

3.3 arclength, curvature
review questions,

3.4 Motion in space

108. Find the arc length of the vector-valued function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = -t\mathbf{i} + 4t\mathbf{j} + 3t\mathbf{k} \text{ over } [0, 1]. \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$s = \int_0^1 \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| dt$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = -1\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{26}$$

$\mathbf{r}(t)$ is line segment from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(-1, 4, 3)$

$$s = \int_0^1 \sqrt{26} dt = \sqrt{26} t \Big|_0^1 = \sqrt{26}.$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle + t \langle -1, 4, 3 \rangle$$

107. Find the length of one turn of the helix given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos t \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sin t \mathbf{j} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} t \mathbf{k}.$$

$$0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = -\frac{\sin t}{2} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\cos t}{2} \mathbf{j} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \mathbf{k}$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \frac{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1+3}{4} = 1$$

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dt = t \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi$$

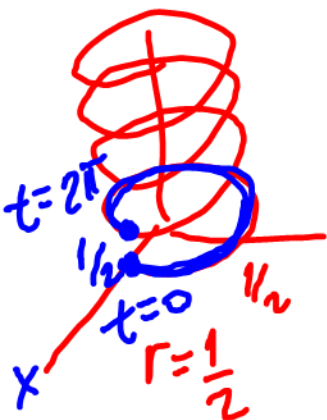
$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \cos t$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \sin t$$

$$t=0, \mathbf{r}(0) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{i}$$

$$t=2\pi, \mathbf{r}(2\pi) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{i} + 0 \mathbf{j} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} 2\pi \mathbf{k}$$



115. Given $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 2e^t, e^t \cos t, e^t \sin t \rangle$, determine

the tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$.

unit

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 2e^t, e^t \cos t + e^t(-\sin t), e^t \sin t + e^t \cos t \rangle$$

$$= e^t \langle 2, \cos t - \sin t, \sin t + \cos t \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = e^t \sqrt{2^2 + (\cos t - \sin t)^2 + (\sin t + \cos t)^2}$$

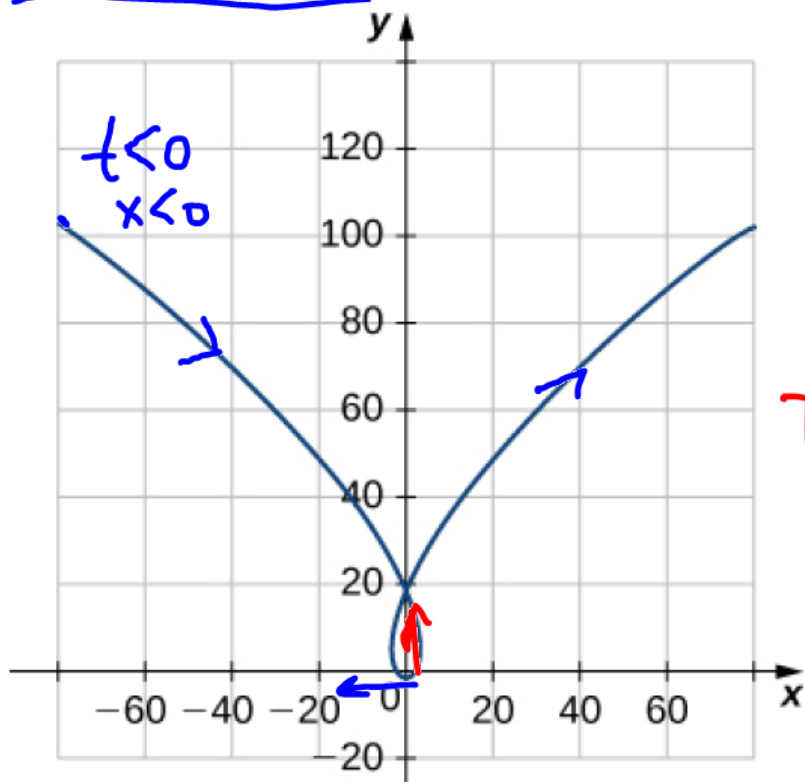
$$= e^t \sqrt{4 + \cos^2 t - \cancel{2\cos t \sin t} + \sin^2 t + \sin^2 t + \cancel{2\sin t \cos t} + \cos^2 t}$$

$$= e^t \sqrt{4+1+1}, \quad \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1$$

