

# PHY117 HS2023

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Week 1, Lecture 2

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notes  
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Lecture schedule (13 lectures)	Topics	Lecture notes
Week 1 Sept.19-20, 2023)	Intro, units, principles of motion	> <a href="#">PHY117_HS2023_Week1_L1.pdf (PDF, 12 MB)</a> ↓
Week 2 (Sept.26-27, 2023)		> <a href="#">PHY117_HS2023_Week1_L2-template.pdf (PDF, 8 MB)</a> ↓ > <a href="#">PHY117_HS2023_Week1_L2-template.key (KEY, 32 MB)</a> ↓

Q: what are these:  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$ ,  $\hat{z}$

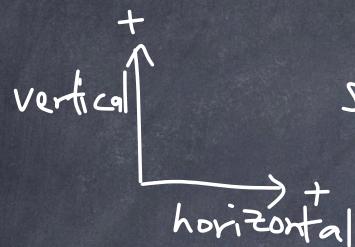
A: They are special vectors with length 1  
called unit vectors



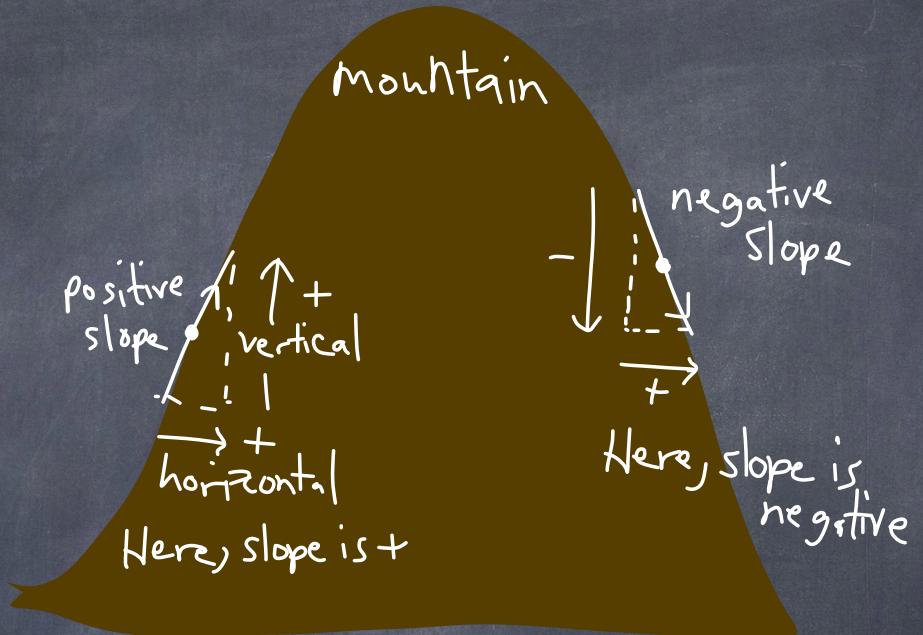
The " $\hat{\cdot}$ " is called a "hat."

Unit vectors give us  
a coordinate system  
to define vectors.

Q: what is a slope?



$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{vertical}}{\text{horizontal}}$$



Q: what is the difference between velocity & speed?

A: velocity is a vector  
Speed is a scalar

$$\text{velocity} = \bar{v} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{magnitude} \\ + \\ \text{direction} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{speed} = v = |\bar{v}| \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{magnitude,} \\ \text{no direction} \end{array} \right)$$

Example:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{v} = 3 \frac{m}{s} \hat{x} \\ v = 3 \frac{m}{s} \end{array} \right.$$

Q:

Reminder on derivatives:

$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$

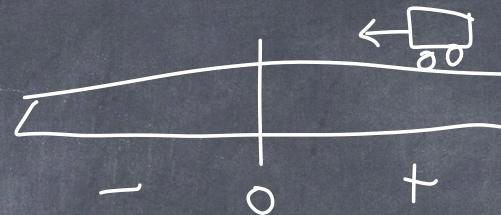
$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = f'(x) = \cos(x)$$

chain rule means we multiply  
by  $\frac{d(kx)}{dx} = k$

$$f(x) = \sin(kx)$$
$$f'(x) = [\cos(kx)](k)$$

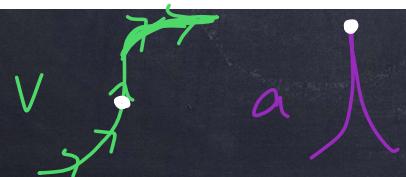
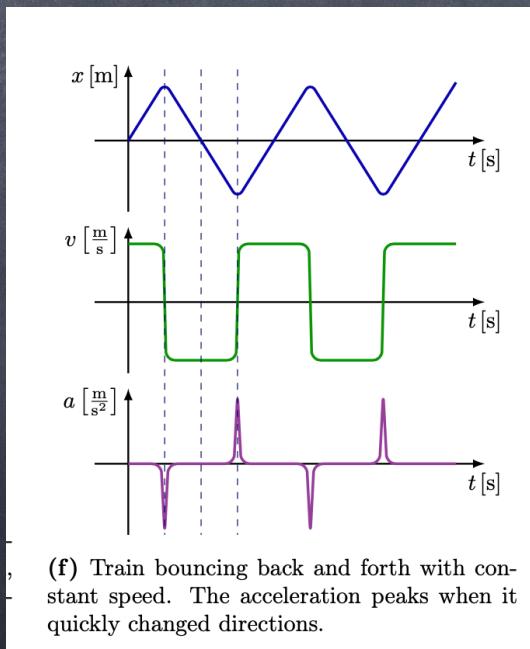
If we have  $f(g(x))$ , then  
 $\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

Explanation of yesterday's experiment:



velocity is  
the slope of  
 $x$  vs.  $t$

acceleration  
is the slope  
of  $v$  vs.  $t$



velocity is + : moving in + direction  
- : moving in - direction

$a = 0$  : when velocity is constant  
 $a = (-)$  : when velocity is decreasing

Here; acceleration is not constant.  
It has a peak structure.  
we will discuss this later  
when we talk about "impulse".

Can we make our air-car accelerate more smoothly?

We can by making use of a "simple harmonic oscillator".  
One example is a spring.

The position changes according to the formula

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

$x_0$  starting position  
 $\omega$  is the angular frequency

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}, \text{ where}$$

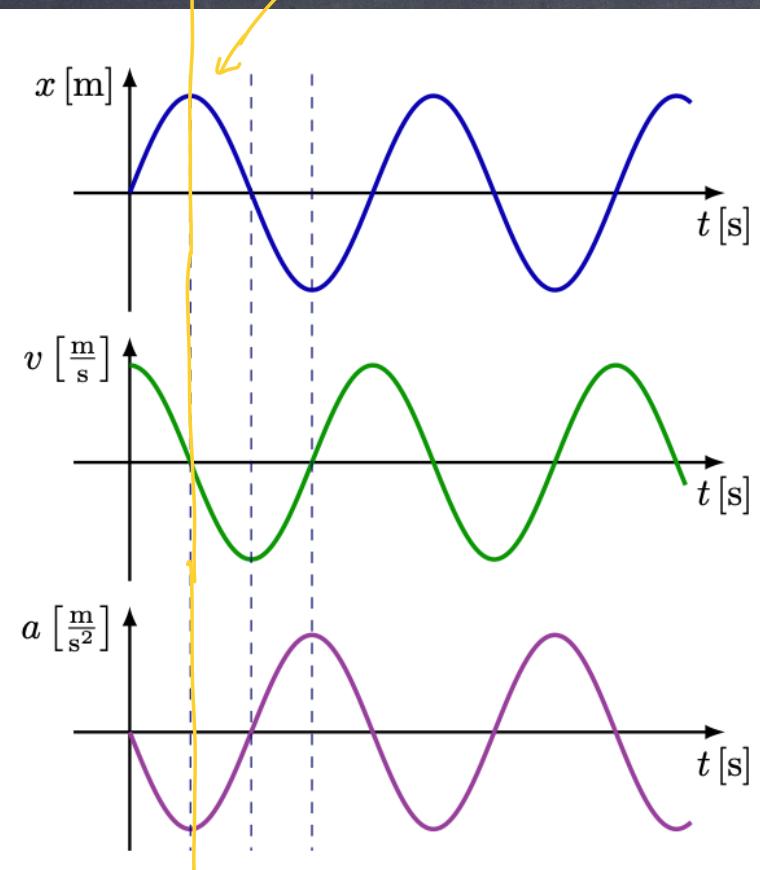
' $T$ ' is the "period",  
the time it takes to do one cycle.

