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- Physics is a study of the Universe: every thing you see and not see around you.
 - To find the underlying regularity, symmetry, predictability
 - Use models and current understanding of phenomenon and make hypotheses
 - Perform experiments and test them to gain further understanding, get insights and find new phenomenon
- Tools we use:
 - Logical Reasoning, Mathematics, Experimental Equipment & instruments and lots of common sense

L02 Units

- **Units:** Numbers without proper units often mean nothing!
- Table of Standard International (SI) Units in the book
 - Length, time, mass, current, force,.....
 - Conversions: 1 mile = 1.61 km
 - Speed limits: 55miles/hr = 55 miles/hr x 1.61 km/mile
 - 88.5 km/hr = 88.5 km/hr x 1000 m/km x 1 hr/3600 s
 - 24.6 m/s
- Use UNITS effectively to check results

$$\text{Period } T = \sqrt{\frac{L(\text{Length of the pendulum}) \text{ } m}{g(\text{acceleration due to gravity}) \text{ } m/s^2}}$$

- **Practical HINT for use in future:** Keep symbols as long as reasonably possible in your calculations. Put in numbers in the last possible stage!

Vectors

- Vectors are quantities those have both magnitude and direction such as displacement, velocity, force
- Compare with scalar (non-directional quantities) such as: distance, speed, work done, volume
- Need an agreed upon reference system

- Using Coordinates:

- graphical:

- Polar $\vec{A} = (A, \phi)$

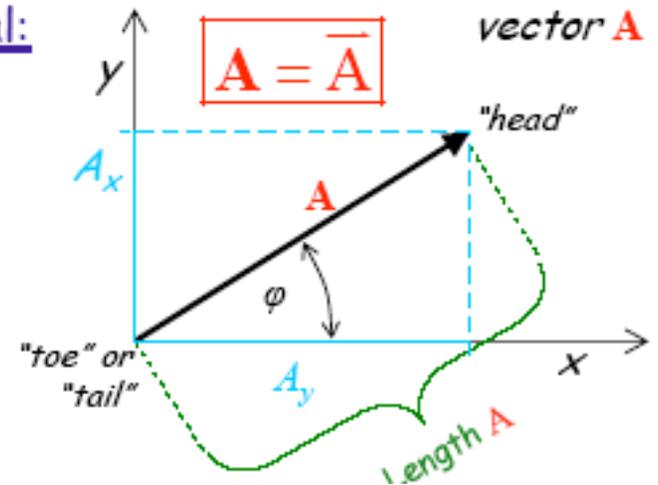
- Orthogonal

$$\vec{A} = A_x \vec{i} + A_y \vec{j}$$

- Relation:

$$A_x = A \cos(\phi)$$

$$A_y = A \sin(\phi)$$



Vector manipulation

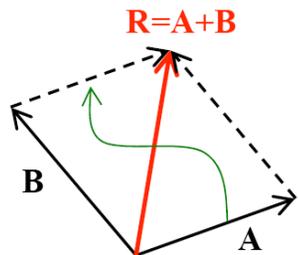
- Inverse of a vector **A**: **-A**

- components: $-A_x, -A_y$



- Vector Addition: **R=A+B**

- Graphically: add vectors "head-to-toe"



- using (orthogonal) coordinates:

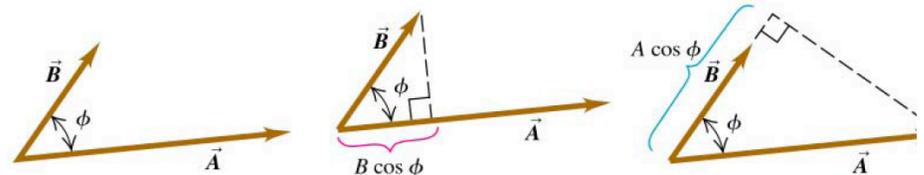
- $R_x = (A+B)_x = A_x + B_x$
- $R_y = (A+B)_y = A_y + B_y$

- easily expandable:

- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + \dots$
- Subtraction = addition of inverse of vector:
 $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + (-\mathbf{B})$
- From 2 to 3 dimensions: z-coordinates...

- Dot-Product (Scalar Product) of two Vectors:

- $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = AB \cos \phi = A(B \cos \phi) = B(A \cos \phi)$
 $= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + \dots$



- Cross-Product (Vector Product) will be discussed later, when we will need it...

