

# LINEAR MOTION

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# MOTION IN ONE DIMENSION

- Here we'll discuss velocity, displacement and acceleration in terms of Cartesian components as they all are vector quantities.
- Considering motion only in the direction of a single component, for example, the x direction, that is, motion in a straight line.
- If we start with an object moving in the x direction when it starts from  $x_0 = 0$  point, we may write

$$\vec{v}_x = \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0}{t - t_0}; (x_0 = 0)$$

$$\bar{v}_x = \frac{x - 0}{t - 0}$$

$$\boxed{x = \bar{v}_x t} \longrightarrow \text{Eq. 1.1}$$

Equation 1.1 results from the definition of average velocity;  
**thus, it holds in all cases whether the acceleration is constant.**

# DERIVATION OF THREE EQUATIONS OF MOTION

$$v = v_0 + at$$

$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2ax$$

$$x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

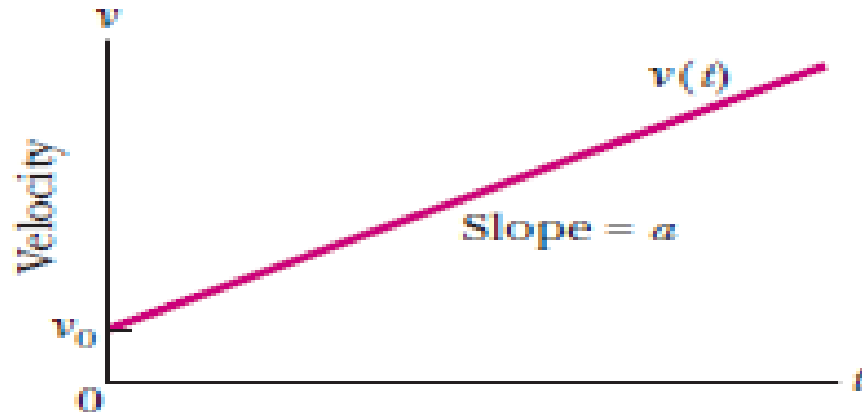
# 1<sup>ST</sup> EQUATION OF MOTION

- The acceleration is defined as the rate of change of the velocity.
- If the acceleration is constant, the change in the velocity during the first, second, third, and all succeeding seconds of the motion will be the same and equal to the acceleration  $\vec{a}$
- if the motion lasts  $t$  seconds, the change in the velocity  $\Delta v = v - v_0 = at$ , where  $v$  is the final velocity and  $v_0$  is the initial velocity.
- We can rewrite this result as

$$\boxed{v = v_0 + at} \longrightarrow \text{Eq.1.2}$$

# VELOCITY – TIME GRAPH

- If we plot equation 1.2 on graph we will obtain a straight line, as indicated in the Figure below.
- The slope of this line is the constant acceleration  $a$ .



## 2<sup>ND</sup> EQUATION OF MOTION

- Another important relation that we can have when the velocity increases at a constant rate the average velocity is one half the sum of the initial velocity  $v_0$  and the final velocity namely,  $v$

$$\bar{v} = \frac{v + v_0}{2} \longrightarrow \text{Eq. 1.3}$$

- Previously we have,

$$x = \bar{v} t \longrightarrow \text{Eq. 1.1}$$

- On substituting value of  $\bar{v}$  in eq 1.1, we get

$$x = \frac{v + v_0}{2} t$$



## 2<sup>ND</sup> EQUATION OF MOTION

$$x = \frac{v + v_0}{2} t \longrightarrow \text{Eq. 1.4}$$

If we substitute the value of “v” from 1<sup>st</sup> equation of motion in eq.1.4 then we will have

$$x = \frac{v_0 + at + v_0}{2} t$$

Or we can have ,

$$x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

# 3<sup>RD</sup> EQUATION OF MOTION

- Considering equation 1.4,

$$x = \frac{v + v_0}{2} t \longrightarrow \text{Eq. 1.4}$$

- We can find out the value of “t” from 1<sup>st</sup> equation of motion that is,

$$t = \frac{v - v_0}{a}$$

- On substituting the above value of “t” in eq. 1.4 we will have the following results

$$x = \frac{(v + v_0)}{2} \frac{(v - v_0)}{a}$$

$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2ax$$

# DERIVATIONS BY INTEGRATION

We may derive these equations more formally by integration.

By definition

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Rearranging terms and integrating, we write

$$\int_{v_0}^v dv = \int_0^t a dt$$

acceleration is taken as constant, so  $a$  can be taken out of the integral and we write

# DERIVATIONS BY INTEGRATION

$$\int_{v_0}^v dv = a \int_0^t dt$$

This integrates to

$$v - v_0 = at$$

and

$$v = v_0 + at$$

**1<sup>st</sup> equation of motion**

# DERIVATIONS BY INTEGRATION

- From definition we know,  $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$

- Rearranging terms 
$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_0^t v dt$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = \int_0^t (v_0 + at) dt$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x dx = v_0 \int_0^t dt + a \int_0^t t dt$$

# DERIVATIONS BY INTEGRATION

- After applying limits, we will have the following result,

$$x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

- Above is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Equation of motion

Note that in this formulation we have not required that  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$  as in the previous algebraic derivations.

