

# Chapter 4

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- If a particle undergoes a displacement  $\Delta\vec{r}$  in time interval  $\Delta t$ , its average velocity is given as  $v_{avg} = \frac{\Delta\vec{r}}{\Delta t}$
- The instantaneous velocity  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}$ .
- Projectile motion for an object in flight:
  - $x - x_0 = (v_0 \cos \theta_0)t$
  - $y - y_0 = (v_0 \sin \theta_0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
  - $v_y = v_0 \sin \theta_0 - gt$
  - $v_y^2 = (v_0 \sin \theta_0)^2 - 2g(y - y_0)$

The trajectory (path) of a particle in projectile motion is parabolic and is given by  $y = (\tan \theta_0)x - \frac{gx^2}{2(v_0 \cos \theta_0)^2}$  if  $x_0$  and  $y_0$  are 0.

- The particle's horizontal range  $R$  (distance from launch to landing assuming both points are at the same height) is given as  $R = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin 2\theta_0$
- The horizontal range  $R$  is maximum for a launch angle of  $45^\circ$
- A particle is in uniform circular motion if it travels around a circle or a circular arc at constant (uniform) speed.
- The magnitude of the centripetal acceleration is given as  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$
- A particle in uniform circular motion will the circumference of the circle in time  $T = \frac{2\pi r}{v}$ .
- When two frames of reference  $A$  and  $B$  are moving relative to each other at constant velocity, the velocity of a particle  $P$  as measured by an observer in frame  $A$  usually differs from that measured from frame  $B$ . The two measured velocities are related by  $\vec{V}_{PA} = \vec{V}_{PB} + \vec{V}_{BA}$  where  $\vec{V}_{BA}$  is the velocity of  $B$  with respect to  $A$ .