Then:  $v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = -x_0 \omega \sin(\omega t)$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = -x_0 \omega^2 \cos(\omega t)$$

Notice  $a(t) = x(t)(-\omega^2)$  This we will come back to.





(g) Periodic one dimensional motion of a mass on a spring moving back and forth. Velocity is largest when  $x = 0 = a$ .

$t=0$  Note, if we start  $t=0$  here, then

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

for  $\rightarrow$   $\square$   $\leftarrow$

Here, we start  $t=0$  at  $x=0$  :

$$x(t) = x_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

where  $x_0$  = initial displacement

$$v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t)$$

where  $V_0 = \omega x_0$  is the maximum speed

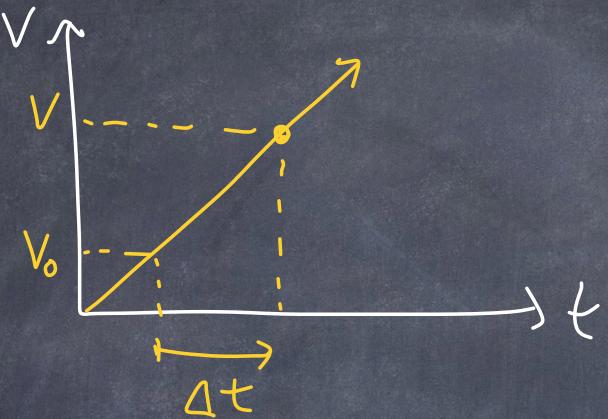
$$a(t) = -a_0 \sin(\omega t)$$

where  $a_0 = \omega^2 x_0$  is the maximum acceleration

Notice that depending on when we start  $t=0$ ,  $x(t)$  can either be  $x_0 \sin(\omega t)$  or  $x_0 \cos(\omega t)$



Motion with constant acceleration:



$a = \text{slope of } V \text{ vs. } t$   
 $= \text{constant}$

$$a = \frac{dV}{dt}$$

We can determine  $V$  from a starting  $V_0$  and the slope,  $a$ .

$$V = V_0 + at$$

Final velocity  
starting velocity

$$a \cdot t = \left[ \frac{m}{s^2} \right] [s] = \frac{m}{s}$$

Average velocity is half-way between  $V_0 + V$ :

$$V_{av} = \frac{1}{2}(V_0 + V)$$

Some other useful formulas for constant acceleration

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$$

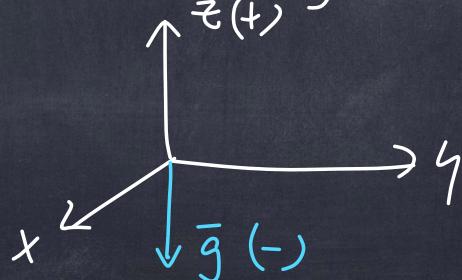
$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

↑  
final position    starting position    starting velocity    acceleration (constant)

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2 a \Delta x$$

Most of the time, on earth, the acceleration is due to gravity.

$$\bar{a} = -g \hat{z}$$



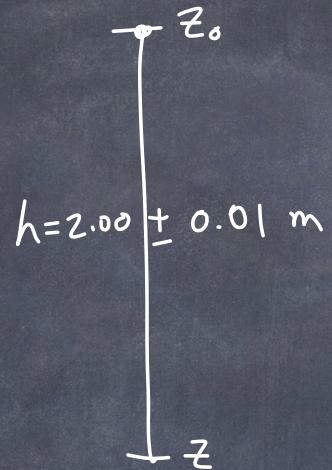
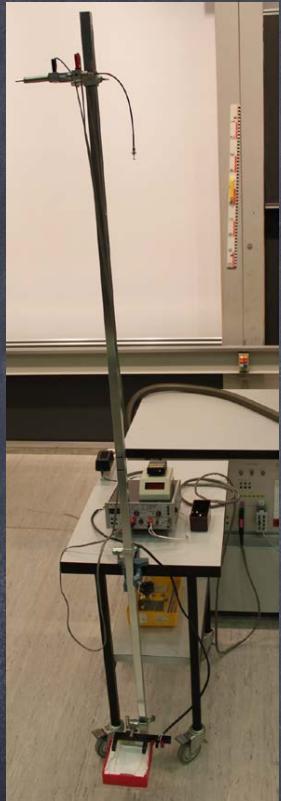
Does gravity accelerate everything the same?