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\langle 2, \cos t - \sin t, \sin t + \cos t \rangle}{\sqrt{6}}$$

120. Find the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and unit normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ at $t=0$ for the plane curve

$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t^3 - 4t, 5t^2 - 2 \rangle$. The graph is shown here:



$$\mathbf{T} = \langle -1, 0 \rangle = -\mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|}$$

$$\mathbf{N}(t) = \frac{\mathbf{T}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle 3t^2 - 4, 10t \rangle$$

$$\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \sqrt{(3t^2 - 4)^2 + (10t)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(0) = \frac{\langle -4, 0 \rangle}{4}$$

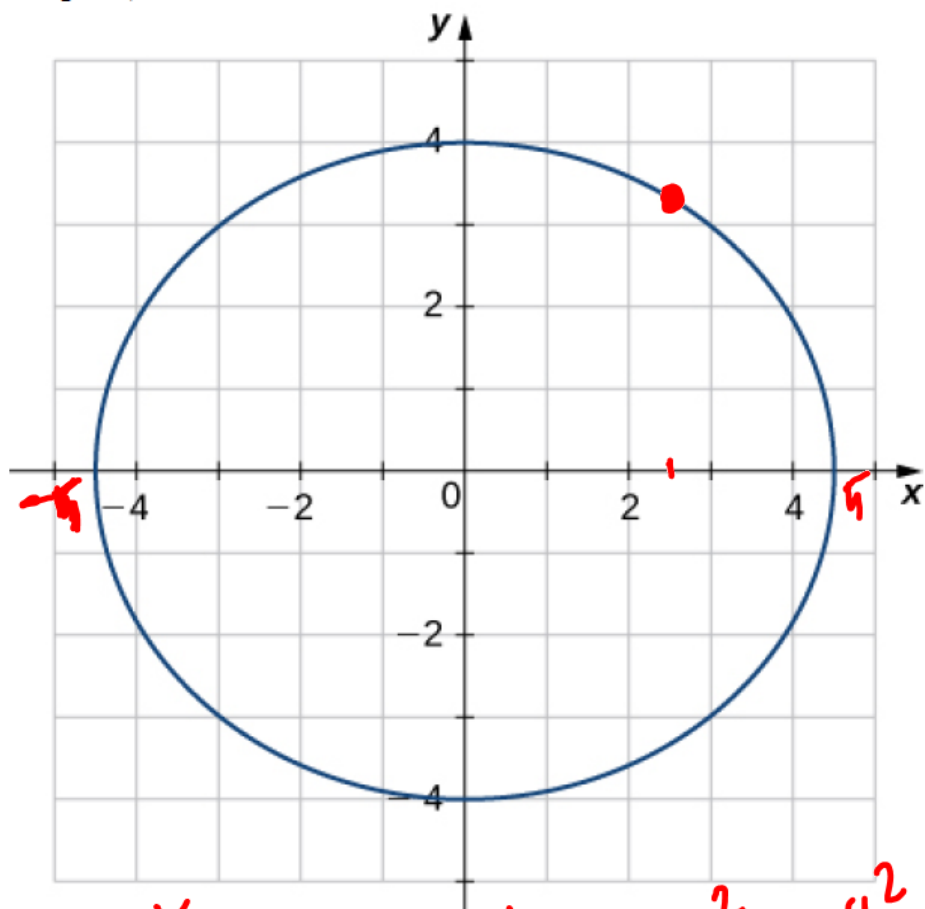
$$\mathbf{T}(0) = \langle -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \left\langle \frac{3t^2 - 4}{\sqrt{(3t^2 - 4)^2 + (10t)^2}}, \frac{10t}{\sqrt{(3t^2 - 4)^2 + (10t)^2}} \right\rangle$$

Try to calculate $\mathbf{N}(0)$

130. Find the curvature of the curve $\mathbf{r}(t) = 5 \cos t \mathbf{i} + 4 \sin t \mathbf{j}$ at $t = \pi/3$. (Note: The graph is an ellipse.)

