

Physics 4A  
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# Equations needed to solve problems involving **constant** acceleration

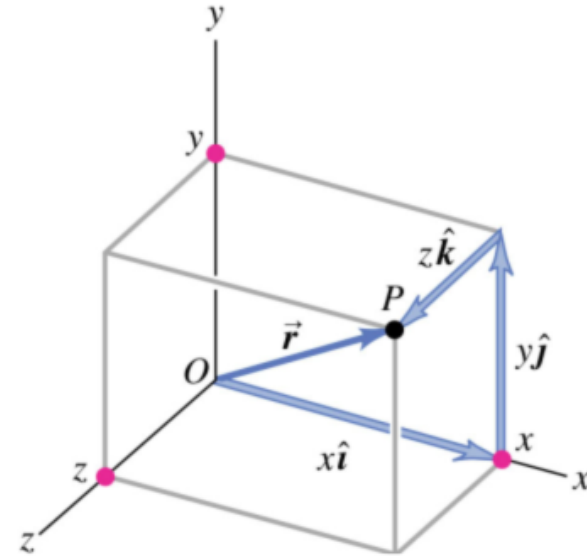
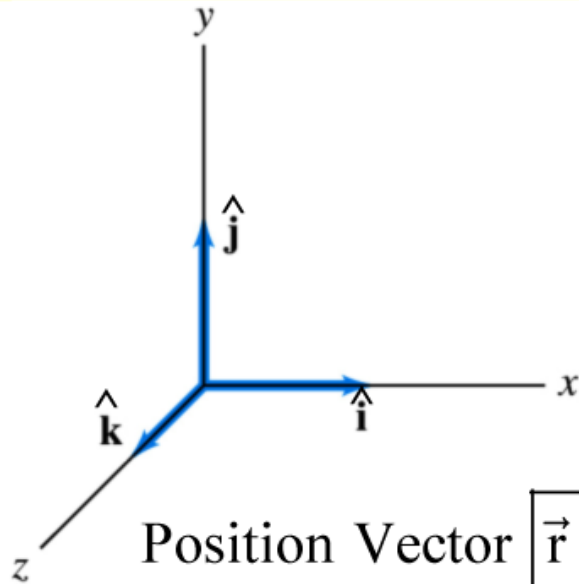
$$(1) \quad v = v_0 + at$$

$$(2) \quad x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$(3) \quad v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0)$$

# Generalizing Motion From 1D $\rightarrow$ 3D

Cartesian coordinate system in 3D



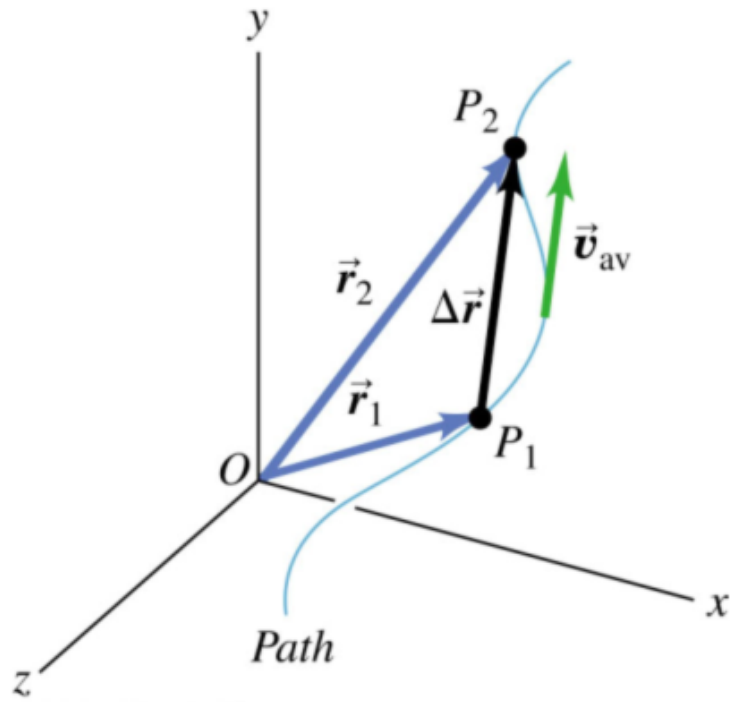
Position Vector  $\boxed{\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j} + z \hat{k}}$

Path of particle moving in 3D space is a curve

When particle moves from  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1) \rightarrow P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

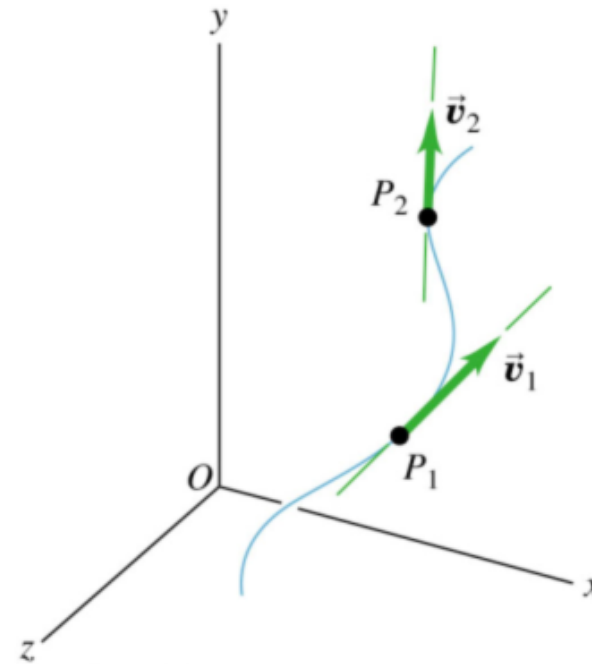
$$\begin{aligned} \text{displacement } \Delta\vec{r} &= (x_2 - x_1) \hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1) \hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1) \hat{k} \\ &= \Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} + \Delta z \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

# Velocity in 3 Dimensions



Average Velocity Vector

$$\vec{V}_{av} = \frac{\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta\vec{r}}{\Delta t}$$



Instant. Velocity Vector

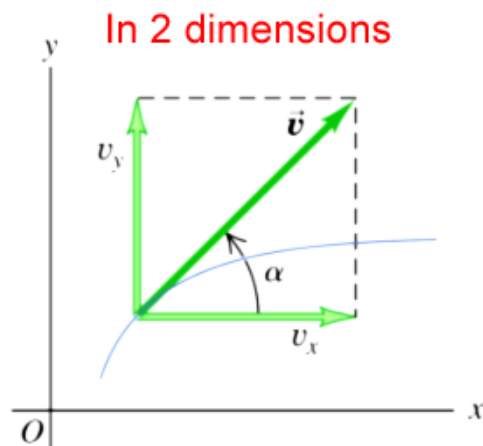
$$\vec{V} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

at every point along the path, vector  $\vec{V}$  is tangent to the path at that point

# Components of Velocity Vector

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt} \hat{k} \\ &= v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Speed} = v = |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$$