Yes (but sometimes other  
Forces  
like  
air resistance)

what is  $g$ ?  $\left[ \frac{m}{s^2} \right]$

$+z$



$$\bar{a} = -g \hat{e}_z$$

$$z = z_0 + v_{0z} t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\underbrace{z - z_0}_{(-)} = \underbrace{v_{0z} t}_{\text{yellow}} - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$\underbrace{z_0 - z}_{(+)} = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

$$h = \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rightarrow g = \frac{2h}{t^2}$$

measure the time:

$$0.6396 \text{ s}$$

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$$t = 0.6395 \pm 0.0001 \text{ s}$$

Bern:

$$g = 9.8089$$

$$\frac{m}{s^2}$$

$$g = \frac{2(2.00 \text{ m})}{(0.6395 \text{ s})^2} = \boxed{9.78 \pm 0.05 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}$$

Example 2.4: For something more complicated like

$$f(x, y, a, b) = K \frac{xy^n}{ab^n}, \quad (2.16)$$

with a constant  $K$ , we find after some algebra

$$\sigma_f = |f| \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_y}{y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\sigma_a}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n\sigma_b}{b}\right)^2}, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\sigma_g = g \sqrt{\left(\frac{0.01 \text{ m}}{2.00 \text{ m}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2(0.0001 \text{ s})}{0.6395 \text{ s}}\right)^2}$$

$$\sigma_g = 9.78 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \left( \sqrt{2.5 \times 10^{-5} + 9.8 \times 10^{-8}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_g = 0.05 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$



Assume we throw a ball up at 20 m/s, what is its position in 4s?

$$z = z_0 + V_{0z} t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

↑              ↑              ↑              ↑              ↑  
 1m       $+20 \frac{m}{s}$       4s       $a = -10 \frac{m}{s^2}$        $(4s)^2$

$$z = 1m + 80 \frac{m}{s} + \frac{1}{2} \left( -10 \frac{m}{s^2} \right) (4s)^2$$

$$z = 1m \quad (\text{same as initial position})$$

How fast is it moving?

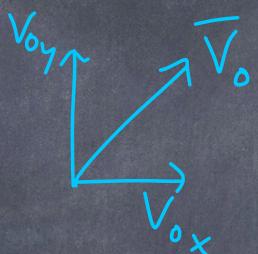
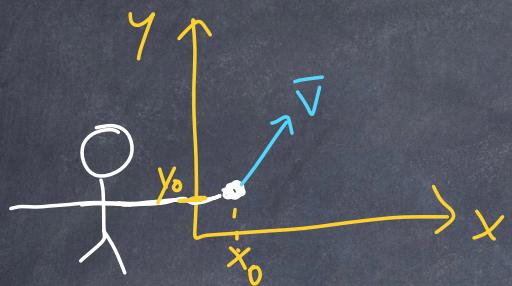
$$V_z = V_{0z} + at = 20 \frac{m}{s} + \left( -10 \frac{m}{s^2} \right) (4s)$$

$$V_z = -20 \frac{m}{s}$$

(opposite initial velocity)

## Motion in 2-D :

When we throw an object it moves in a parabola.



Initial velocity:

$$\bar{V}_0 = V_{0x} \hat{x} + V_{0y} \hat{y}$$

$t$ -direction :

$$V_x = V_{0x} + at$$

$$x = x_0 + V_{0x} t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

Velocity in  $x$ -direction is constant

$y$ -direction :

$$V_y = V_{0y} + at \Rightarrow V_y = V_{0y} - gt$$

$$y = y_0 + V_{0y} t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$y = y_0 + V_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

(Neglect air resistance)