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\mathbf{T}'(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{\|\mathbf{r}'(t) \times \mathbf{r}''(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{|y''|}{[1+(y')^2]^{3/2}}$$



$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \langle -5 \sin t, 4 \cos t \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{T}(t) = \frac{\langle -5 \sin t, 4 \cos t \rangle}{\sqrt{25 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t}}$$

$$\mathbf{T}'(t) = \langle -5 \cos t \sqrt{\dots} + 5 \sin t, 5 \sin t \rangle$$

$$\cos t = \frac{x}{5} \quad \sin t = \frac{y}{4} \quad \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$$

$$r(t) = \langle 5 \cos t, 4 \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$r'(t) = \langle -5 \sin t, 4 \cos t, 0 \rangle$$

$$r''(t) = \langle -5 \cos t, -4 \sin t, 0 \rangle$$

$$r'(t) \times r''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -5 \sin t & 4 \cos t & 0 \\ -5 \cos t & -4 \sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i \cdot 0 - j \cdot 0 + k (20 \sin^2 t + 20 \cos^2 t)$$

$$K = \frac{\|r'(t) \times r''(t)\|}{\|r'(t)\|^3} = \frac{20}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{91}}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{160}{91 \sqrt{91}}$$

$$\|r'(t)\| = \sqrt{25 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t} = \sqrt{9 \sin^2 t + 16} = \frac{\sqrt{91}}{2} \text{ at } t = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

3.4 | Motion in Space

Definition

Let $\mathbf{r}(t)$ be a twice-differentiable vector-valued function of the parameter t that represents the position of an object as a function of time. The **velocity vector** $\mathbf{v}(t)$ of the object is given by

$$\text{Velocity} = \mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{r}'(t). \quad (3.20)$$

The **acceleration vector** $\mathbf{a}(t)$ is defined to be

$$\text{Acceleration} = \mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{v}'(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t). \quad (3.21)$$

The *speed* is defined to be

$$\text{Speed} = v(t) = \|\mathbf{v}(t)\| = \|\mathbf{r}'(t)\| = \frac{ds}{dt}. \quad (3.22)$$



3.14 A particle moves in a path defined by the vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2 - 3t)\mathbf{i} + (2t - 4)\mathbf{j} + (t + 2)\mathbf{k}$, where t measures time in seconds and where distance is measured in feet. Find the velocity, acceleration, and speed as functions of time.

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{r}'(t) = (2t - 3)\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 1\mathbf{k} \quad \text{velocity}$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{v}'(t) = 2\mathbf{i} \quad \text{acceleration.}$$

$$v(t) = \|\mathbf{v}(t)\| = \sqrt{(2t-3)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{(2t-3)^2 + 5} \quad \text{Speed}$$

Theorem 3.7: The Plane of the Acceleration Vector

The acceleration vector $\mathbf{a}(t)$ of an object moving along a curve traced out by a twice-differentiable function $\mathbf{r}(t)$ lies in the plane formed by the unit tangent vector $\mathbf{T}(t)$ and the principal unit normal vector $\mathbf{N}(t)$ to C . Furthermore,

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \underbrace{v'(t)}_{v'(t)} \mathbf{T}(t) + \underbrace{[v(t)]^2 \kappa}_{[v(t)]^2 \kappa} \mathbf{N}(t).$$

Here, $v(t)$ is the speed of the object and κ is the curvature of C traced out by $\mathbf{r}(t)$.