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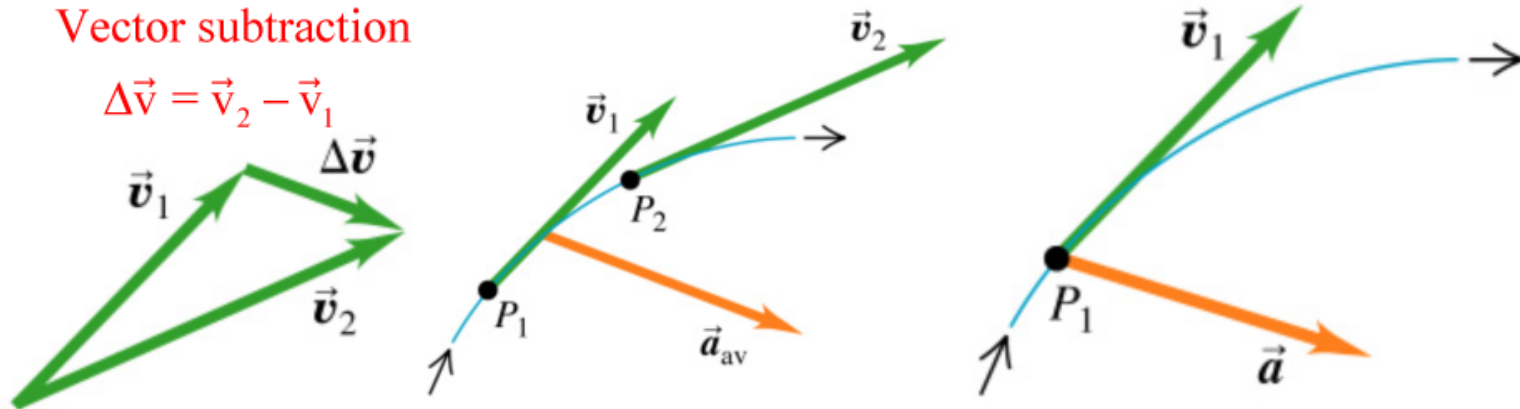
$$\text{Speed} = v = |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{v_y}{v_x}$$

# Acceleration In 3 Dimension

Vector subtraction

$$\Delta \vec{v} = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1$$



Average Acceleration

$$\vec{a}_{av} = \frac{\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$$

Instantaneous Acceleration

$$\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

$\vec{a}$  always points towards the *concave* side of the curved path

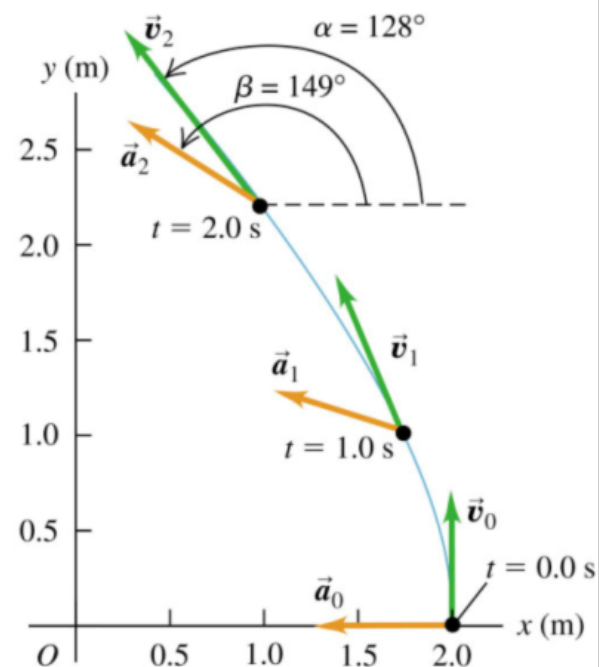
When moving in a curved path

$\vec{a} \neq 0$  even if speed is constant

# Components of Acceleration Vector

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= \frac{dv_x}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dv_z}{dt} \hat{k} \\ &= \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} \hat{i} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \hat{j} + \frac{d^2z}{dt^2} \hat{k} \\ &= a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

When computing components use the **correct** def. of angle



## 3D motion with constant acceleration

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + \frac{(\vec{v}_0 + \vec{v}_f)}{2} t$$



## $\parallel$ and $\perp$ components of Acceleration $\vec{a}$

When moving in curved path  
useful to describe acceleration

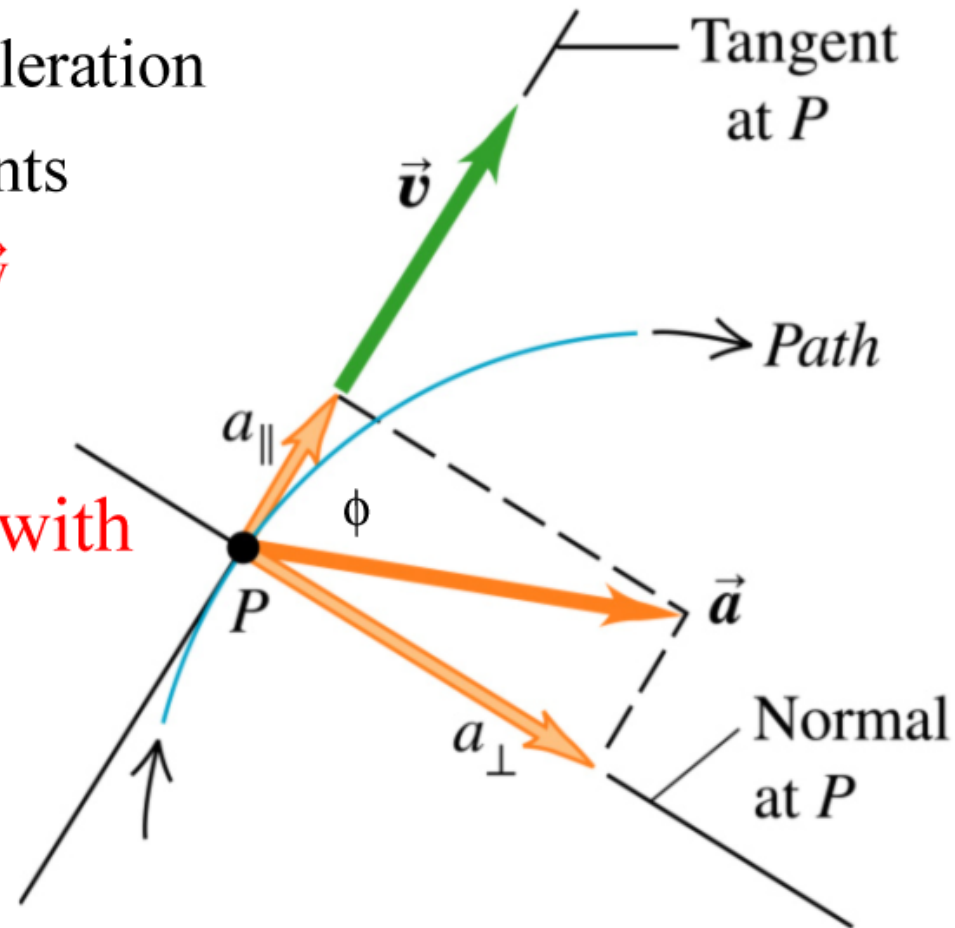
$\vec{a}$  in terms of components

which are  $\parallel$  &  $\perp$  to  $\vec{v}$

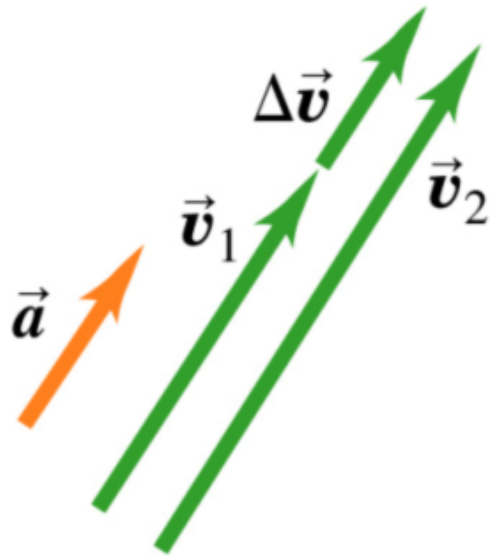
Write  $\vec{a} = \vec{a}_{\parallel} + \vec{a}_{\perp}$  with

