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4) Multi-Dimensional Kinematics

4.1, 4.2

Already Covered

These topics
in Chapter 3 notes
& Lectures

Except we didn't
do tedious examples

4.3 Projectile Motion

Motion in orthogonal
directions is independent,

Perpendicular
directions

In a Newton's 2nd law

It's a vector law and true SENSE component by component.

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m \vec{a}$$

Net force on a body

center of mass acceleration

$$F_{i,\text{net}} = m a_i$$

element representation

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Obviously complicated systems can have forces in many directions and those forces

can be dependent

(ordinary isotropic pressure)

example

Pressure forces.

It pushes

outward equally in all

directions



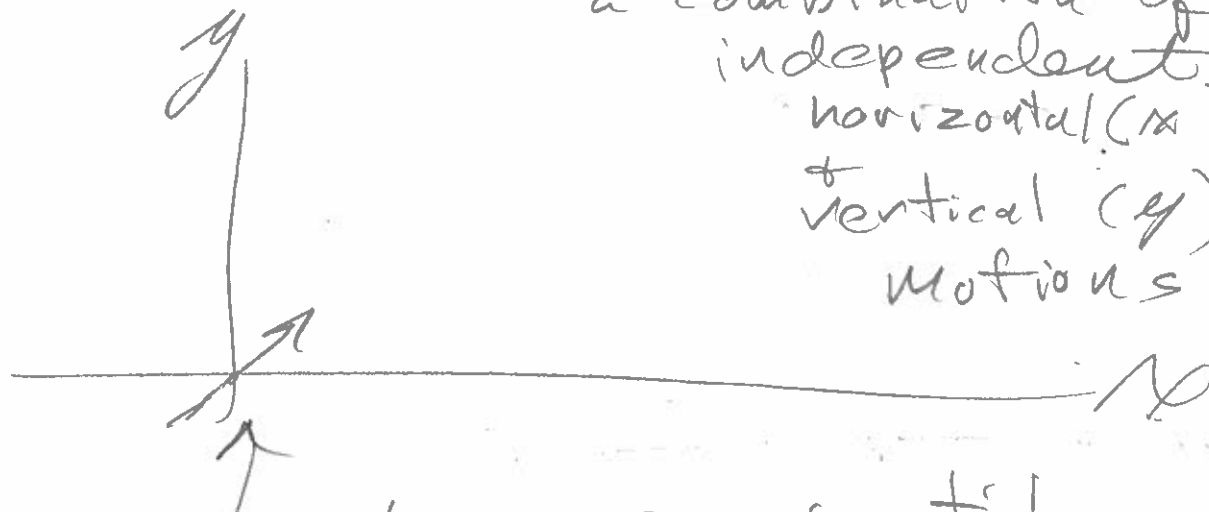
Mountains slump because pressure pushes horizontally as well

a vertically



More on forces later

For the moment just a combination of independent horizontal (x) + vertical (y) motions



Launch a projectile and with $\vec{v}_0 = v_{0x} \hat{i} + v_{0y} \hat{j}$ (No air drag)

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Why?

All these things had to be discovered

Lack of Scientific idealization
Lack of doctrine of controlled experimentation,
Lack of idea of how to treat accelerated motion mathematically

Galileo (1564-1642)

is held high regard because he put all these concepts together and put them in the historical record.

The ancient Greek mathematician

(c. 287 - 212 BCE) } Archimedes did too, but he failed establish these ideas in the practice of Nature knowledge