Lecture 2

- Motion:

- the displacement or position of an object as function of time: $\mathbf{x}(t)$ (vector!)
- it was the study of motion that led Newton to the breakthrough in mechanics:

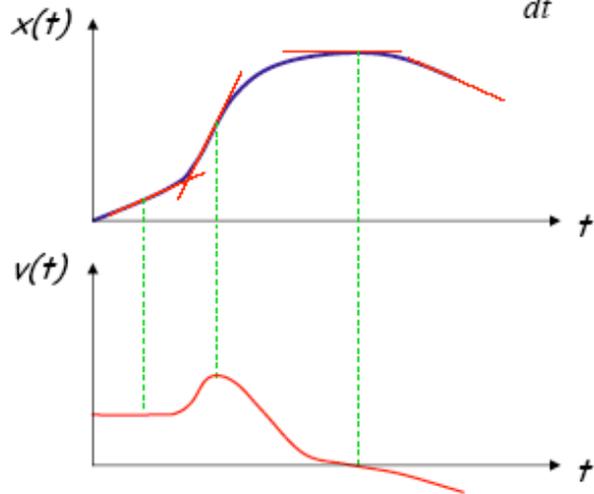
$$\mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}$$

- Definitions:

Motion $\equiv \mathbf{x}(t)$

Velocity (vector): $\mathbf{v}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt}$

Acceleration (vector): $\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt}$



- Thus, given the motion $\mathbf{x}(t)$ we easily find the $\mathbf{v}(t)$ and $\mathbf{a}(t)$ by successive differentiation...

- On the other hand, if the (vector) Force \mathbf{F} is known as function of time, then with Newton's Law $\mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}$, we obtain $\mathbf{a}(t)$; (i.e. we then know acceleration \mathbf{a} at any point t in time...)

With $\mathbf{a}(t)$, \mathbf{v}_0 and \mathbf{x}_0 , we can obtain the full motion $\mathbf{x}(t)$...

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- Often, we want to obtain the motion from the acceleration $\mathbf{a}(t)$; (the acceleration can be had from the knowledge of the force \mathbf{F} and Newton's Law: $\mathbf{F} = m \mathbf{a}$):

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \equiv \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow d\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{a} dt \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{\mathbf{v}(t)} d\mathbf{v} = \int_0^t \mathbf{a} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{v}(t) - \mathbf{v}_0 = \int_0^t \mathbf{a} dt \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{a} dt}$$

For constant \mathbf{a} : $\int_0^t \mathbf{a} dt = \mathbf{a}t \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{a}t}$ constant acceleration

- Integrating once more, we find the motion:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \equiv \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow d\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} dt \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{x}_0}^{\mathbf{x}(t)} d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^t \mathbf{v} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0 = \int_0^t \mathbf{v} dt \Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{v} dt}$$

For constant \mathbf{a} : $\int_0^t \mathbf{v} dt = \int_0^t (\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{a}t) dt = \mathbf{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}t^2$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}t^2}$$
 constant acceleration

- Summary:

- **Definitions:**

Motion $\equiv \mathbf{x}(t)$

Velocity (vector): $\mathbf{v}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0 = \int_0^t \mathbf{v} dt$

Acceleration (vector): $\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}(t) - \mathbf{v}_0 = \int_0^t \mathbf{a} dt$

- For constant acceleration \mathbf{a} :

$$\mathbf{v}(t) - \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{a}t$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a}t^2 \quad (\text{parabola})$$

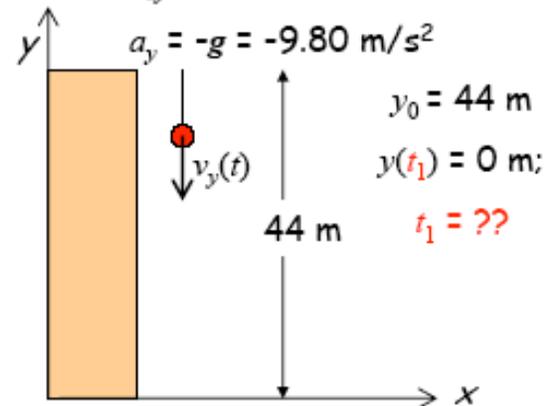
$$\mathbf{v}(t)^2 - \mathbf{v}_0^2 = 2\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

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- Exercises:

- Ball is dropped from rest from the Physics Building (44 m). When does it hit the ground?
- Note: the gravitational acceleration is constant (near Earth's surface):
 $g = 9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$, downwards
- Strategy:
 - 1: make sketch with axes, and other details
 - 2: consider the problem: what is requested; what is going on; what is the physics; can the problem be split in successive parts?
 - 3: pick a solution strategy and start the solution. Try to keep the solution in symbols as much as possible...
 - 4: Check your solution for units, reasonableness, ...

