

Lecture VIII (1/29/16) §12.7 (cont.) Motion in space

Recall: II Newton's Law  $m \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{F}$

$m = \text{mass (scalar)}$

$\vec{a} = \vec{r}'' = \text{acceleration (vector)}$

$\vec{F} = (\text{sum of all}) \text{ force (vector)}$

gravity force induces acceleration when  $g \approx 9.8 \frac{m}{s^2} = 32 \frac{ft}{s^2}$

§1. Two-dimensional motion in a gravitational field (eg arrow, baseball, golf ball, ...)

Model for the motion of a projectile in which the ONLY force acting is the gravitational force  $\vec{F} = \langle 0, -mg \rangle = m \vec{a}(t)$ ,

so  $\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, -g \rangle$

GOAL: Find  $\vec{r}(t)$  such that  $\vec{r}''(t) = \vec{a}(t)$ . vector that is linear

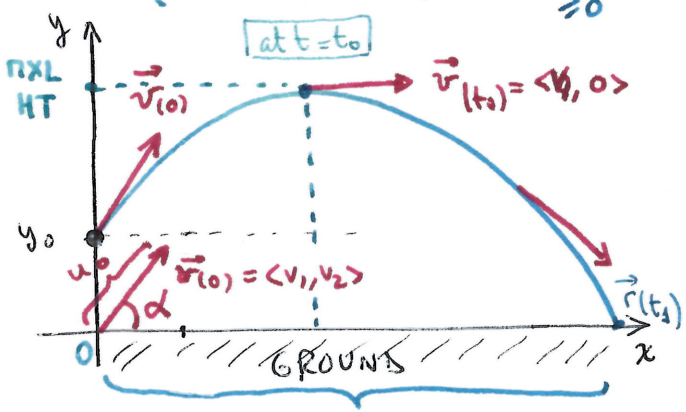
$\vec{r}(t)$  will be unique up to a linear factor  $(\vec{c}_1 + \vec{c}_2 t)$  (on each component)

so to determine  $\vec{r}(t)$  uniquely, we must impose 2 initial conditions.

Initial conditions: come in 2 flavors

- (A) {
  - initial position at  $t=0$   $\vec{r}(0) = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$
  - initial velocity at  $t=0$   $\vec{v}(0) = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = \vec{r}'(0)$

- (B) {
  - initial position at  $t=0$   $\vec{r}(0) = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$
  - initial speed  $v_0$  and angle  $\alpha$ , so  $\vec{v}(0) = \langle v_0 \cos \alpha, v_0 \sin \alpha \rangle$   
( $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ )



Typical example =  $\begin{cases} x_0 = 0 \\ y_0 \geq 0 \end{cases}$

We proceed in 2 steps

STEP 1: Solve for the velocity, by integrating  $\vec{a}(t)$ .

$\vec{v}(t) = \int \vec{a}(s) ds = \int \langle 0, -g \rangle ds = \langle 0, -gt \rangle + \vec{C}$

We use the initial conditions to find the constant  $\vec{C}$ ; because  $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{0} + \vec{C} = \vec{C}$

(A)  $\vec{c} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$  and (B)  $\vec{c} = \langle u_0 \cos \alpha, u_0 \sin \alpha \rangle$  [2]

Note: • y-component of  $\vec{v}(t)$  decreases linearly with  $t$ , so at some time  $t_0$  it reaches maximal height, namely when  $\boxed{-gt_0 + v_2 = 0}$ . Then:

(A)  $t_0 = \frac{v_2}{g}$  or (B)  $t_0 = \frac{u_0 \sin \alpha}{g}$

• x-component of  $\vec{v}(t)$  is constant  $> 0$  if  $v_1 > 0$ . So, the object always moves forward until it hits the ground.

STEP 2: Solve for the position, by integrating  $\vec{v}(t)$ .

(A)  $\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(s) ds = \int \langle v_1, -gs + v_2 \rangle ds = \langle v_1 t, -gt \frac{t}{2} + v_2 t \rangle + \vec{c}_2$

Use initial conditions to find  $\vec{c}_2$ .

$\vec{c}_2 = \vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, y_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \langle v_1 t, -\frac{gt^2}{2} + v_2 t + y_0 \rangle}$

(B)  $\boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \langle (u_0 \cos \alpha)t, -\frac{gt^2}{2} + (u_0 \sin \alpha)t + y_0 \rangle}$

Other info? • Maximal height = y-component of  $\vec{r}(t_0)$

(A)  $\text{Max HT} = y_0 + \frac{v_2^2}{g} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_2^2}{g} = y_0 + \frac{v_2^2}{2g}$

(B)  $\text{Max HT} = y_0 + \frac{u_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g}$

• Time of flight =  $t_1$  such that the object hits the ground, so y-component of  $\vec{r}(t_1) = 0$  & we solve for  $t_1$ .

Q: How to find  $t_1$ ?