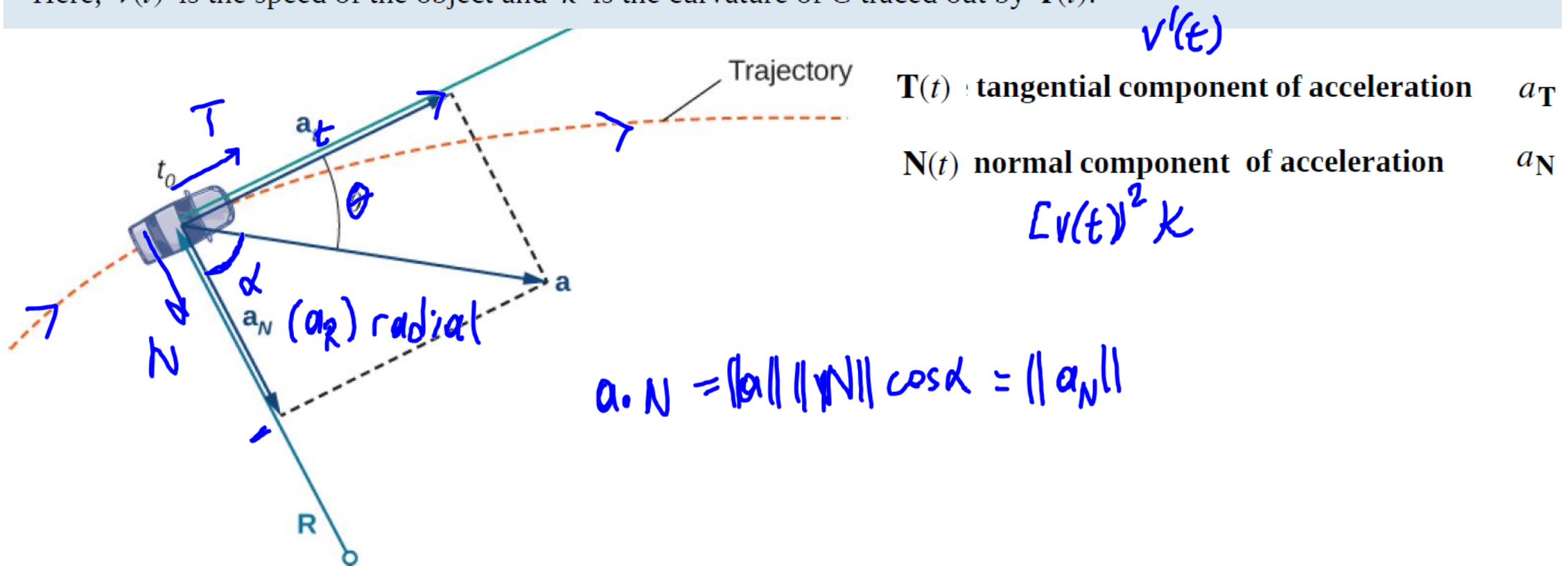


Figure 3.13 The dashed line represents the trajectory of an object (a car, for example). The acceleration vector points toward the inside of the turn at all times.

Theorem 3.8: Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration

Let $\mathbf{r}(t)$ be a vector-valued function that denotes the position of an object as a function of time. Then $\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t)$ is the acceleration vector. The tangential and normal components of acceleration $a_{\mathbf{T}}$ and $a_{\mathbf{N}}$ are given by the formulas

$$a_{\mathbf{T}} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{T}\| \cos \theta$$

$$a_{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{\mathbf{r}'(t)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t)\|} = \frac{\mathbf{v}(t)}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \quad (3.23)$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\mathbf{a}\| \sin \theta$$

$$a_{\mathbf{N}} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{N} = \frac{\|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}\|}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2 - a_{\mathbf{T}}^2}. \quad (3.24)$$

These components are related by the formula

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = a_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{T}(t) + a_{\mathbf{N}} \mathbf{N}(t). \quad (3.25)$$

Here $\mathbf{T}(t)$ is the unit tangent vector to the curve defined by $\mathbf{r}(t)$, and $\mathbf{N}(t)$ is the unit normal vector to the curve defined by $\mathbf{r}(t)$.



3.15 An object moves in a path defined by the vector-valued function $\mathbf{r}(t) = 4t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j}$, where t measures time in seconds.

a. Find a_T and a_N as functions of t .

b. Find a_T and a_N at time $t = -3$.

parabola

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{r}'(t) = 4\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j} = \langle 4, 2t, 0 \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{r}''(t) = 2\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$a_T = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{4 \cdot 0 + 2t \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 0}{\sqrt{16 + 4t^2}} = \frac{2t^2}{\sqrt{16 + 4t^2}}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 & 2t & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} \cdot 0 - \mathbf{j} \cdot 0 + \mathbf{k} \cdot 4t$$

$$a_N = \frac{\|\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{a}\|}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{|4t|}{\sqrt{16 + 4t^2}}$$

$$a_T(-3) = \frac{18}{\sqrt{52}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$a_N(-3) = \frac{12}{2\sqrt{13}} = \frac{6\sqrt{13}}{13}$$

