Physics 2211K
Test # 1
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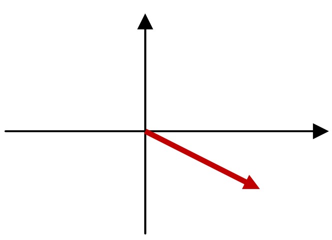
In order to evaluate your progress in this course, I must see how you arrive at your answers. <u>Therefore, you must show your work in order to receive credit for a question</u>. Always circle your answer and show the units.

1. Vector $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ and vector $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$. Calculate vector $\vec{C}$ such that $2\vec{A} + 3\vec{B} - \vec{C} = 0$. (Express $\vec{C}$ in the $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$ format.)

$$2\vec{A} + 3\vec{B} - \vec{C} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{C} = 2\vec{A} + 3\vec{B}$$
$$\vec{C} = 2\vec{A} + 3\vec{B} = 2\left(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}\right) + 3\left(2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}\right)$$
$$\vec{C} = \left(12\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}\right) = 12\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$$

2. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the vector $\vec{V} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$. (Express the direction carefully.)



$$V^2 = V_x^2 + V_y^2 = (4)^2 + (-3)^2 = 25$$
$$V = 5 \ @ \ \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right) = -36.9° \text{ or } +143.1°$$
$$\left.\begin{matrix} V_x > 0 \\ V_y < 0 \end{matrix}\right\} 4^{th} \text{ quadrant; } \therefore \theta = -36.9° \text{ as shown}$$

3. An object traveling initially at $25\ m/s$ is stopped by the uniform acceleration $5\ m/s^2$. How long does it take to stop?

$$v_f = v_0 + at \Rightarrow 0 = 25\ m/s - (5\ m/s^2)t \Rightarrow t = \frac{25\ m/s}{5\ m/s^2} = 5s$$

4. An object traveling initially at $25\ m/s$ is stopped by the uniform acceleration $5\ m/s^2$. How far does it travel while stopping?

$$v_f^2 = v_0^2 + 2ad \Rightarrow 0 = \left(25\ m/s\right)^2 - 2(5\ m/s^2)d \Rightarrow d = \frac{\left(25\ m/s\right)^2}{10\ m/s^2} = 62.5\ m$$

5. A car traveling at ***20 m/s*** (approx. 50 mi/hr) is on a (circular) curve with radius ***125 m***. What (centripetal) acceleration is necessary for it to maintain this path?

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{(20\ m/s)^2}{125\ m} = 3.20\ m/s^2$$

6. An object travels in one dimension with the equation of motion $x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m$. Calculate its velocity at $t = 3s$.

$$\text{if } x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m, \text{ then } v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \left(8 - 9t^2\right) m/s$$
$$\text{at } t = 3s, v(t) = \left[8 - 9(4)^2\right] m/s = -73\ m/s$$

7. An object travels in one dimension with the equation of motion $x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m$. Calculate ***when*** it is at rest.

$$\text{From \# 6, } v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \left(8 - 9t^2\right) m/s$$
$$\text{at rest means } v = 0, \text{ so}$$
$$v(t) = 0 = \left[8 - 9t^2\right] m/s, \text{ and}$$
$$t = \sqrt{8/9}\ s = 0.94\ s$$

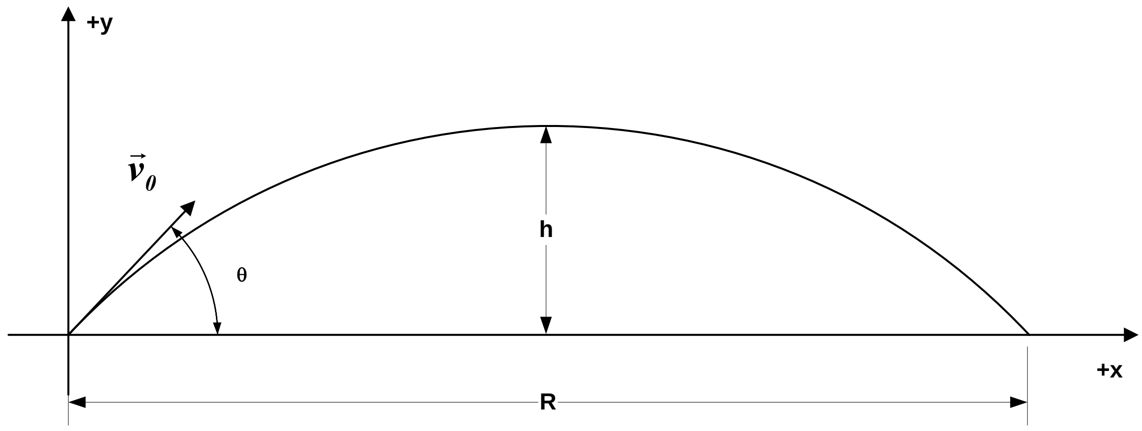
8. An object travels in one dimension with the equation of motion $x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m$. Calculate ***where*** it is at rest.