# DERIVATIONS BY INTEGRATION

For 3<sup>rd</sup> equation of motion

We may use the chain rule to write

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\int_{v_0}^v v \, dv = a \int_{x_0}^x dx$$

$$\frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{v_0^2}{2} = a(x - x_0)$$

$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0)$$

# RESULTS BY INTEGRATION

- For  $v = v_0 + at$  integration,

$$x - x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$v^2 - v_0^2 = 2a(x - x_0)$$

- All the equations that we have derived for motion are in the x-direction. Similar equations can simply be written for motion in the y and z directions when the components of the acceleration in these directions are also constant.



# CONSTANT ACCELERATION

$$v = v_0 + at,$$

$$x - x_0 = v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2,$$

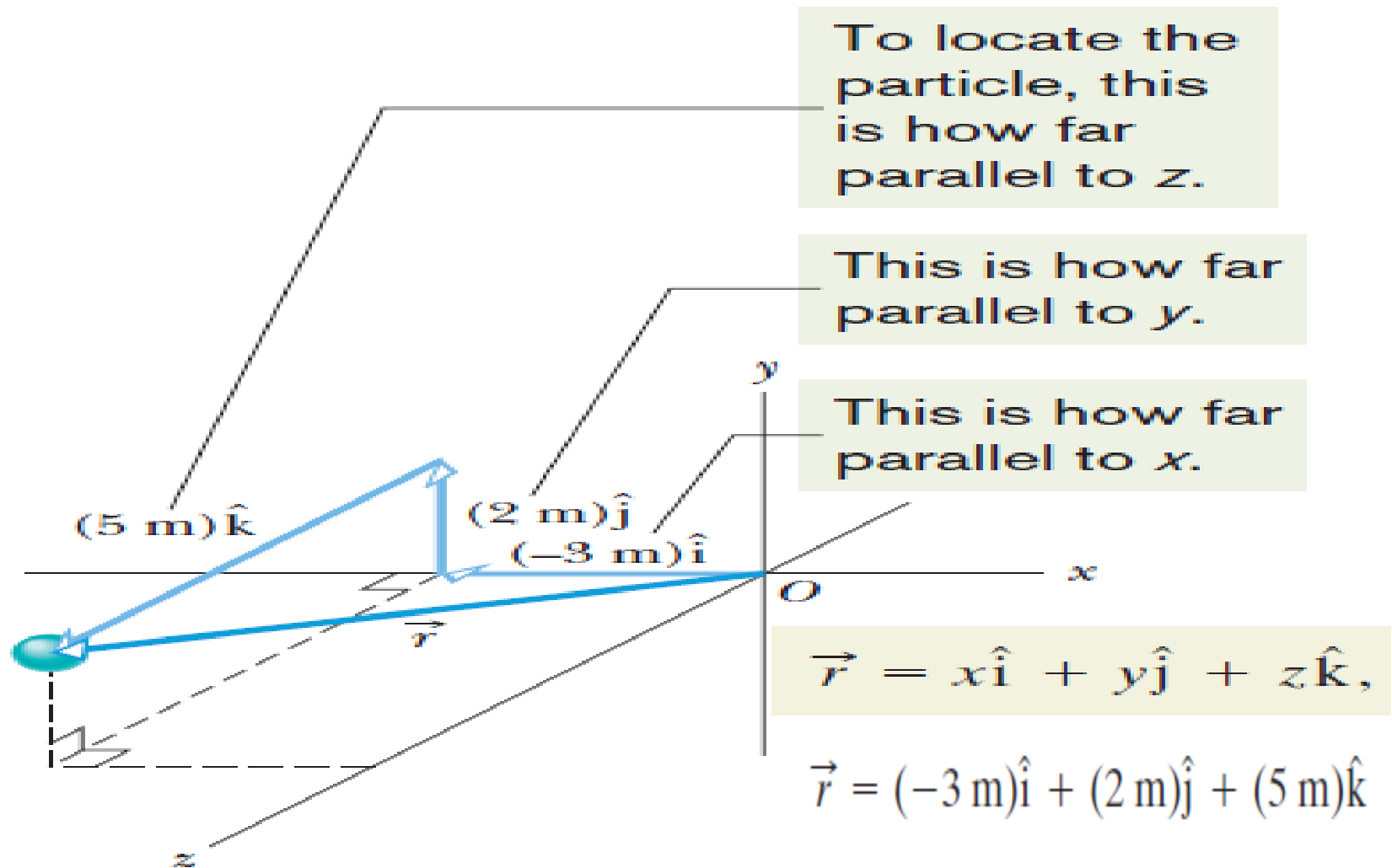
$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a(x - x_0),$$

$$x - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t,$$

$$x - x_0 = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2.$$

These are *not* valid when the acceleration is not constant.

