

Practice Problem Class:

1. A bird is flying due east. Its distance from a tall building is given by $x(t) = (1.0 \text{ m/s}^3) t^3 - (10.0 \text{ m/s}) t + 100.0 \text{ m}$.
Is the bird flying with constant acceleration? What is the instantaneous velocity and instantaneous acceleration of the bird when $t = 5 \text{ s}$?
2. Trace the motion of the bird in the above problem.
3. Show that for a projectile motion the maximum range covered is equal to four times of its maximum height attained. ($R_{\text{max}}=4H$).
4. An elevator cab that weighs 27.8 kN moves upward. What is the tension in the cable if the cab's speed is (i) increasing at a rate of 1.22 m/s^2 and (ii) decreasing at a rate of 1.22 m/s^2 ?
5. A force acts on a block weighing 45 N. The block is initially at rest on a plane inclined at angle $\theta = 15^\circ$ to the horizontal. The positive direction of the x axis is up the plane. Between block and plane, the coefficient of static friction is $\mu_s = 0.50$ and the coefficient of kinetic friction is $\mu_k = 0.34$. In unit-vector notation, what is the frictional force on the block from the plane when \vec{P} is -5.0 N .
6. Solve the above problem for $\mu_s = 0.11$ and \vec{P} is 5.0 N .