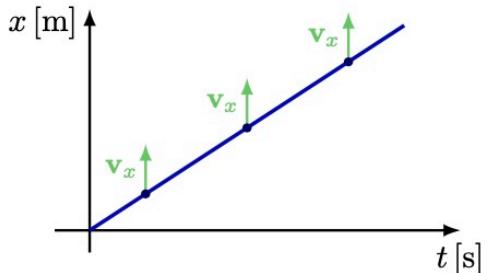
$$V_x = V_{0x}$$

$$x = x_0 + V_{0x} t$$

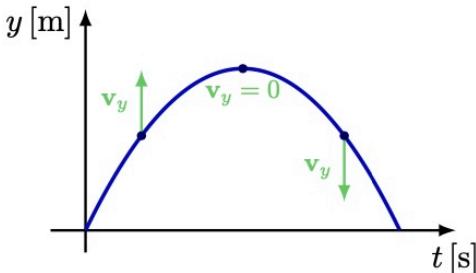
$$V_y = V_{0y} - gt$$

$$y = y_0 + V_{0y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$x = x_0$$

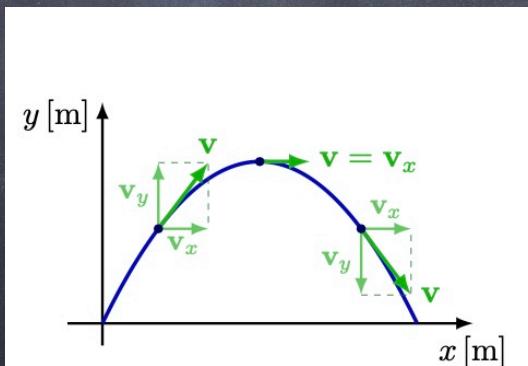


(a)  $x$ - $t$  diagram.

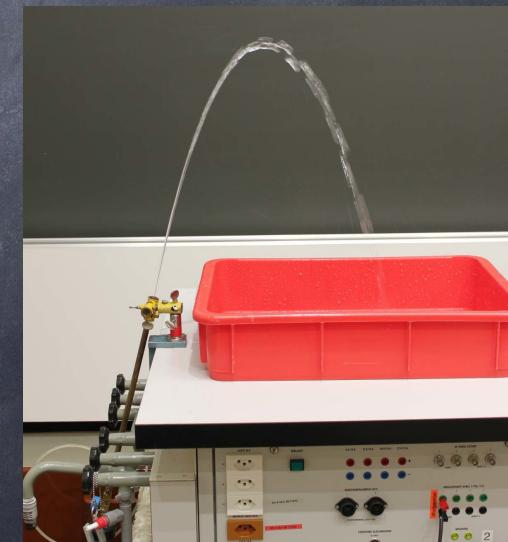


(b)  $y$ - $t$  diagram.

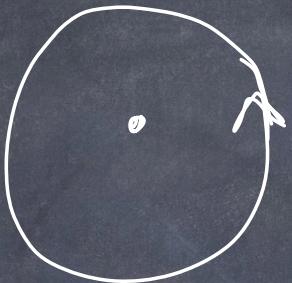
what we  
see:



(c)  $y$ - $x$  diagram.



## Motion in a circle:

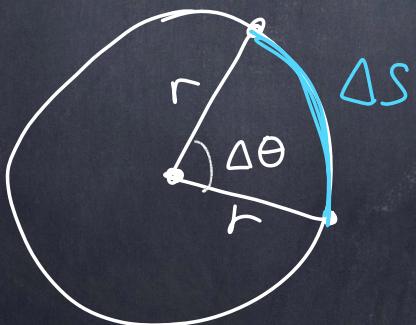


circle has  $360^\circ = 2\pi$  radians

$$90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ radians}$$

Calculator: "deg" / "rad"