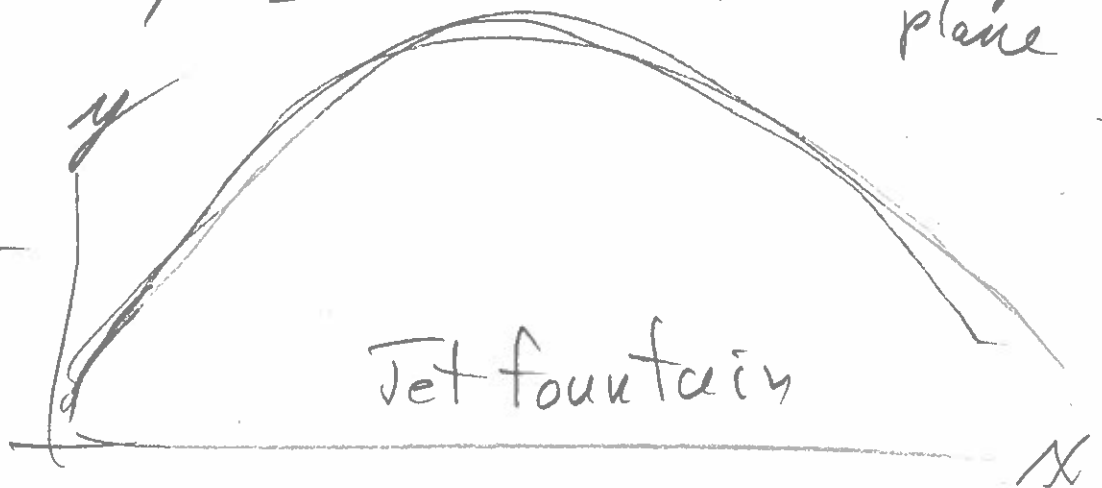
Analysis of Projectile motion

a) Shape In x direction after launch and before impact,
 $x = v_{x0} t$ } no force acts, and so v_x is constant.

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No air drag
is scientific idealization
1000s of years of ballistics
from throwing stones
~~to~~ shooting cannon
and No one until Galileo
found out projectile motion
ideally is parabolic, in x - y
plane

You can
even
see it
frozen
in jet
fountains



known since ~~Ancient~~ Roman times
and probably a lot
earlier

and the Greco-Roman mathematicians
understood parabolas — though
they understood without formulae
in an ancient Euclidean geometry sense.

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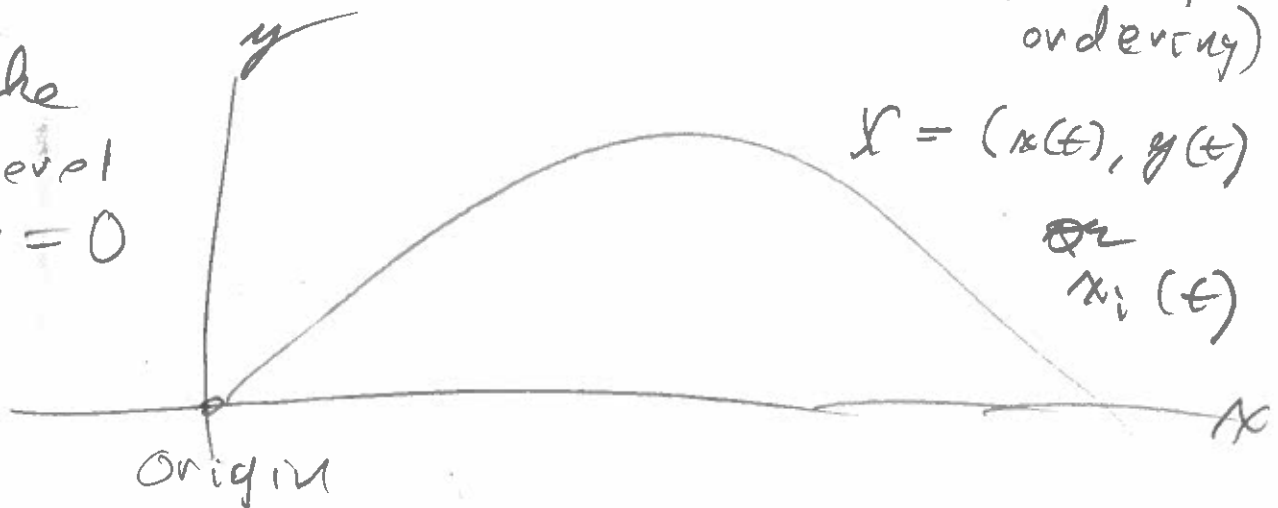
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In x direction gravity
acts causing
free fall
with $a_y = -g$

$\therefore$ eqn. of kinematics (2) in my list
which is
not a
universal
ordering)

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_{y0}t$$

we take
ground level
as $y = 0$



slope = $\frac{dy}{dt} = v_{y0} > 0$
at launch

timeless eqn $v_y = \pm \sqrt{v_{y0}^2 + 2(-g)y}$
(3) in my
list of kinematic equations)

same speed but
two directions at y

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But what is path in space?