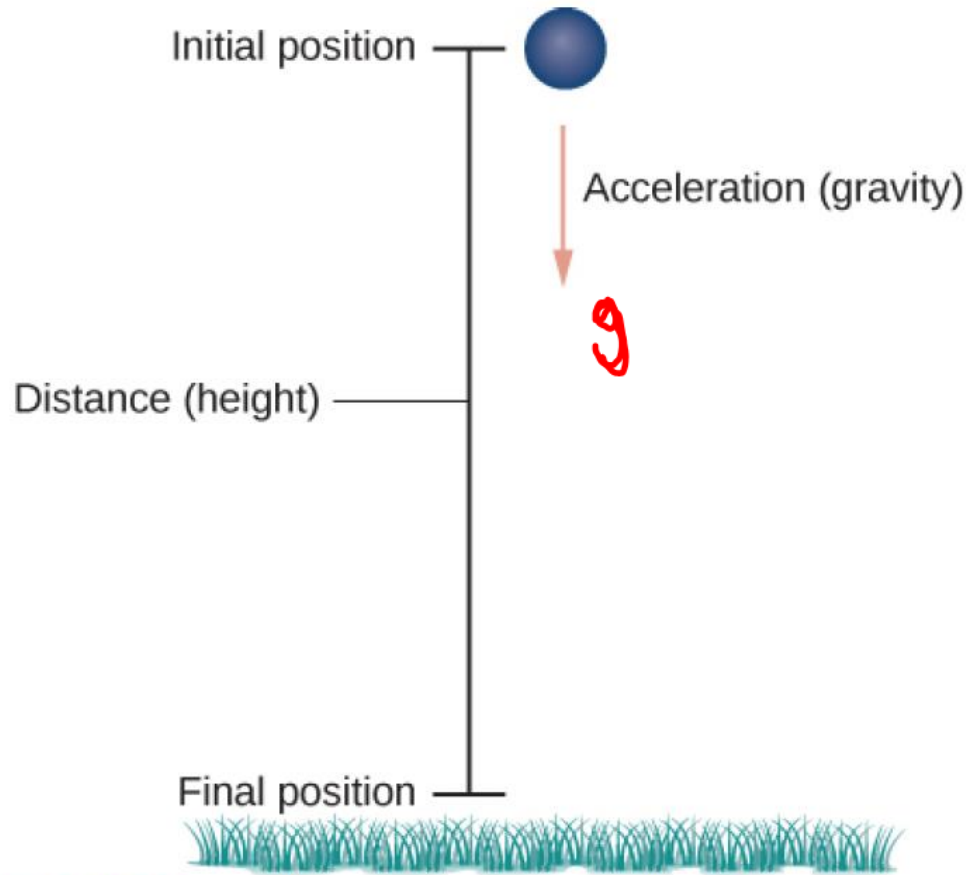
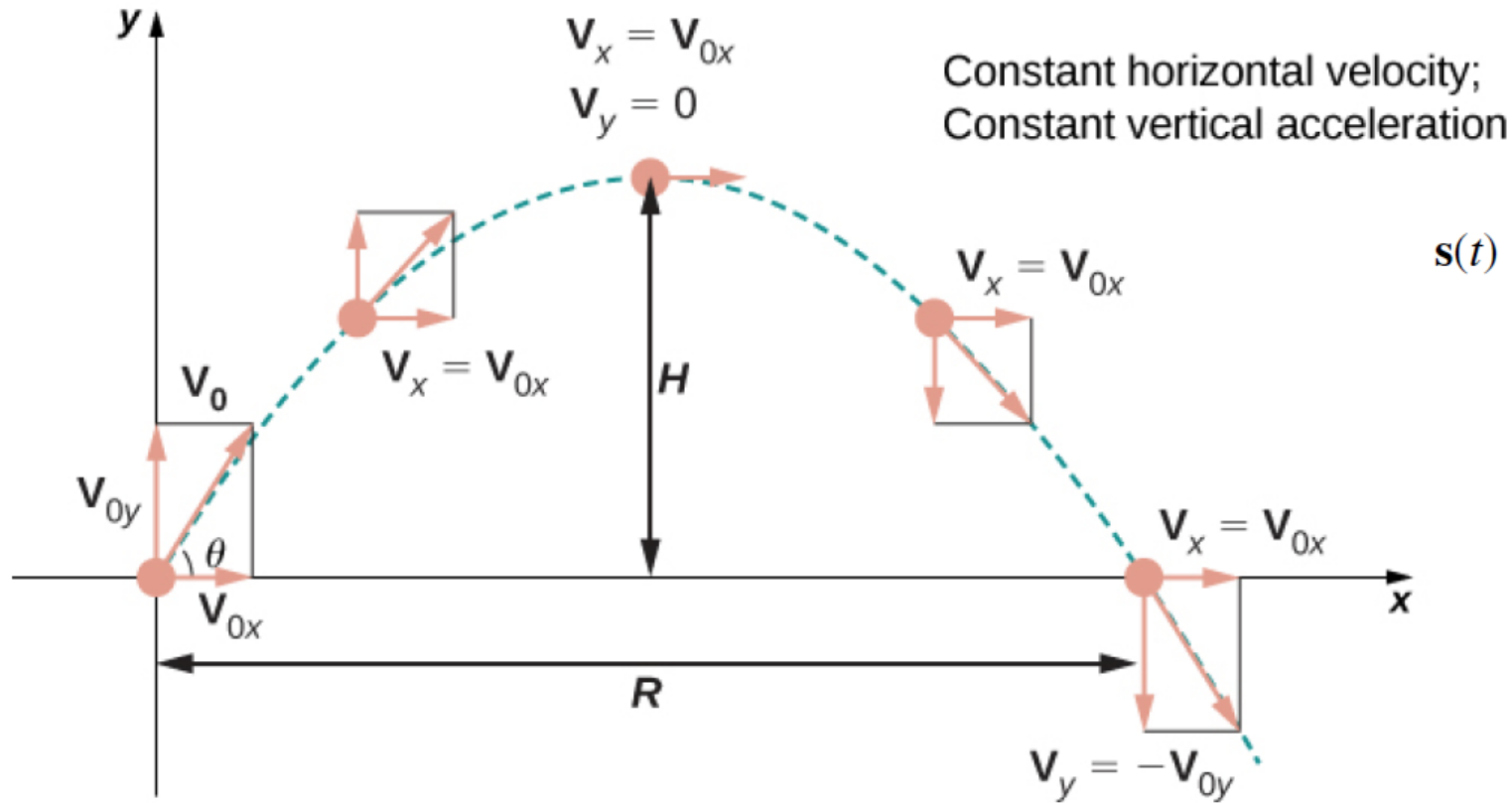