Circumference of a circle is  $C = 2\pi r$



$$\Delta s = r \Delta\theta$$

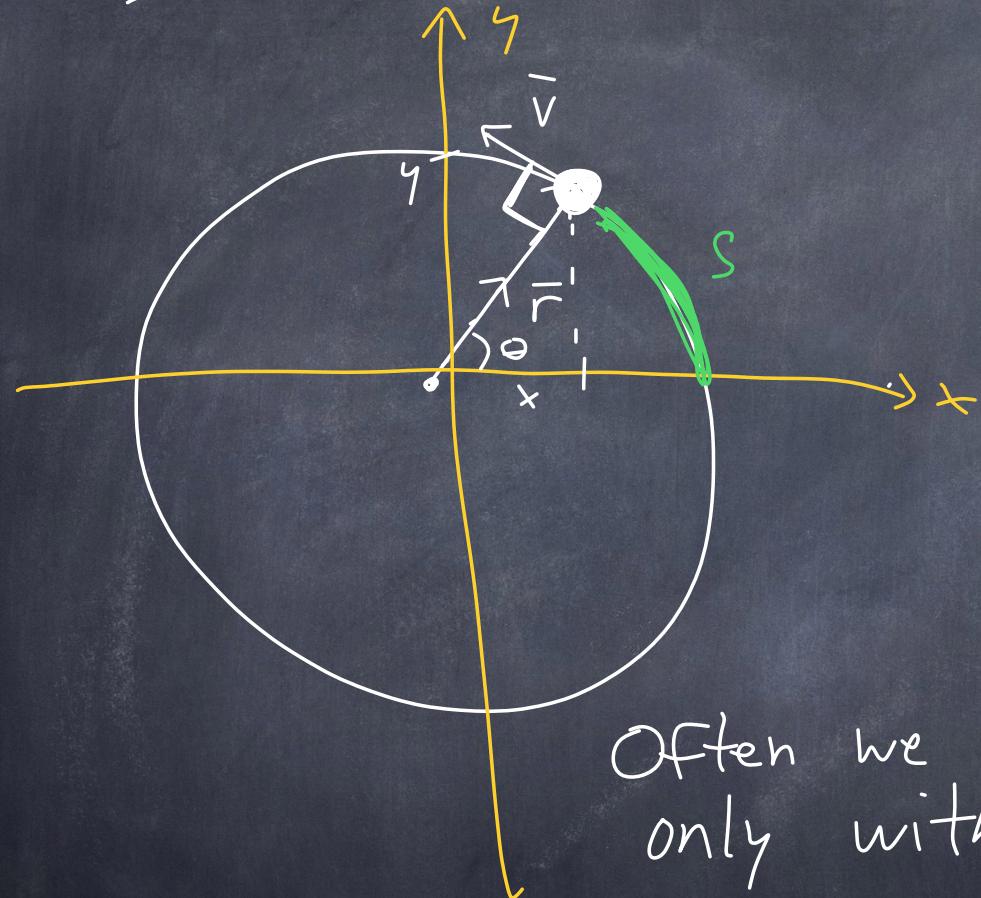
If  $\Delta\theta = 2\pi$ ,  
then  $\Delta s = 2\pi r$   
(circumference)

Half a circle

$$\Delta\theta = 180^\circ = \pi \text{ radians} =$$

$$\Delta s = r\pi$$

# Circular motion (in 2D):



position  $\bar{r}$ , velocity  $\bar{v}$   
 $\bar{r} \perp \bar{v}$

$$\text{Distance traveled} = s = r\theta$$

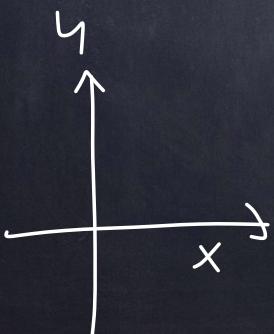
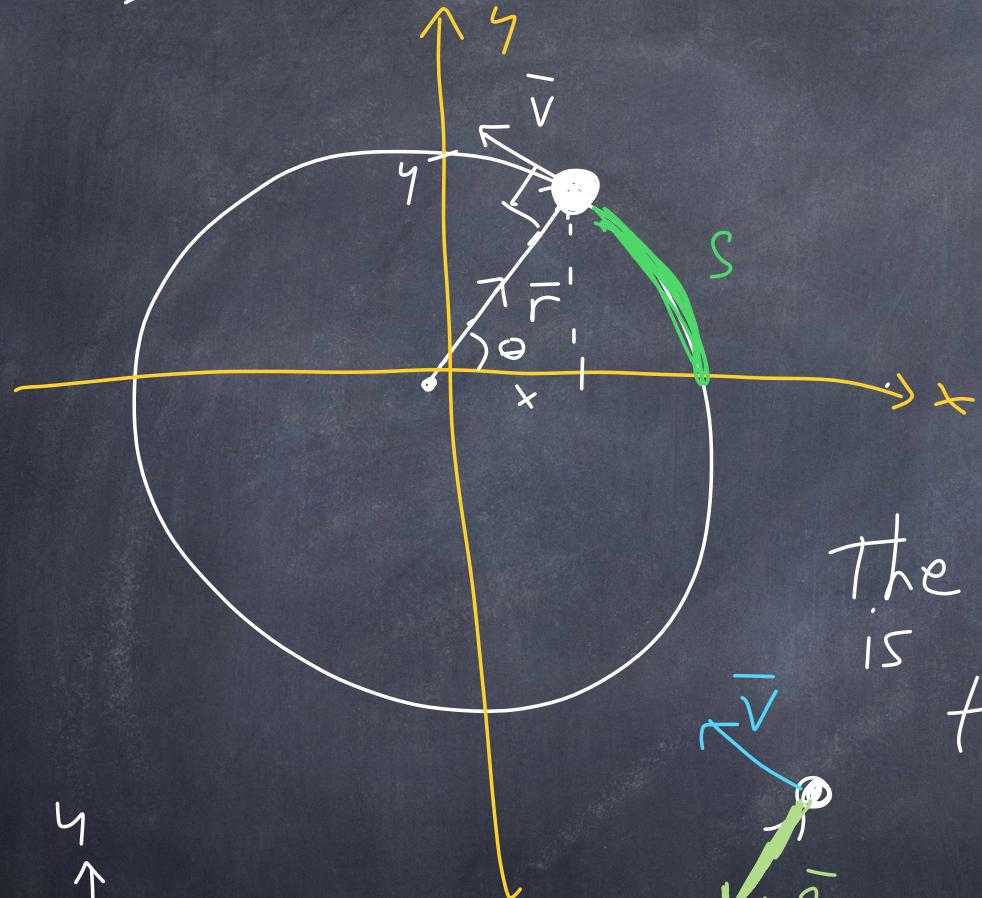
Speed  $V = |\bar{v}| = \frac{\text{circumference}}{\text{time to do a circle}}$