$$\vec{a}_{\parallel} = |a| \cos \phi$$

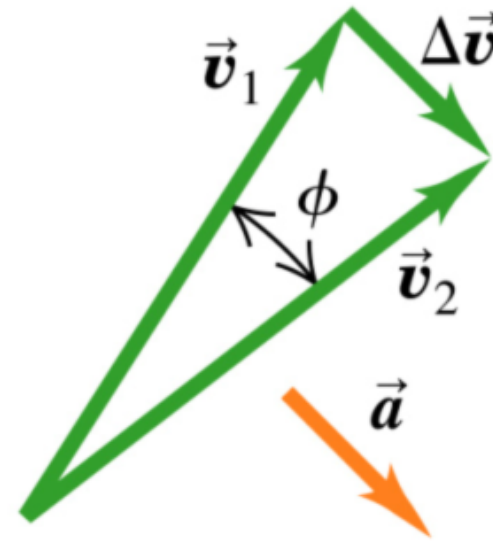
$$\vec{a}_{\perp} = |a| \sin \phi$$



## $\parallel$ and $\perp$ components of Vector $\vec{a}$



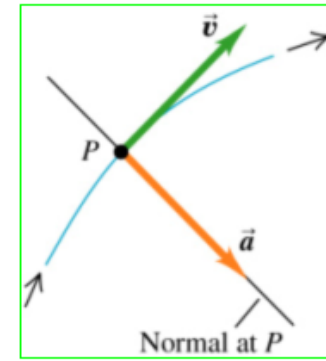
When  $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{v}$  or anti- $\parallel$   
vector addition  $\Rightarrow$   
change in magnitude of  $\vec{v}$   
but not its direction



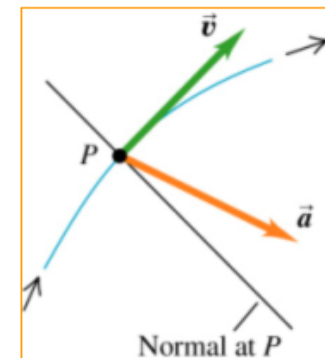
When  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{v}$   
vector addition  $\Rightarrow$   
change the direction of  $\vec{v}$   
but not its magnitude  
(speed remains unchanged!)

## Some Scenarios

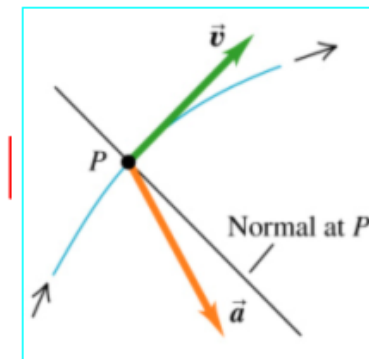
When particle travels along curved path with constant speed,  $\vec{a}$  is  $\perp$  to the path &  $\perp$  to  $\vec{v}$



When particle travels along curved path with **increasing** speed,  $\vec{a}$  has components  $\perp$  &  $\parallel$  to  $\vec{v}$  & points **ahead** of the *normal* to the path



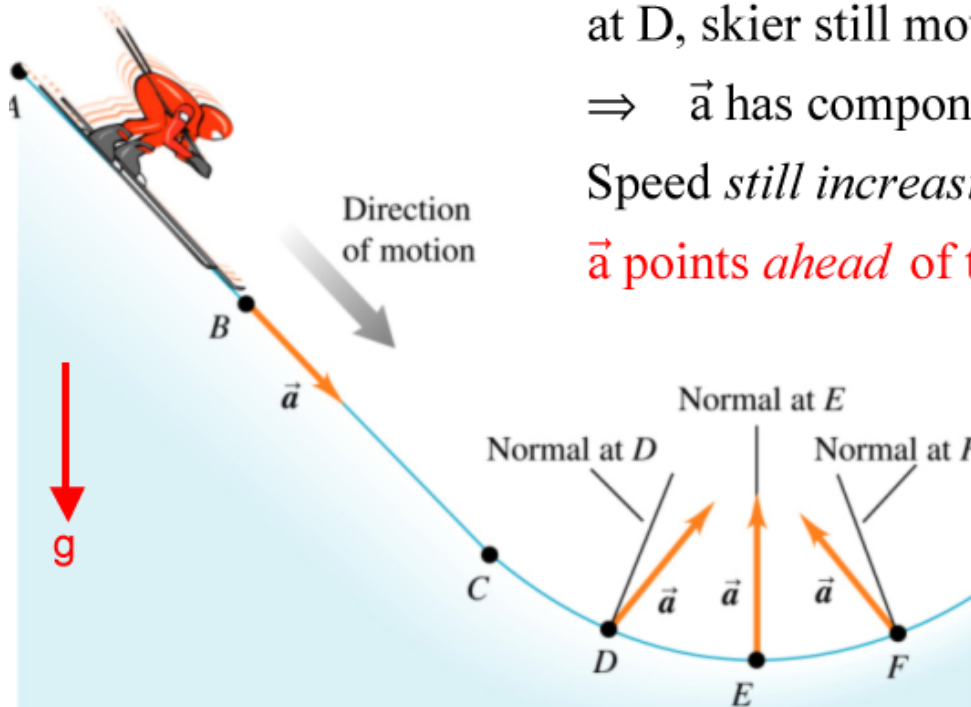
When particle travels along curved path with **decreasing** speed,  $\vec{a}$  has components  $\perp$  & **anti-** $\parallel$  to  $\vec{v}$  & points behind the *normal* to the path



# Pop quiz:

- Under a constant acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$  in 3 Dimensions, with initial velocity  $\mathbf{V}_0$  the particle speed after a time  $t$  is given by
- (A)  $V_0 + at$
- (B) the square root of  $(V_0^2 + 2 \cdot a \cdot \text{distance travelled})$
- (C) the square root of  $[(V_{0x} + a_x t)^2 + (V_{0y} + a_y t)^2 + (V_{0z} + a_z t)^2]$
- (D)  $V_0 + (a_x + a_y + a_z)t$

# Skiing: Curved Path In Snow !



at D, skier still moving along curved path:

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  has component  $\perp$  to path

Speed *still increasing*  $\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  has component  $\parallel$  to path

$\vec{a}$  points *ahead* of the normal to her path at point D

at point E, velocity is max.

$$\vec{a}_{\parallel} = \frac{d\vec{v}_{\parallel}}{dt} = 0$$

$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_{\perp}$  and points towards normal

at point F, skier moving along curved path:

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  has component  $\perp$  to path

Speed now *decreasing*  $\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  has component anti- $\parallel$  to path

$\vec{a}$  points *behind* the normal to her path at point F



Relative Velocity makes mid-air refueling possible !