Well $\vec{r}(t) = [x(t), y(t)]$

but that is $= [v_{x0}t, y = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_{y0}t]$

And that's useful,

but $\uparrow$ Time ~~is~~ is the 'great coordinator of the universe

and in the classical limit

it's the same in all frames

But to understand the path in space

we want $y(x)$

Not $y(t)$

Question Find $y(x)$

by substituting for t .

Go.

Ans.

$$t = \frac{x}{v_{x0}}, \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x^2}{v_{x0}^2} + \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}} x$$

A parabola

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So Parabolic in x as well as in t



Not a velocity now

$$\text{slope} = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} \left(-\frac{1}{2} g \frac{x^2}{v_{x0}^2} + \frac{v_{y0} x}{v_{x0}} \right) \right|_{x=0}$$

Question

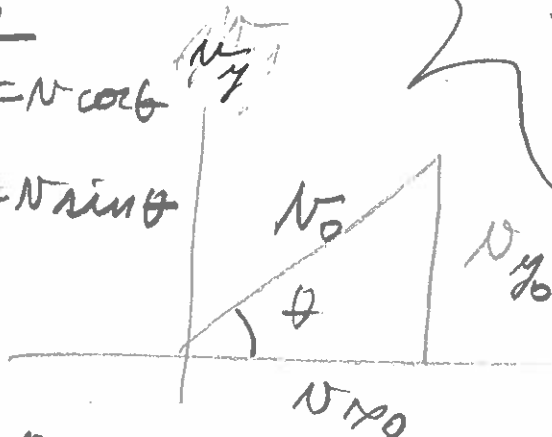
take the derivative and then set $x=0$.

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = \left(-g \frac{x}{v_{x0}^2} + \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}} \right) \bigg|_{x=0}$$

Question

$$v_{xc} = ? = v \cos \theta$$

$$v_{y0} = ? = v \sin \theta$$



$$= \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}} \text{ which is a tangent}$$

Now Recall velocity extends in abstract velocity space, but direction is in space space.

So θ is the Launch angle.

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}}$$

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b) Maximum height

Recall timeless eqn

$$v_y^2 - v_{y0}^2 = 2(-g)y$$

Question Solve for $y_{\max}$. Go!

$$0 - v_{y0}^2 = 2(-g)y_{\max}$$

when $v_y = 0$ at top of parabolic path

$$y_{\max} = \frac{v_{y0}^2}{g}$$

Question
Dimensional
analysis

Does Dimensional

$$[y_{\max}] = L$$

analysis confirm this result?