For (A)  $-\frac{g}{2} t_1^2 + v_2 t_1 + y_0 = 0$  & solve for  $t_1$ .

Use quadratic formula:  $t_1 = \frac{-v_2 \pm \sqrt{v_2^2 + 4g y_0}}{2(-g/2)} = \frac{v_2 \pm \sqrt{v_2^2 + 2g y_0}}{g}$   $\geq v_2$

But  $t_1 \geq 0$  (time!) so there's only one meaningful solution

(A)  $\boxed{t_1 = \frac{v_2 + \sqrt{v_2^2 + 2g y_0}}{g}}$

(B)  $\boxed{t_1 = \frac{u_0 \sin \alpha + \sqrt{u_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha + 2g y_0}}{g}}$

• Range = horizontal distance travelled = x-component of  $\vec{r}(t_1)$ .

(A)  $\text{range} = v_1 t_1$

(B)  $= (u_0 \cos \alpha) t_1$

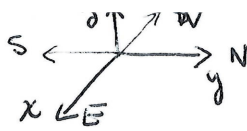
SPECIAL CASE: If  $y_0 = 0$ , then  $t_1 = \frac{2v_2}{g}$  (or  $t_1 = \frac{2u_0 \sin \alpha}{g}$ ) and

the range =  $\frac{2v_1 v_2}{g}$

(or  $= \frac{2u_0^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g} = (u_0^2 \sin 2\alpha) / g$ )



## ② Three-dimensional motion:



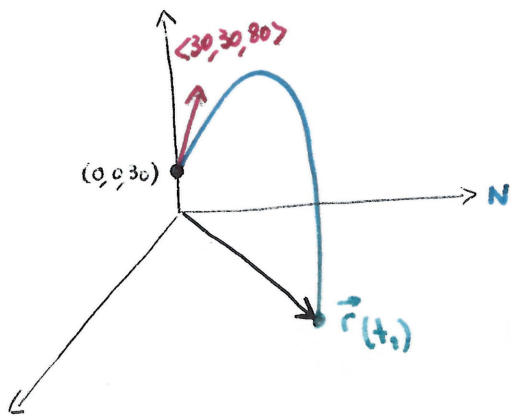
CASE 1: Only gravitational force  $\vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle$  so  $\vec{a} = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle$   
 As in 2D, we impose 2 initial conditions to find  $\vec{v}(t)$  &  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

CASE 2: Other forces, (eg crosswinds, spins, etc) also apply.

Then  $\vec{F} = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle + \text{other forces}$ .

EXAMPLE: A baseball is hit 3 ft above home plate with an initial velocity of  $\langle 30, 30, 80 \rangle$  ft/s. The spin on the baseball produces a horizontal acceleration of the ball of  $5 \text{ ft/s}^2$  in the northward direction.

- (1) Find the position vectors for  $t \geq 0$
- (2) Determine the time of flight and range of the ball.
- (3) Determine its maximum height.  $g = 32 \text{ ft/s}^2$ .



$$(1) \vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle + \langle 0, 5, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 5, -32 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \int \langle 0, 5, -32 \rangle dt = \langle 0, 5t, -32t \rangle + \vec{C}_1$$

$$\vec{C}_1 = \vec{v}(0) = \langle 30, 30, 80 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 30, 5t + 30, 80 - 32t \rangle$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{r}(t) = \int \langle 30, 5t + 30, 80 - 32t \rangle dt = \langle 30t, \frac{5t^2}{2} + 30t, 80t - \frac{32t^2}{2} \rangle + \vec{C}_2$$

$$\vec{C}_2 = \vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0, 3 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{r}(t) = \langle 30t, \frac{5}{2}t^2 + 30t, 3 + 80t - 16t^2 \rangle}$$

(2) Time of flight:  $t_1$  such that  $3 + 80t_1 - 16t_1^2 = 0$   
 quadratic formula =  $\frac{-80 \pm \sqrt{80^2 + 4 \cdot 16 \cdot 3}}{-2 \cdot 16} = \frac{-80 \pm \sqrt{103}}{-32} = \frac{+10 \pm \sqrt{103}}{4}$

$\Rightarrow$  only positive solution  $t = \frac{10 + \sqrt{103}}{4}$

Range  $\vec{r}(t_1) \approx \langle 150, \frac{425}{2}, 0 \rangle$  so range =  $|\vec{r}(t_1)| = \frac{5^2 \sqrt{433}}{2} \approx \boxed{260 \text{ ft}}$   
 $t_1 \approx 5 \text{ sec}$

(3) Maximum height:  $t_0$  where y-comp of  $\vec{v}(t_0) = -32t_0 + 80 = 0 \Rightarrow t_0 = \frac{80}{32} = \frac{5}{2}$   
 Height z-comp of  $\vec{r}(t_0) = 3 + 80 \cdot \frac{5}{2} - 16 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \boxed{103 \text{ ft}}$