# Relative Velocity



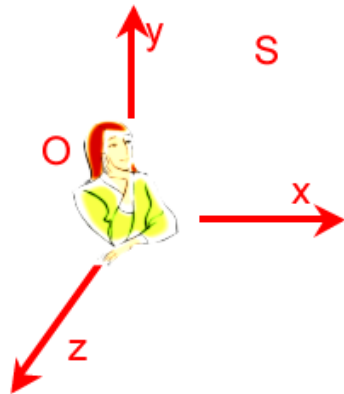
Blue Angel pilots must keep track of their velocity w.r.t air so as to maintain enough airflow over their wings to sustain the “lift” & not crash



They must also be aware of relative velocity of their aircraft w.r.t another !

# Frames of Reference, Observers & Motion

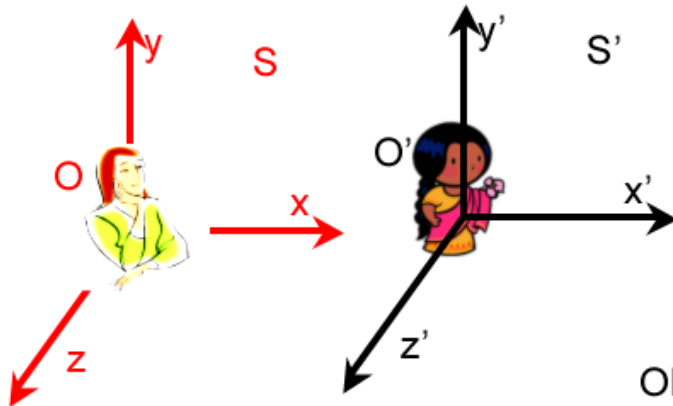
Event: Some thing happening, some where at some time



Frame of reference S = a coordinate system + clock

Observer O : sits in S, measures events with ruler, clock

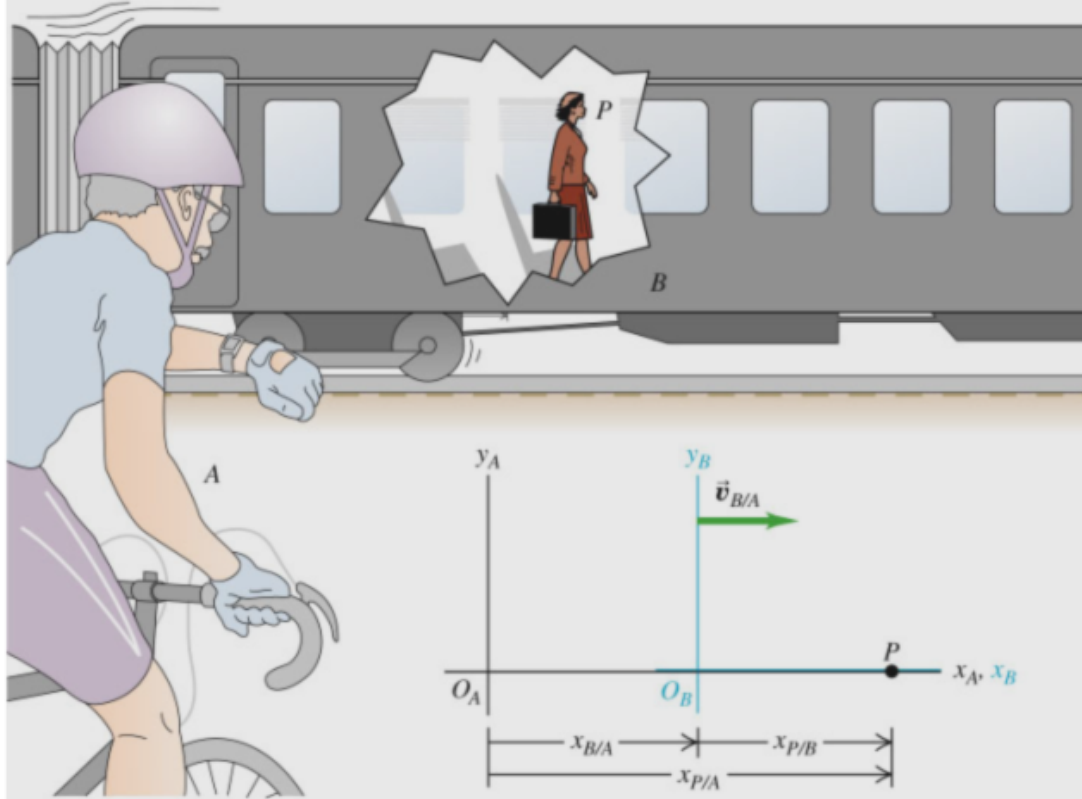
Observers in diff frames of refs, depending on relative location may measure different positions for an event but measure same time. Their clocks are synchronized !



Observers can move w.r.t each other



# Relative Velocity in 1 Dimension



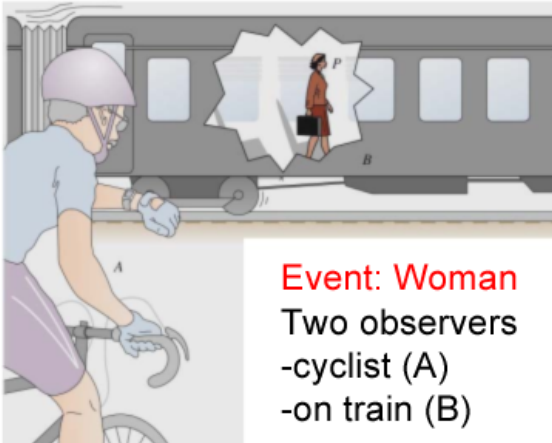
Woman walks with velocity of 1.0 m/s along train's aisle

Train is moving with velocity of 3.0 m/s to the right

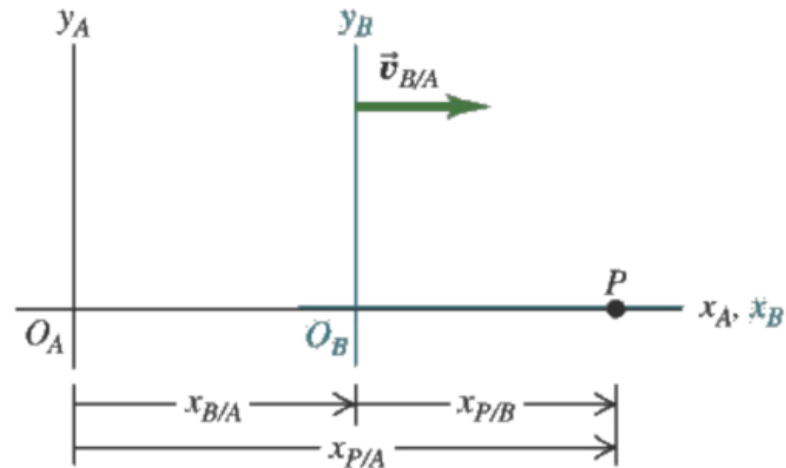
What is the woman's velocity ?

According to which  
Observer ???