# POSITION OF A POINT IN SPACE



# DISPLACEMENT VECTOR

As a particle moves, its position vector changes in such a way that the vector always extends to the particle from the reference point (the origin). If the position vector changes—say, from  $\vec{r}_1$  to  $\vec{r}_2$  during a certain time interval—then the particle's **displacement**  $\Delta\vec{r}$  during that time interval is

$$\Delta\vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1.$$

Using the unit-vector notation we can rewrite this displacement as

$$\Delta\vec{r} = (x_2\hat{i} + y_2\hat{j} + z_2\hat{k}) - (x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k})$$

$$\Delta\vec{r} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k},$$

$$\Delta\vec{r} = \Delta x\hat{i} + \Delta y\hat{j} + \Delta z\hat{k}.$$

# AVG. VELOCITY IN 3-DIMENSIONS

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t}.$$

$$\Delta \vec{r} = \Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} + \Delta z \hat{k}.$$

Put in the formula of average velocity we'll get

$$\vec{v}_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta x \hat{i} + \Delta y \hat{j} + \Delta z \hat{k}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \hat{i} + \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \hat{j} + \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta t} \hat{k}.$$

# INSTANTANEOUS VELOCITY IN 3-D

When we speak of the **velocity** of a particle, we usually mean the particle's **instantaneous velocity**  $\vec{v}$  at some instant. This  $\vec{v}$  is the value that  $\vec{v}_{\text{avg}}$  approaches in the limit as we shrink the time interval  $\Delta t$  to 0 about that instant. Using the language of calculus, we may write  $\vec{v}$  as the derivative

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}.$$

- Substitute the value of unit vectors

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt}(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}.$$

# INSTANTANEOUS VELOCITY IN 3-D

■ Simply 
$$\vec{v} = \frac{dx}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt} \hat{k}.$$

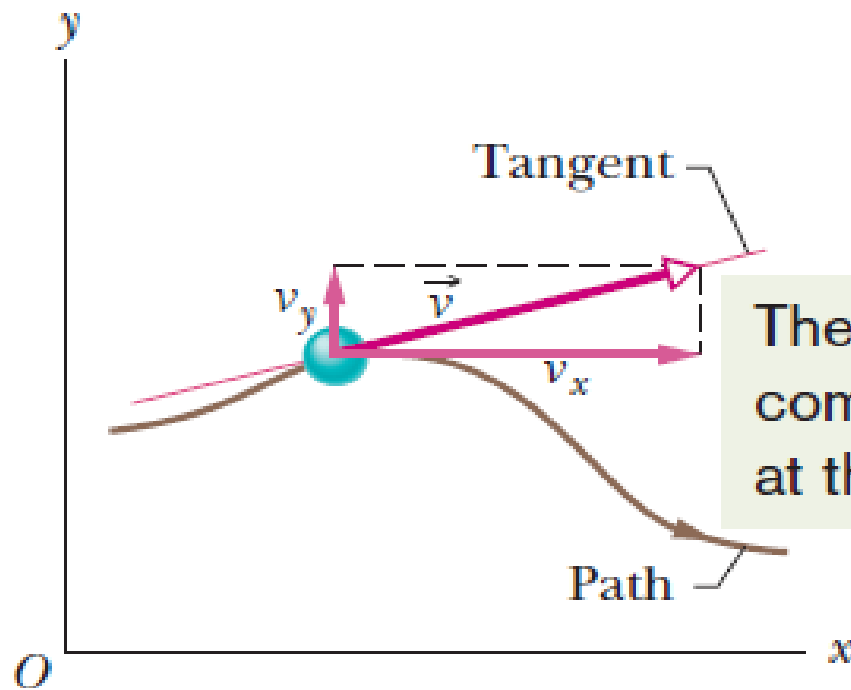
$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k},$$

where the scalar components of  $\vec{v}$  are

$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_z = \frac{dz}{dt}.$$

# INSTANTANEOUS VELOCITY IN 3-D

The velocity vector is always tangent to the path.



These are the  $x$  and  $y$  components of the vector at this instant.

# SOLVE FOR INSTANTANEOUS ACCELERATION IN 3-D

- Class task: Find out the scalar components of acceleration.

## instantaneous acceleration

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}.$$

$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= \frac{d}{dt} (v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{dv_x}{dt} \hat{i} + \frac{dv_y}{dt} \hat{j} + \frac{dv_z}{dt} \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k},$$

where the scalar components of  $\vec{a}$  are

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt}, \quad a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad a_z = \frac{dv_z}{dt}.$$