$$= \left[\frac{v_{y0}^2}{g} \right] = \left[\frac{L^2/T^2}{L/T^2} \right]$$

$$= L \text{ per.}$$

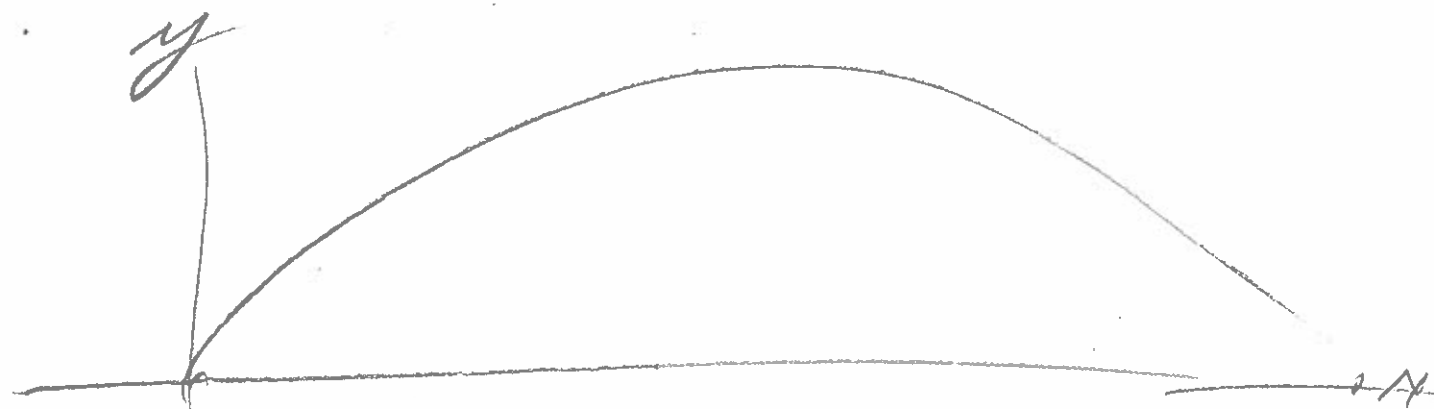
c) Range

$$\text{Recall } y = -\frac{1}{2}g \frac{x^2}{v_{x0}^2} + \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}}x$$

We are on level ground,

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Question Solve for range? Go
 $y=0$ at both ends

$\therefore$ One solution is $x=0$,
 but that is not range

Other solution $0 = -\frac{1}{2} g \frac{x^2}{v_{x0}^2} + \frac{v_{y0}}{v_{x0}}$

$$x_{\text{range}} = \frac{2}{g} v_{x0} v_{y0}$$

Question Recall $v_{xc} = v_0 \cos \theta$

$$v_{y0} = v_0 \sin \theta$$

Rewrite x_{range} in terms
 of v_0 and θ

$$x_{\text{range}} = \frac{2v_0^2}{g} \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

$$x_{\text{range}} = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin(2\theta)$$

Use trig identity
 $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$
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Question Given fixed v_0
what is the launch
angle for maximum range?

You'll have to use calculus
to find the maximum. Go
(and recall chain rule)

$$x_{\text{range}} = \frac{2v_0^2 \sin 2\theta}{g}$$

$$\frac{dx_{\text{range}}}{d\theta} = \frac{2v_0^2}{g} \cos(2\theta) \cdot 2 = 0$$

for stationary point

$$\therefore \cos(2\theta) = 0$$

$$\therefore 2\theta = \pi/2$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} = 45^\circ$$

which seems reasonable.

What you might guess.

But air drag especially ~~with~~ spinning
objects can cause considerable difference.

Google AI says golf ^{ball} distance maximizes
for $\theta \approx 24^\circ$, but with lots of variation
depending on swing speed and other factors

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but $|\underline{v}|$ is constant for uniform circular motion

$\theta =$ "Greek small omega"

= universal symbol for

$$\theta = \omega t$$

angular velocity
units: [radians/unit time]

Also called angular frequency

Ordinary frequency

$$f = \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta t} \quad \text{is} \quad \left[\frac{\text{revolutions}}{\Delta t} \right] \quad \omega = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}$$

where ΔN is revolutions or cycles per unit time

where $\Delta \theta$ is in radians and so is radians per unit time

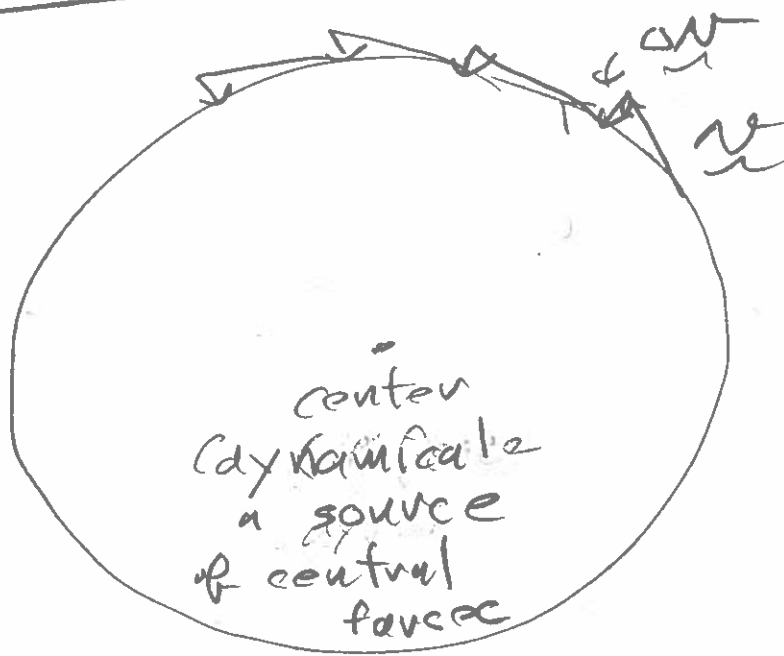
This is a special case

where we use different symbol and name for quantity just because we use different units