# Relative Velocity in 1 Dimension



Event: Woman  
Two observers  
-cyclist (A)  
-on train (B)



At any instant (take a snapshot)

$x_{P/A}$  = pos. of P rel. to frame A ;  $x_{P/B}$  = pos. of P rel. to frame B (train)

$x_{B/A}$  = distance from origin of A to origin of B

Clearly  $x_{P/A} = x_{P/B} + x_{B/A}$  &  $\frac{dx_{P/A}}{dt} = \frac{dx_{P/B}}{dt} + \frac{dx_{B/A}}{dt} \Rightarrow v_{P/A} = v_{P/B} + v_{B/A}$

So woman's velocity as seen by cyclist (A)

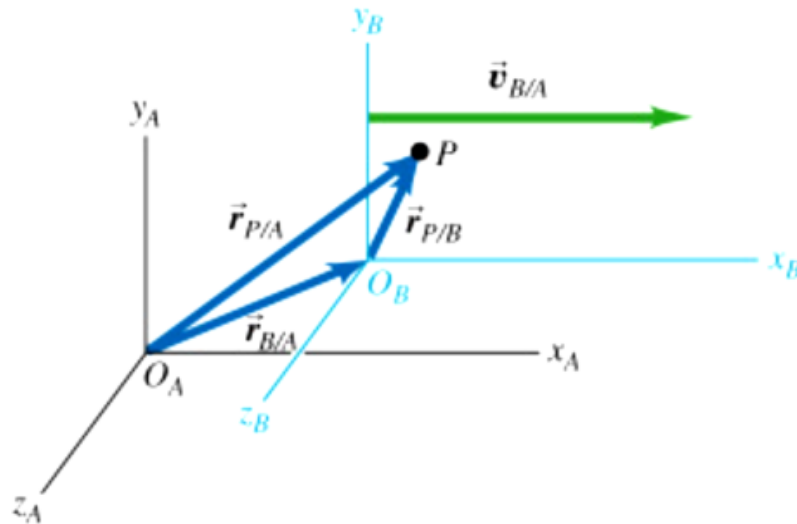
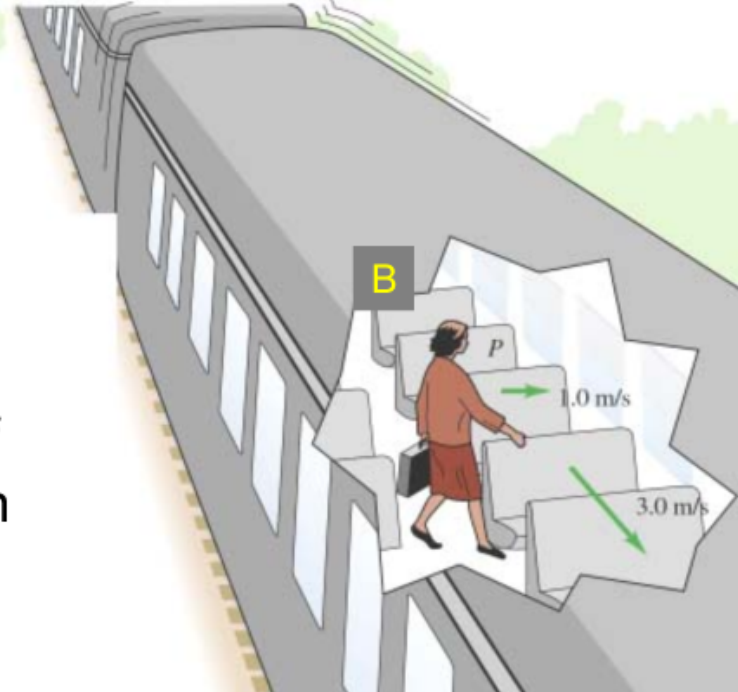
$v_{P/A} = 1.0\text{m/s} + 3.0\text{m/s} = 4.0\text{m/s}$  but If woman was walking in opp. dir. in train

$v_{P/A} = -1.0\text{m/s} + 3.0\text{m/s} = 2.0\text{m/s}$

# Relative Velocity in 3D

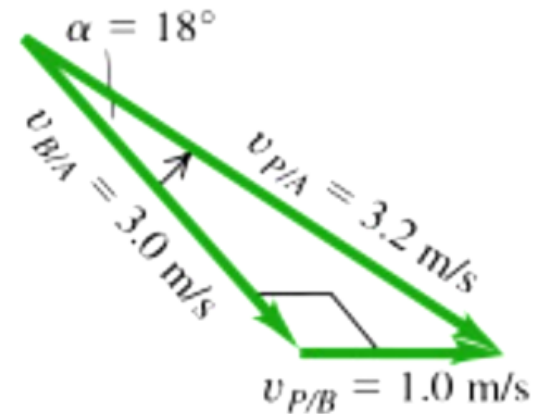
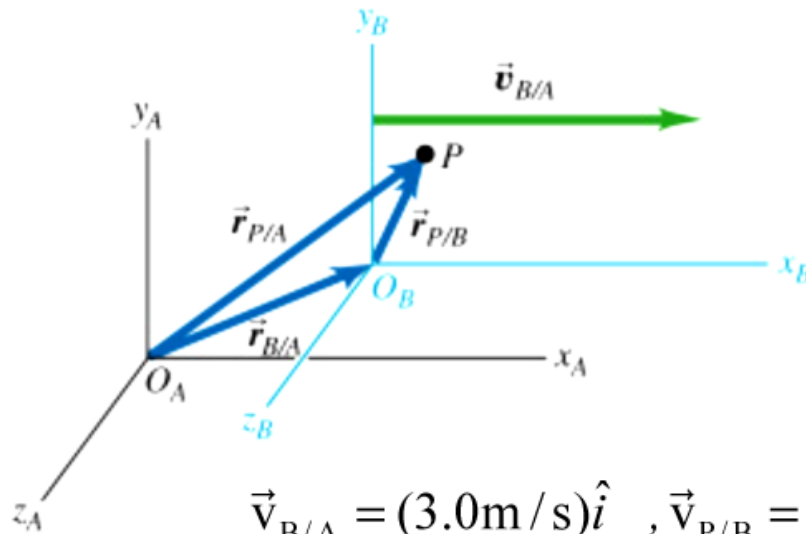


Suppose woman walks from one side of car to another with speed of 1.0m/s . Her motion is perpendicular to direction of the aisle and the train's motion



$$\vec{r}_{P/A} = \vec{r}_{P/B} + \vec{r}_{B/A}$$
$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_{P/A} = \vec{v}_{P/B} + \vec{v}_{B/A}$$

# Relative Velocity in 3D



$$\vec{v}_{B/A} = (3.0\text{m/s})\hat{i} \quad , \quad \vec{v}_{P/B} = (1.0\text{m/s})\hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v}_{P/A} = \vec{v}_{P/B} + \vec{v}_{B/A} = (3.0\hat{i} + 1.0\hat{j})\text{m/s}}$$

speed of P seen by A =  $|\vec{v}_{P/A}| = \sqrt{(3.0\text{m/s})^2 + (1.0\text{m/s})^2}$

Cyclist on ground sees woman moving at angle  $\alpha$  w.r.t.

$$\text{train's motion: } \tan\alpha = \frac{v_{P/B}}{v_{B/A}} = \frac{1.0\text{m/s}}{3.0\text{m/s}} \Rightarrow \alpha = 18^\circ$$

# Flying In Crosswind

compass indicates, plane heading due North  
airspeed indicator shows it moving thru air at 240km/h  
If there is wind of 100km/h west to east,  
What is velocity of plane relative to earth?