$$\text{From \# 7, the object is at rest at } t = 0.94s$$
$$\text{if } x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)\ m, \text{ then}$$
$$\text{at } t = 0.94s, x(t) = \left[8(0.94) - 3(0.94)^3\right] ms = +5.03\ m$$

9. An object travels in one dimension with the equation of motion $x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m$. Is its acceleration constant? (Yes or no & why you say so.)

$$\text{If } x(t) = (8t - 3t^3)m, \text{ then}$$
$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} = \left(8 - 9t^2\right) m/s, \text{ and}$$
$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -18t\ m/s^2$$

NO---a is not constant because it depends on time: a(t) = -18t m/s²



10. A golf ball is hit from the tee (on perfectly level ground) with initial velocity $\vec{v}_0 = 50\ m/s$ at the angle to the horizontal $\theta = 40°$. **(Use g= 10 m/s^2)**

a. Calculate the *x*- and *y*-components of the initial velocity.

$$v_{0x} = v_0 \cos\theta = (50\ m/s)\cos 40° = 38.30\ m/s$$
$$v_{0y} = v_0 \sin\theta = (50 m/s)\sin 40° = 32.14\ m/s$$

b. Write the equations of motion for ***x(t)*** and ***y(t)*** (using numbers and appropriate units for the velocity and acceleration components);

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \tfrac{1}{2}a_x t^2 \text{ (for constant acceleration)}$$
$$x_0 = 0 \text{ (choice of origin)}$$
$$a_x = 0 \text{ for projectiles}$$
$$\therefore\ x(t) = 0 + (38.30\ m/s)t + 0 = (38.30\ m/s)t$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + v_{0y}t + \tfrac{1}{2}a_y t^2 \text{ (for constant acceleration)}$$
$$y_0 = 0 \text{ (choice of origin)}$$
$$a_y = -g = -10\ m/s^2 \text{ for projectiles}$$
$$\therefore\ y(t) = (32.14\ m/s)t - \left(5\ m/s^2\right)t^2$$

c. Calculate how long it takes to reach the ground again after leaving the tee (the time-of-flight). ***The object is at ground level when y = 0:***

$$y(t) = 0 = (32.14\ m/s)t - (5\ m/s^2)t^2 = t\left[(32.14\ m/s) - (5\ m/s^2)t\right]$$
$$\Rightarrow\ t = 0\ \ \&\ t = \frac{32.14\ m/s}{5\ m/s^2} = 6.43\ s.$$
$$t = 0 \text{ is the start, so } t_f = \text{ time-of-flight} = 6.43\ s$$

d. Calculate how far it travels horizontally (**R**) before returning to the ground. ***Horizontal motion is controlled by x(t) & time-of-flight:***

$$R = v_{0x}t_f = (38.30\ m/s)\times(6.43\ s) = 246.2\ m$$

e. Calculate its maximum height (**h**) in the trajectory. ***Maximum height is governed by motion in the y-direction, and h occurs when $v_y = 0$:***

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} v_{fy}^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2a_y d_y \\ v_{0y} = 32.14\ m/s \text{ (initial speed in y direction)} \\ v_{fy} = 0 \text{ (is at rest momentarily at max height)} \\ a_y = -10\ m/s^2 \text{ (acceleration due to gravity)} \\ d_y = h \text{ (y distance from start when } v_y = 0\text{)} \end{array}\right\}\ h = \frac{v_{0y}^2}{-2a_y} = \frac{(32.14\ m/s)^2}{-2(-10\ m/s^2)} = 51.65\ m$$