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4.4 Uniform Circular Motion



Very qualitatively
 $\Delta \underline{v}$
 that pull
 you back
 on to
 the circle
 points toward
 the center

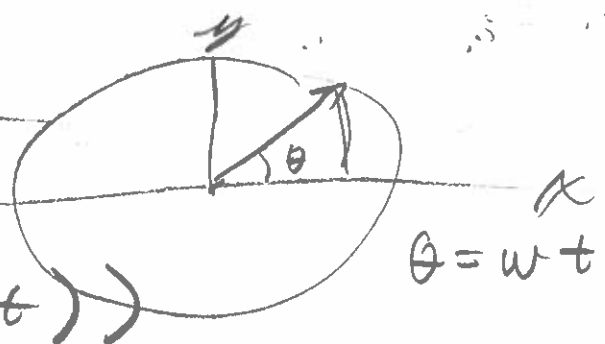
Which dynamically
 is a center
 of force.

In fact,
 the acceleration $\underline{a}$
 vector points
 inward radially exactly
 and it's always changing direction
 but $|\underline{a}|$ (i.e., its magnitude
 is constant)

Proof

$$\underline{r} = (x, y) = r(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$$

$$\underline{r} = r(\cos(\omega t), \sin(\omega t))$$



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$$1 \text{ rev} = 2\pi \text{ radians}$$

$$\therefore f * 1 = f \left(\frac{2\pi}{1} \right) = \omega$$

factor
of unit

$$\omega = 2\pi f \text{ or } f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

~~Why~~ use ω not f .



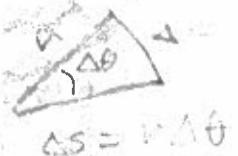
$$\omega \Delta s = r \Delta\theta \text{ only if}$$

Circumference

$\Delta\theta$ is in radians

$$= r(2\pi)$$

$$\therefore \text{tangential velocity } v = \frac{ds}{dt} = r\omega$$



Also radians are natural units in calculus

Expansions in Taylor Series

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots$$

But only equal if θ is in radians

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots$$

PO resume

$$\text{So } \underline{r} = r(\cos(\omega t), \sin(\omega t))$$

Question

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{r}} = ?$$

Remember the chain rule

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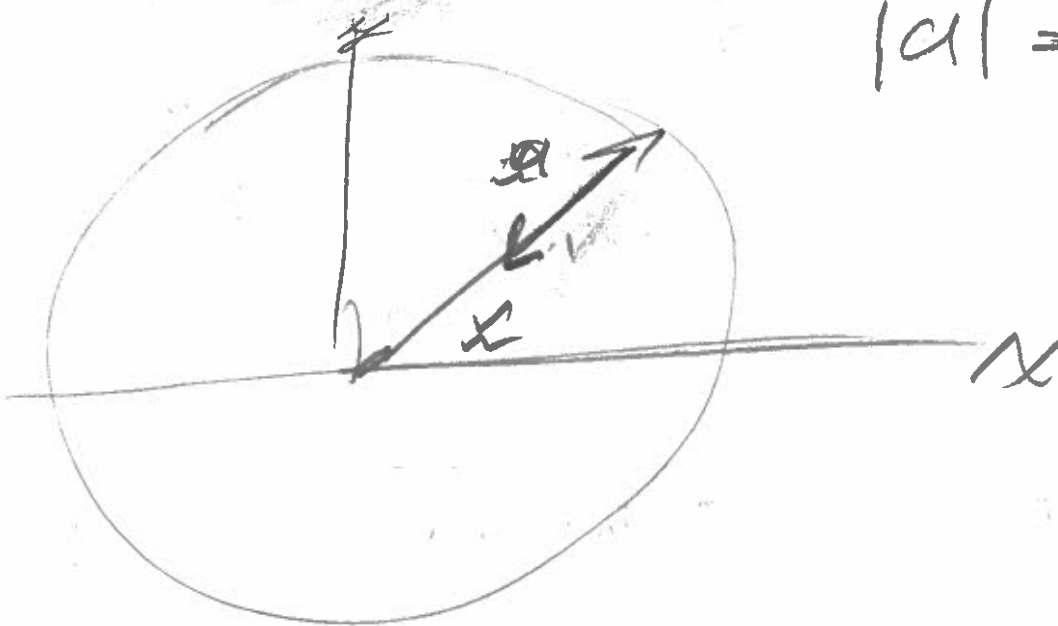
$$\underline{v} = \omega r (-\sin \omega t, \cos \omega t)$$

and $v = |\underline{v}| = \omega r$ } The tangential velocity

$$\underline{a} = \dot{\underline{v}} = \omega^2 r (\cos \omega t, -\sin \omega t)$$

$$\underline{a} = -\omega^2 \underline{r}$$

$$|a| = \omega^2 r$$



$$\underline{a}_c = -\omega^2 \underline{r} \text{ is called}$$

or $\underline{a}_c = -\frac{v^2}{r} \hat{r}$ centripetal acceleration
 because it points to center
 (center-pointing acceleration)

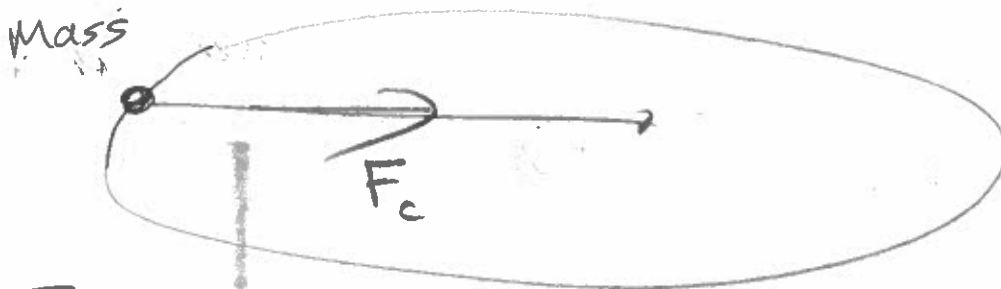
since
 $v = v_{\text{tangential}} = \omega r$
 and so $\omega = \frac{v}{r}$.

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Which means from $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = m \vec{a}$
there must be
a centripetal force

Demonstration with sling (undangerous)



$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{centripetal}} &= m(-\omega^2 r) \\ &= -m \frac{v^2}{r} \hat{r} \end{aligned}$$

In ~~some~~ sense,
with a sling, it
is obvious.

The force must
be central because
you can't push
with a rope.

Scientific idealization

An ideal rope has

- no friction
or air drag
- no mass
- no resistance to shear force

In magnitude

$$F_c = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

Note the
centripetal
force

is a force
named for
what it does
Not for what
it is.

For my sling it's
the tension force
For orbiting planets
it's gravity.

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4.5 Relative Motion

All motion is relative
to something

And inertial frames
are the primary ones for physics
but we leave them to Ch. 5 which
is next.



Classical
AKA
Galilean
transformation
between frame S and frame S'

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x - v_{\text{frame}} t \\ y' &= y \\ z' &= z \end{aligned}$$

They
coincide
at $t=0$.

between frame S and frame S'

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A key point to get ahead
of ourselves is
that if S is an inertial
frame

so is S'

because N_{frame} is constant

Any frames that are local
to each other (at same place)

('Local' in physics mean either at the same place or
nearly the same place depending on context)
that are not relatively
accelerated
with respect to
each other
are all inertial frames
if one is,

But a frame rotating
with respect to an inertial
frame is NOT inertial frame
unless you make it so. $\rightarrow$

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using inertial forces

Which you often do

(e.g., the Earth surface)

Now consider an object located in two frames:

$$\underline{v}' = \underline{v} - \underline{v}_{\text{frame}}$$

↳ Question Differentiate

Go

$$\underline{v}' = \underline{v} - \underline{v}_{\text{frame}}$$

↳ Question Differentiate again

$$\underline{a}' = \underline{a}$$

Acceleration is independent
of frames that
are mutually

inertial frames
A key point for Newton's laws.