$$V = \frac{2\pi r}{T} \quad T: \begin{matrix} \text{period} \\ \text{of a} \\ \text{cycle} \end{matrix}$$

Often we describe the position  
only with  $\theta$ , since  $|\bar{r}|$  is a  
constant

For the velocity, we often use  $\frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \omega$ : angular  
 $\omega = \frac{V}{r} \left[ \frac{\frac{m}{s}}{m} \right] = \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right] = \text{radians per second}$

## Circular motion (in 2D):



$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} = \text{centripetal acceleration}$$

(Derivation of  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$  on the next page if you are interested)

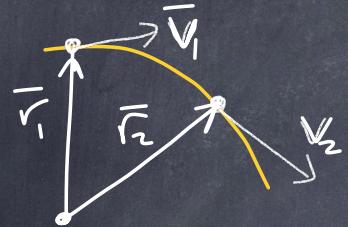
The direction of  $\vec{a}$  is toward the center of the circle.

$$\vec{a} = -\frac{v^2}{r} \hat{r}$$

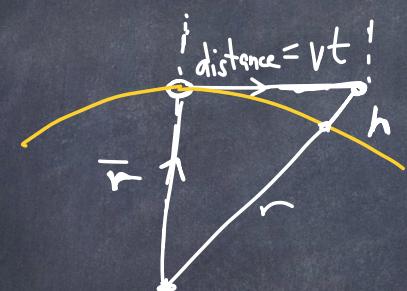
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## Motion in a circle, Ball on a string

assumption: The speed is the same vs. time



The velocity is changing (direction changes)  
If the ball's velocity stayed the same, it would  
be at a height of  $r+h$  after a time  $t$ .



Pythagorean theorem:

$$(vt)^2 + r^2 = (r+h)^2$$

$$(vt)^2 + r^2 = r^2 + 2rh + h^2$$

for small time  $t$ ,  $L$  is small  
 $h$  is very small compared to  $r$  ( $h \ll r$ )  
so  $h^2 \ll rh$

Therefore,  $(vt)^2 \approx 2rh + h^2$

so  $h \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right) t^2$

Compare this to  $t = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$ , we see that  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$

This is the centripetal acceleration. Movement in circle.

A satellite is moving around the earth at a height of 100 km above the ground. How long does it take to go around the earth?

$$C_{\text{earth}} = 40,000 \text{ km}$$

$$g = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$



$$C = 2\pi r \Rightarrow r_{\text{Earth}} = 6370 \text{ km}$$

$$r_{\text{satellite}} = 6470 \text{ km}$$

we know  
2 things:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} a = \frac{v^2}{r} \\ a \approx g \end{array} \right\}$

This is just  
to get m instead of km

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{v^2}{r} = g \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{rg}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(6470 \text{ km}) \left( \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \right) (9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})} = 7970 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi (6470 \text{ km})}{7970 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \cdot \left( \frac{1 \text{ minute}}{60 \text{ seconds}} \right) = 85 \text{ minutes}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Space station takes 92 minutes

we are very close!

# Experiments