Figure 3.15 An object is falling under the influence of gravity.

$$F = ma = mg$$
$$a(t) = g$$
$$v(t) = gt + v_0, \quad v_0 = 0 \text{ for free-fall}$$
$$v(t) = gt$$
$$r(t) = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 + r_0, \quad r_0 = 0$$
$$r(t) = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

y-component of projectile motion

Projectile Motion



$$\mathbf{v}_0 = v_0 \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + v_0 \sin \theta \mathbf{j}.$$

$$\mathbf{s}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{v}_0 t + \mathbf{s}_0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}(t) &= -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 \mathbf{j} + v_0 t \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + v_0 t \sin \theta \mathbf{j} \\ &= v_0 t \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + v_0 t \sin \theta \mathbf{j} - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \mathbf{j} \\ &= \underline{v_0 t \cos \theta \mathbf{i}} + \left(v_0 t \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \right) \mathbf{j}. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3.16 Projectile motion when the object is thrown upward at an angle θ . The horizontal motion is at constant velocity and the vertical motion is at constant acceleration.



3.16 An archer fires an arrow at an angle of 40° above the horizontal with an initial speed of 98 m/sec. The height of the archer is 171.5 cm. Find the horizontal distance the arrow travels before it hits the ground.

$$V_0 = 98 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\theta = 40^\circ$$

$$V_v = V_0 \sin 40^\circ = 98 \cdot \sin 40^\circ \approx 63 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_h = V_0 \cos 40^\circ = 98 \cdot \cos 40^\circ \approx 75 \text{ m/s}$$

$$1.71 = 63t + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$5t^2 + 63t - 1.715 = 0$$