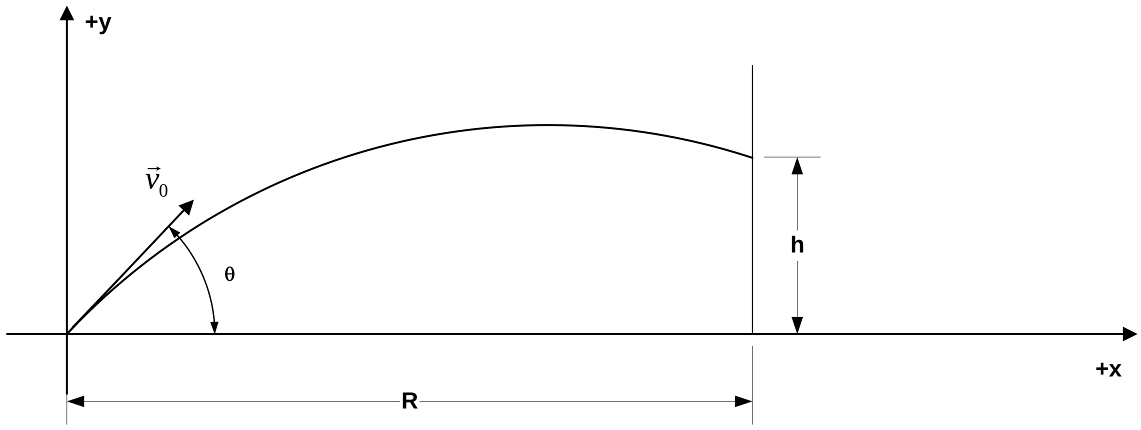
f. Calculate how fast it is traveling just before it hits the ground.

Need to calculate v_{fx} and v_{fy} to get $v_f^2 = v_{fx}^2 + v_{fy}^2$:

$$v_{fx} = v_{0x} = 38.30\ m/s \text{ because } a_x = 0$$
$$v_{fy} = v_y \text{ at } t_f:\ v_{fy} = v_{0y} + a_y t_f = 32.14\ m/s - (5m/s^2)(6.43s) = -32.14\ m/s,$$
$$\text{(Also, on return to the ground, } d_y = 0 \text{ and } v_{fy}^2 = v_{0y}^2 + 2a_y d_y = v_{0y}^2\text{)}$$
$$v_f = \sqrt{(38.30\ m/s)^2 + (-32.14\ m/s)^2} = 50.0\ m/s$$

Extra credit. You may earn up to 10 additional points for success with this problem. ***Do not attempt it until you have done your best on the rest of the exam.***

11. Georgia State's place kicker has just made a successful field goal from the line of scrimmage approximately at the **30 yard line**. In doing so, the football left the tee with $\vec{v}_0$ at the angle $\theta=50°$ above the horizontal, traveled $R = 60m$ from the tee to the net behind the goalposts, and hit the net $h = 8m$ above the ground. **(Use g= 10 m/s^2)**



a. How long was the football in flight (from leaving the tee to hitting the net)? ***Need to check the equations of motion to see how to proceed:***

$$x(t) = v_{0x}t \;\; (a_x = 0) \Rightarrow \;\; R = x(T) = (v_0 cos\theta)\, T \;\; (T = time\text{-}of\text{-}flight)$$

$$y(t) = v_{0y}t + \tfrac{1}{2}a_y t^2 \Rightarrow h = y(T) = (v_0 sin\theta)\, T - \tfrac{1}{2}gT^2$$

We know R, h, g, and θ***; we want T and*** v_0.

Thus. we have a system of two equations and two unknowns.

From the x(T) equation, we have $v_0 = R/(Tcos\theta)$; ***Substituting that into y(T) gives***

$$h = \left(\frac{R}{T\, cos\theta}\right)(sin\theta)\, T - \tfrac{1}{2}gT^2 = R\, tan\theta - \tfrac{1}{2}gT^2 \text{, and algebraic rearrangement gives}$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{2(R\, tan\theta - h)}{g}} = 3.56 \text{ s}$$

b. How fast was it traveling (v_0) when it left the tee?

From the x(T) relation and T from part a.,

$$v_0 = \frac{R}{T \cos\theta} = 26.19 \text{ m/s}$$