ Speed is constant
  - ➔ Direction is changing
  - ➔ Acceleration toward center  $a_c = v^2/r$ , and  $a_t = 0$

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