Two observers: In air (A), on earth (E)

Watch plane (P)'s motion

$$\vec{v}_{P/A} = (240 \text{ km/h}) \hat{j} ; \vec{v}_{A/E} = (100 \text{ km/h}) \hat{i}$$

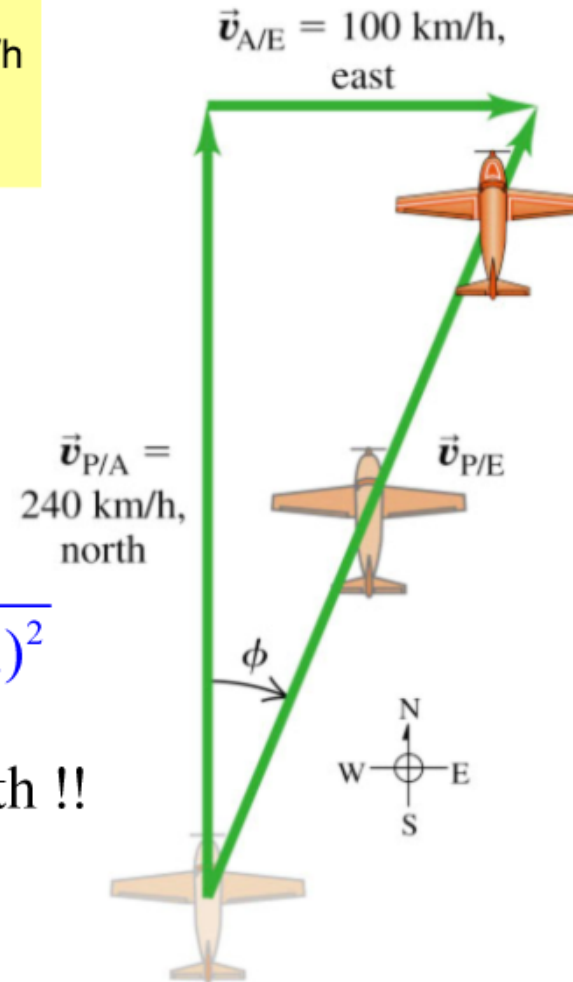
$$\vec{v}_{P/E} = \vec{v}_{P/A} + \vec{v}_{A/E} = (100\hat{i} + 240\hat{j}) \text{ km/h}$$

$$\text{speed } |\vec{v}_{P/E}| = \sqrt{(240 \text{ km/h})^2 + (100 \text{ km/h})^2}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{100 \text{ km/h}}{240 \text{ km/h}} \right) = 23^\circ \text{ East of North !!}$$

Must make course correction if

he wants to land on an airport due north !



## Course Correction: How Much, Which Way ?

Because of crosswind what direction should the pilot be headed to travel **due North**. What will be his velocity relative to earth?

$$\vec{v}_{P/E} = \vec{v}_{P/A} + \vec{v}_{A/E}$$

pilot must point plane's nose at angle  $\phi$  w.r.t wind to makeup.

Angle  $\phi$  tells direction of  $\vec{v}_{P/A}$

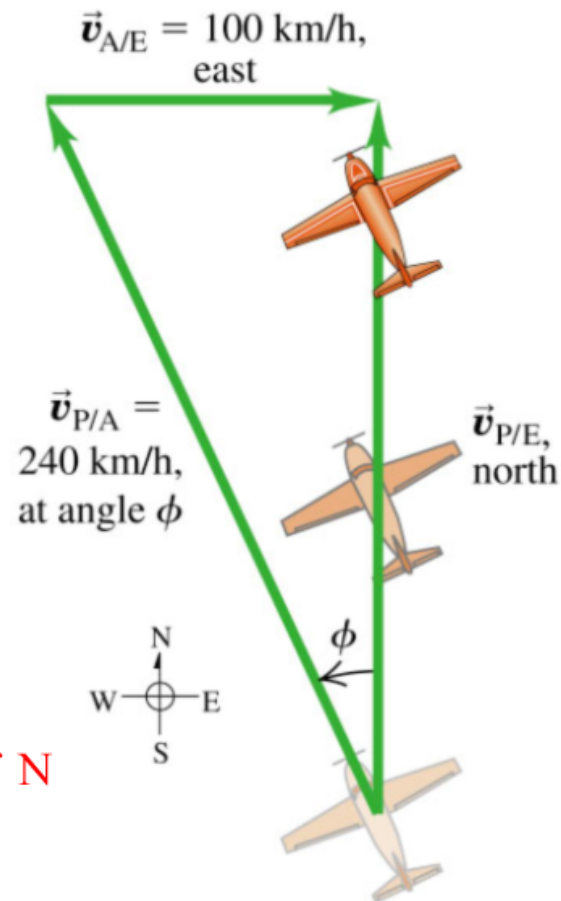
$\vec{v}_{P/E}$  : **speed ?** but due N

$\vec{v}_{P/A}$  : speed = 240km/h, **dir ?**

$\vec{v}_{A/E}$  : speed = 100km/h, due E

$$\phi = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{v_{A/E}}{v_{P/A}} \right) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{100 \text{ km/h}}{240 \text{ km/h}} \right) = 25^\circ \text{ W of N}$$

$$v_{P/E} = \sqrt{(v_{P/A})^2 - (v_{A/E})^2} = 218 \text{ km/h}$$



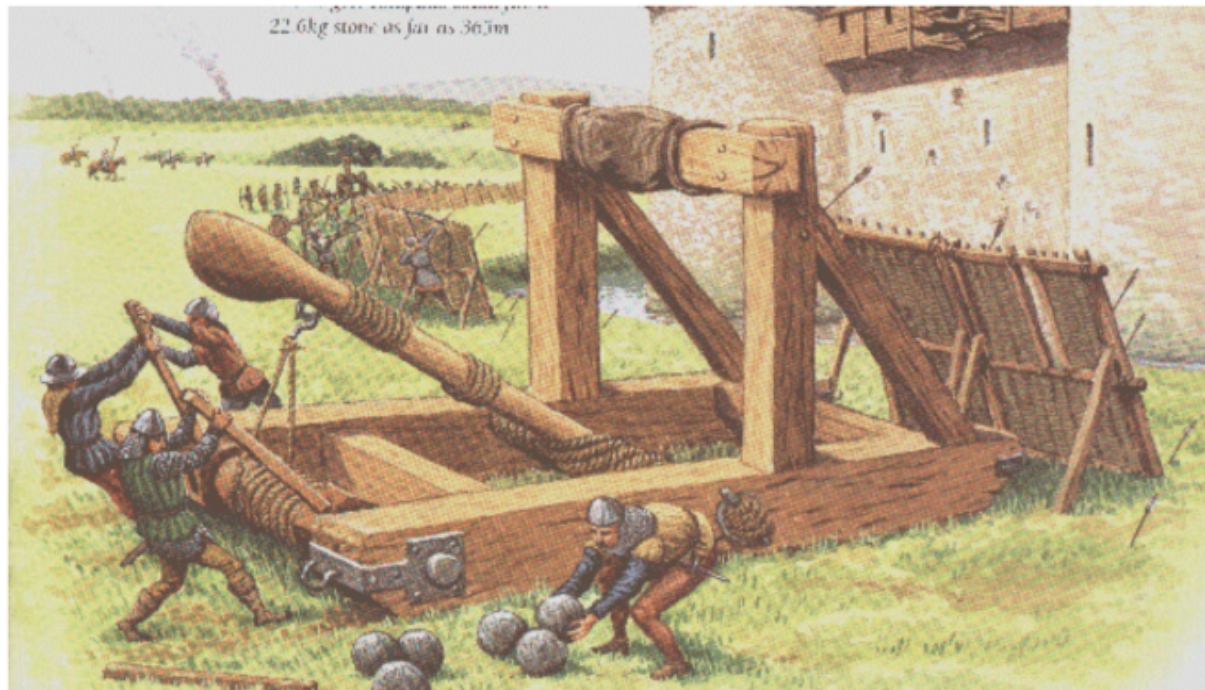
# Archimedes & Weapon of Mass Destruction



Epic account of Syracusan's defense of their city from Roman invaders  
Thanks to Archimedes (and his eureka moment !)