- Sketch: $v_{0y} = 0$ (from rest)



- Only one direction is involved (y)
- Acceleration is constant
- v_y varies with t
- Solution- need to find t_1 given y_0, v_{0y}, a_y

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} t^2$$

rewrite: $y(t_1) = y_0 + v_{0y} t_1 + \frac{1}{2} a_y t_1^2$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = y_0 + 0 t_1 - \frac{1}{2} g t_1^2 \Rightarrow 0 = y_0 - \frac{1}{2} g t_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} g t_1^2 = y_0$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2y_0}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 44 \text{ m}}{9.80 \text{ m/s}^2}} = 2.9965967 \dots \text{ s} \approx 3.00 \text{ s}$$

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- Q2: What is the ball's speed just before it hits the ground (at $t=3.00$ s)?

- simple: $v(t=3.00 \text{ s}) = v_{0y} - gt = ?$
 $= 0 - 9.80 \times 3.00 \text{ m/s}$
 $= -29.4 \text{ m/s}$ (i.e. down)

- Q3: A person on the ground throws a ball straight up at 20 m/s (~50 mi/hr); how high will it go?

- simple: $y - y_0 = (v_y^2 - v_{0y}^2)/2a$
 $y - 0 = (0 - v_{0y}^2)/(-2g)$
 $y = v_{0y}^2/2g$
 $= 400 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-2}/19.60 \text{ ms}^{-2} = 20.4 \text{ m}$

- Q4: How long before the ball returns?

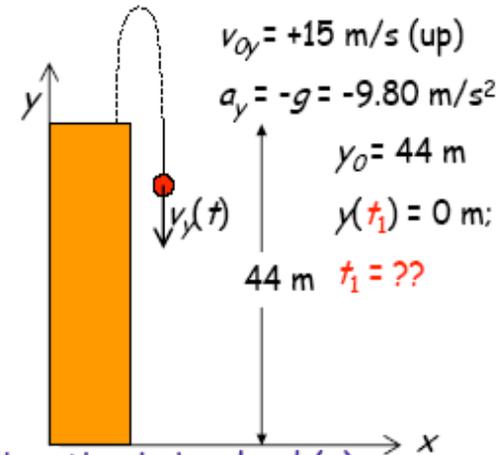
- simple: $v(\text{at max. height}) = v_{0y} - gt_{\text{max}}$
 thus: $t_{\text{max}} = v_{0y}/g = 20 \text{ ms}^{-1}/9.80 \text{ ms}^{-2}$
 $= 2.04 \text{ s} \Rightarrow t_{\text{total}} = 4.08 \text{ s}$

- Q5: A ball thrown straight up stays 4 s up in the air before it hits ground again; how high did it go?

- e.g.: $v_y - v_{0y} = -gt$; at $t_{\text{tot}} = 4 \text{ s}$: $v_y = -v_{0y}$
 thus: $-2v_{0y} = -gt_{\text{tot}}$, and $v_{0y} = 19.8 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow \text{Q3}$

- A ball is thrown upwards from the roof with $v_{0y} = 15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. When does it hit ground?

- Sketch:



- Only one direction is involved (y)

- Acceleration is constant

- v_y varies with t

- Solution- need to find t_1 given y_0, v_{0y}, a_y

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

rewrite: $y(t_1) = y_0 + v_{0y} t_1 + \frac{1}{2} a_y t_1^2$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = y_0 + v_{0y} t_1 - \frac{1}{2} g t_1^2 \Rightarrow \text{Quadratic Eqn in } t_1!$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{-v_{0y} \pm \sqrt{v_{0y}^2 + 2gy_0}}{-g} = \frac{-15 \pm \sqrt{225 + 862}}{-9.80} = \cancel{-1.65 \text{ s}}, 4.89 \text{ s}$$

Check: