

## Motion in Two Dimensions

### Background:

This chapter covers motion in two dimensions, which builds off of our understanding of vectors.

### Major Topics:

The major topics covered in this chapter are projectile motion, uniform circular motion, and relative motion.

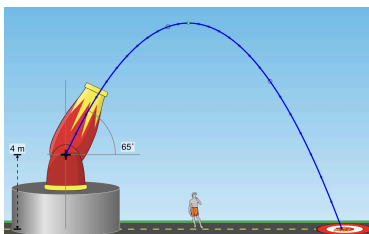
### Important Vocabulary:

- Projectile Motion: an object moves through the air and is only subject to the force of gravity
- Uniform Circular Motion: motion of an object in a circular path
- Centripetal/Radial Acceleration: acceleration of an object moving in a circle that points toward the center of the circle
- Tangential Acceleration: acceleration of a changing speed, moving object that acts along the tangent to the curved path
- Unit Vectors for Circular Motion:
  - $\hat{\theta}$ : unit vector tangent to the circular path (positive indicates counterclockwise)
  - $\hat{r}$ : unit vector along the radius vector (positive indicates outwards)
- Relative motion: motions occurring relative to different frames of reference

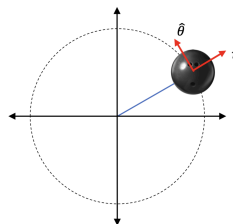
### Important formulae:

- Kinematics Equations (continuation from previous chapters):
  - $v = v_0 + at$
  - $\Delta y = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
  - $v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$
- Centripetal/Radial Acceleration:  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$
- Tangential Acceleration:  $a_{tan} = \frac{dv}{dt}$
- Relative Motion:  $\vec{v}_{a \text{ relative to } b} + \vec{v}_{b \text{ relative to } c} = \vec{v}_{a \text{ relative to } c}$

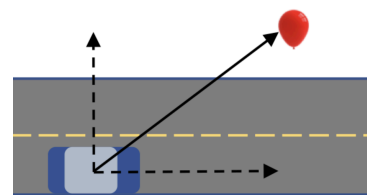
### Diagrams:



Projectile Motion



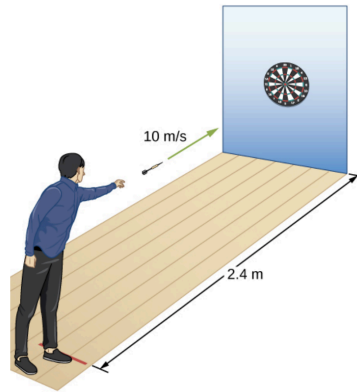
Uniform Circular Motion



Relative Motion

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1. A dart is thrown horizontally at a speed of 10 m/s at the bull's-eye of a dartboard 2.4 m away, as shown in the following figure. How far below the intended target does the dart hit?

**Solution:**

To solve this projectile motion problem, we need to use our kinematics equations. We are given  $\Delta x$  and  $v_{x0}$ . To find  $\Delta y$ , the first step is finding  $t$ .

$$\Delta x = v_x t$$

$$t = \Delta x / v_x = 2.4 / 10 = 0.24 \text{ s}$$

Using  $t$ , we can now solve for  $\Delta y$ .

$$\Delta y = v_{y0} t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$\Delta y = (0)(0.24) + \frac{1}{2} (9.80)(0.24)^2 = 0.28224 \rightarrow \boxed{0.282 \text{ m}}$$

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2. A fan is rotating at a constant 360.0 rev/min. What is the magnitude of the acceleration of a point on one of its blades 10.0 cm from the axis of rotation?

**Solution:**

To solve this uniform circular motion problem, we need to convert 360.0 rev/min to m/s to find  $v$ .

$$360.0 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \left( \frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ s}} \right) = 6.0 \text{ rev/s}$$

We need to calculate  $a_c$  10.0 cm from the axis of rotation, and we can use that info to convert 6.0 rev/s to m/s.

$$C = 2\pi r = 2\pi(0.10) = 0.20\pi$$

$$6.0 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{0.20\pi \text{ m}}{1 \text{ rev}} \right) = 3.7699 \rightarrow 3.8 \text{ m/s}$$

Now we can plug in  $v$  to find  $a_c$ .

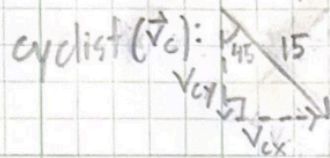
$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{3.8^2}{0.10} = 144.4 \rightarrow \boxed{144 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

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3. A cyclist traveling southeast along a road at 15 km/h feels a wind blowing from the southwest at 25 km/h. To a stationary observer, what are the speed and direction of the wind?

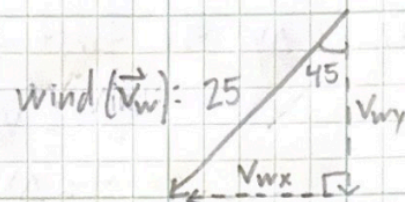
## Solution:

To solve this relative motion problem, we first need to break the velocity vectors of the cyclist and the wind into their x and y components.



$$v_{cy} = 15 \cos 45 = 10.6 \text{ km/h}$$

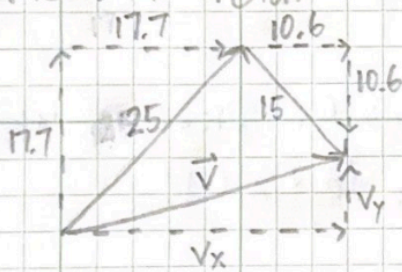
$$v_{cx} = 15 \sin 45 = 10.6 \text{ km/h}$$



$$v_{wy} = 25 \cos 45 = 17.7 \text{ km/h}$$

$$v_{wx} = 25 \sin 45 = 17.7 \text{ km/h}$$

Now we need to find the magnitude and direction of the wind relative to a stationary observer.



$$v_x = v_{wx} + v_{cx} = 17.7 + 10.6 = 28.3 \text{ km/h}$$

$$v_y = v_{wy} - v_{cy} = 17.7 - 10.6 = 7.1 \text{ km/h}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{28.3^2 + 7.1^2} = 29.2 \text{ km/h}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(7.1/28.3) = 14.1^\circ \text{ N of E}$$