# The Catapult As A War Machine

Catapults were invented in many civilizations. Earliest known record is from 9<sup>th</sup> century BC in [Nimrud \(modern Day Iraq !\)](#). But Archimedes's catapults were fantastic. They could throw 100kg boulder +200m away → sank roman ships



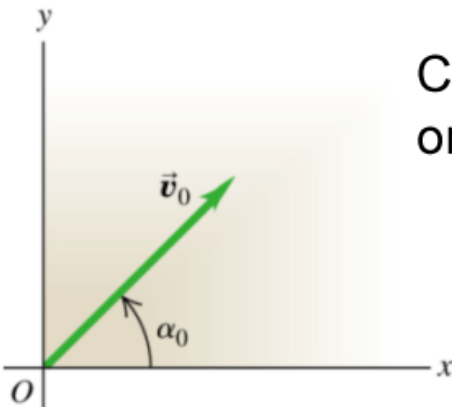
Archimedes genius was in his exquisite control of projectile trajectories !



# Projectile Motion

**Projectile:** An object launched with some initial velocity that follows a path determined entirely by effects of gravitational acceleration  $g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  (and air resistance)

**Trajectory:** path of a projectile (such as from a catapult)



All projectile motion occurs in the vertical plane containing initial  $\vec{v}_0$  vector

Can decompose any projectile motion into two orthogonal and independent components

- along x axis with constant velocity,  $a_x=0$
- along y axis with constant accel.,  $a_y= g$

Can express all relations for  $\vec{r}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{a}$  in terms of *seperate* components along x, y axis.

**Projectile motion is superposition of these seperate and independent motions.**

## Independence of Motion in X & Y

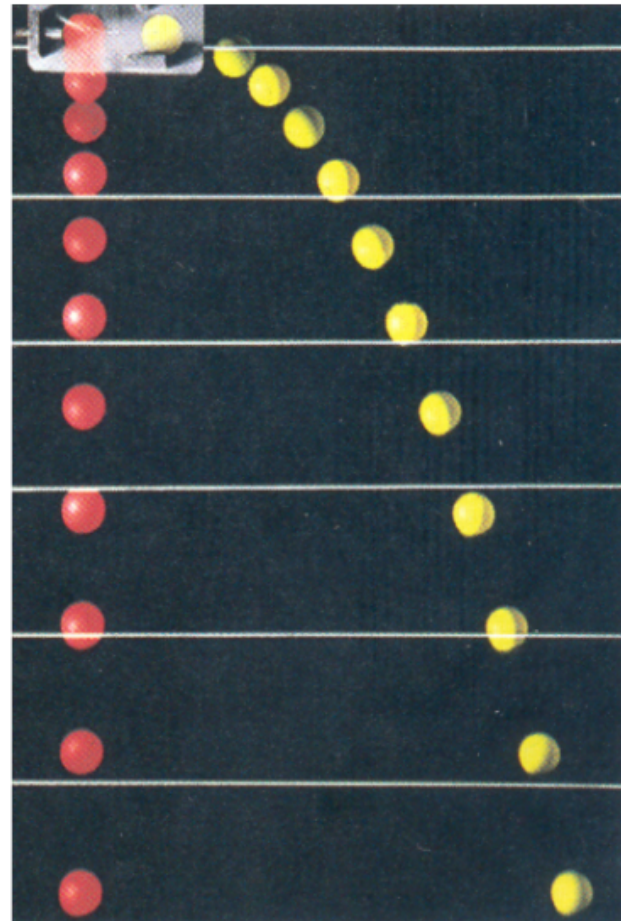
Red ball dropped from rest

Yellow ball simultaneously  
projected horizontally

At any time both balls have  
same y position, velocity &  
acceleration

But diff. x position and  
velocity

Stroboscopic pictures:



## Motion in 1D with Constant Acceleration

### Reminder

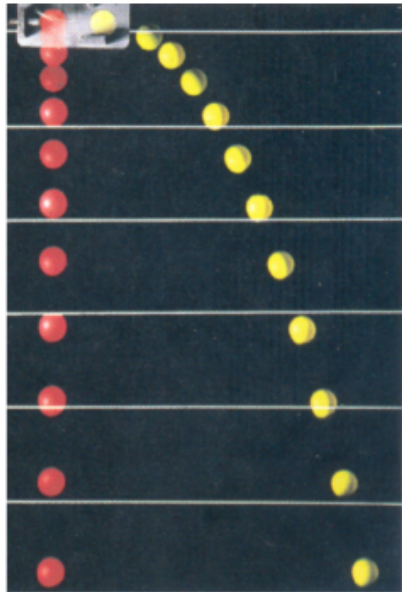
$$v_x = v_{0x} + a_x t$$

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

Now use  $\vec{a}_x = 0$ ,  $\vec{a}_y = -g = -9.80 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$\Rightarrow v_x = v_{0x} t ; x = x_0 + v_{0x} t \text{ and}$$

$$v_y = v_{0y} - gt ; y = y_0 + v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$



Thus

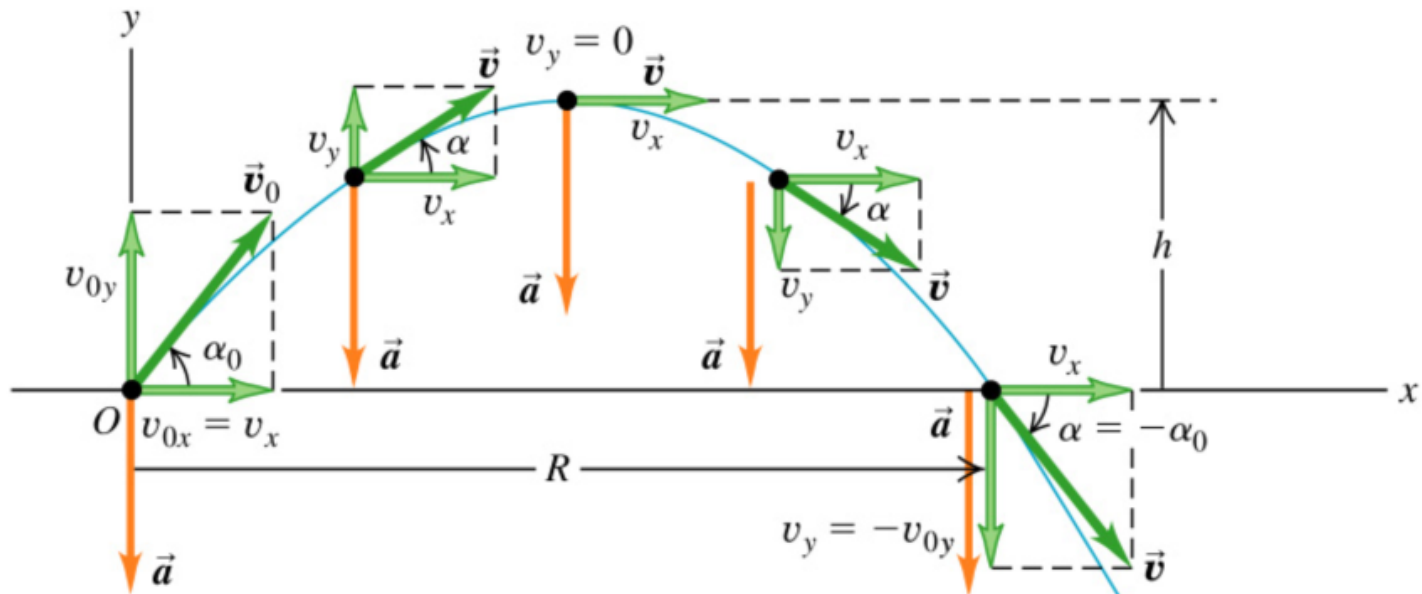
$$\text{Displacement : } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$

$$\text{Velocity : } \vec{v} = v_x\hat{i} + v_y\hat{j}$$

# Quick Question

- If I flick a ball A off a table top with a velocity 2 m/s and simultaneously simply drop another ball B from the same table top:
- (A) they will hit the ground (assumed horizontal) together
- (B) A will hit the ground first
- (C) B will hit the ground first

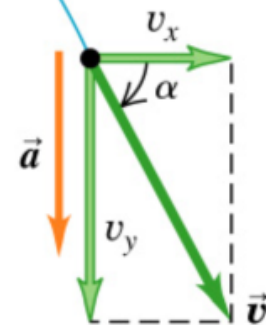
# Trajectory of projectile with velocity $\vec{v}_0$ at $t=0$



$$x = (v_0 \cos \alpha_0)t ; y = (v_0 \sin \alpha_0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$v_x = v_0 \cos \alpha_0 ; v_y = v_0 \sin \alpha_0 - gt$$

$$\text{Projectile angle } \alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{v_y}{v_x} \right)$$



## Projectile Trajectory is Parabolic

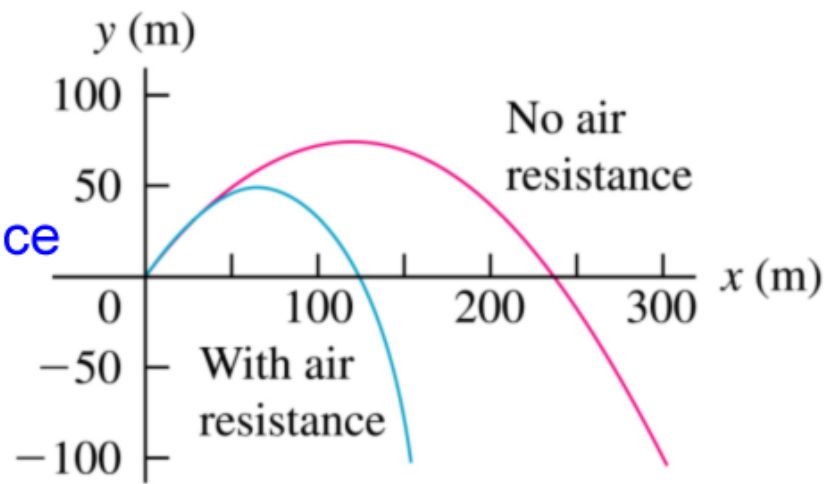
Equation for trajectory along y axis

Use  $t = x/(v_0 \cos \alpha_0)$

$$\Rightarrow y = (\tan \alpha_0)x - \frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha_0} x^2$$

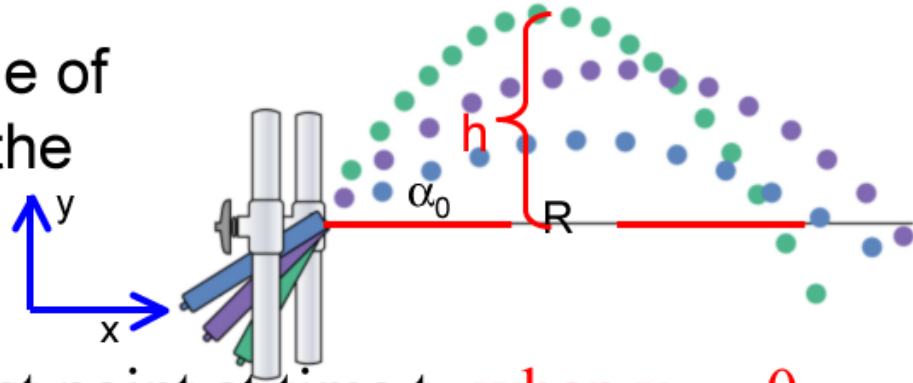
Trajectory is always *parabolic* in x

Effect of (neglected) air resistance



# Height & Range of Projectiles

Max. height & the range of projectile depends on the firing angle  $\alpha_0$



Projectile at its highest point at time  $t_1$  when  $v_y = 0$

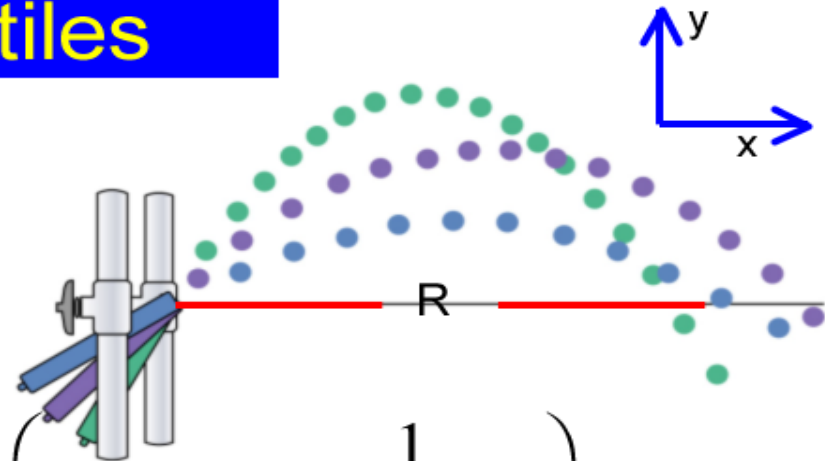
$$\Rightarrow v_y = v_0 \sin \alpha_0 - gt_1 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha_0}{g}$$

$$\text{at this time, } y = h = v_0 \sin \alpha_0 \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha_0}{g} - \frac{1}{2} g \left( \frac{v_0 \sin \alpha_0}{g} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{h = \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha_0}{2g}}; \text{ largest at } \alpha_0 = 90^\circ \text{ (vertical launch)}$$

## Range of Projectiles

R is the projectile's x location at some  $t=t_2$  when  $y=0$



$$0 = (v_0 \sin \alpha_0) t_2 - \frac{1}{2} g t_2^2 = t_2 \left( v_0 \sin \alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2} g t_2 \right) = 0$$

Two solutions for  $t_2$  :  $t_2 = 0$  &  $t_2 = \frac{2v_0 \sin \alpha_0}{g}$

Range  $R = v_0 \cos \alpha_0 \cdot \frac{2v_0 \sin \alpha_0}{g} = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\alpha_0}{g} = R$

$R = R_{\max}$   
when  
 $\alpha_0 = 45^\circ$

(Using trig. identity:  $2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sin 2\theta$ )



# Trajectory Of a Batted Baseball

## Height and Range of a Baseball: Visually

