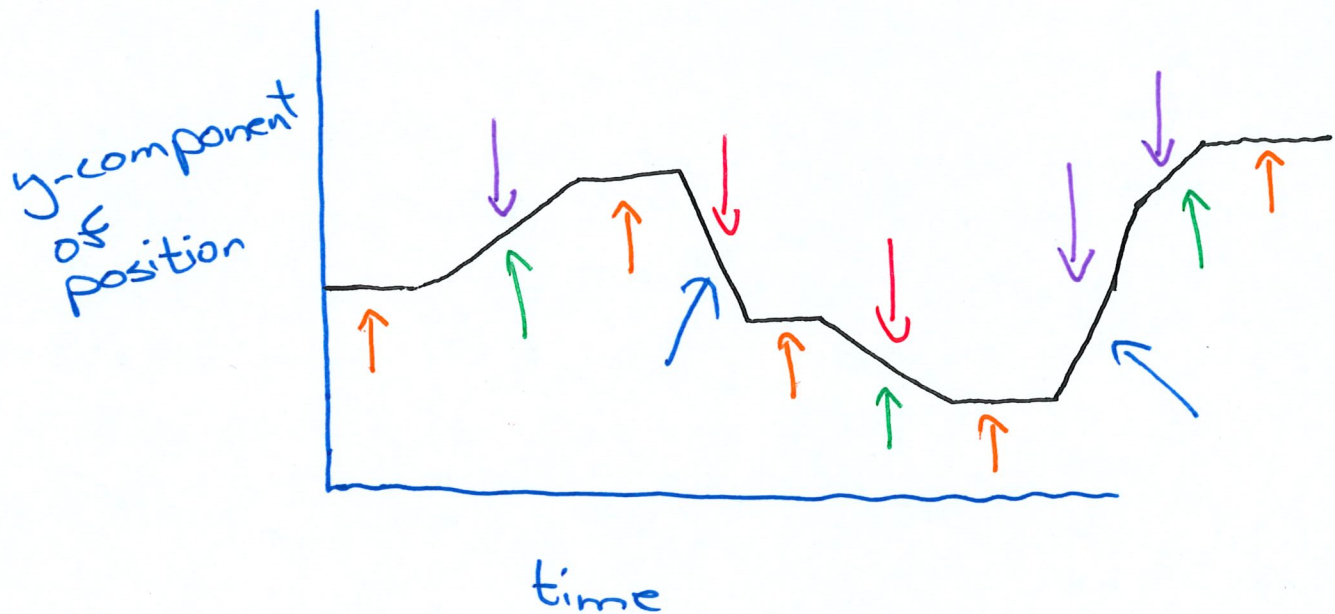


How to describe motion of  
a point particle.



Horizontal = stopped

Slope positive = moving up

Slope negative = moving down

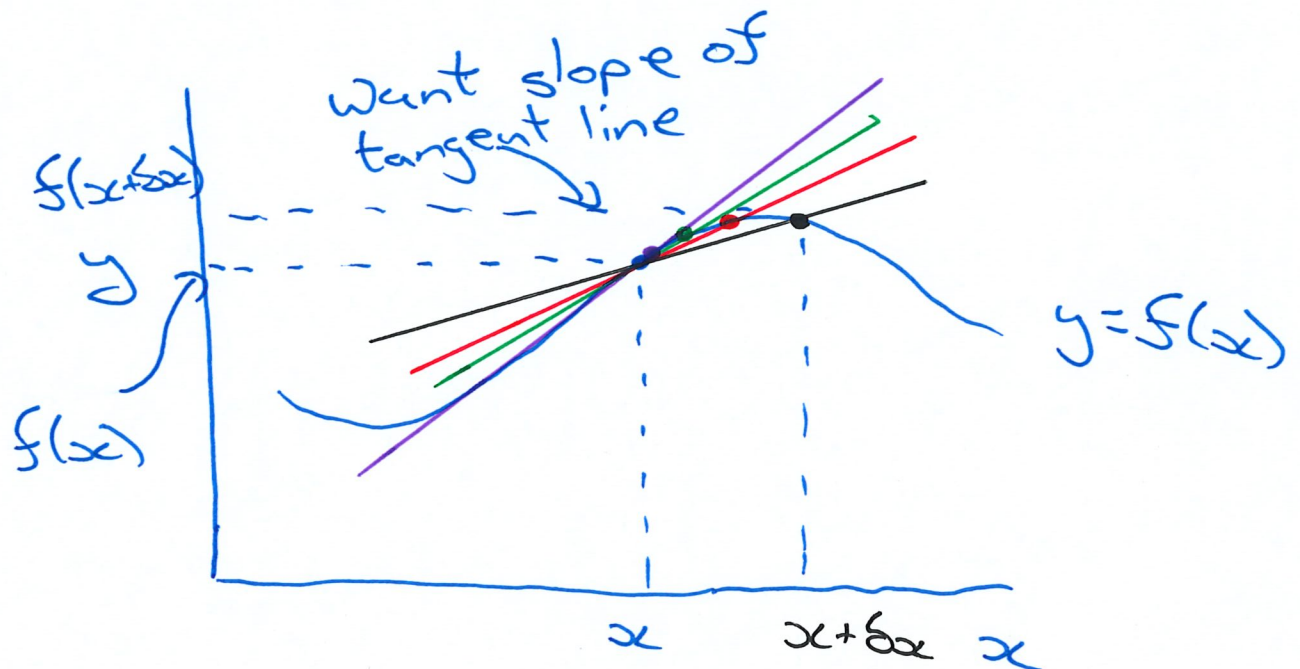
Slope small = moving slow

Slope big = moving fast

Slope of graph of <sup>y-component</sup> position as  
a function of time tells motion

How to find slope?

Calculus course



Slope is 
$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{(x + \Delta x) - x}$$

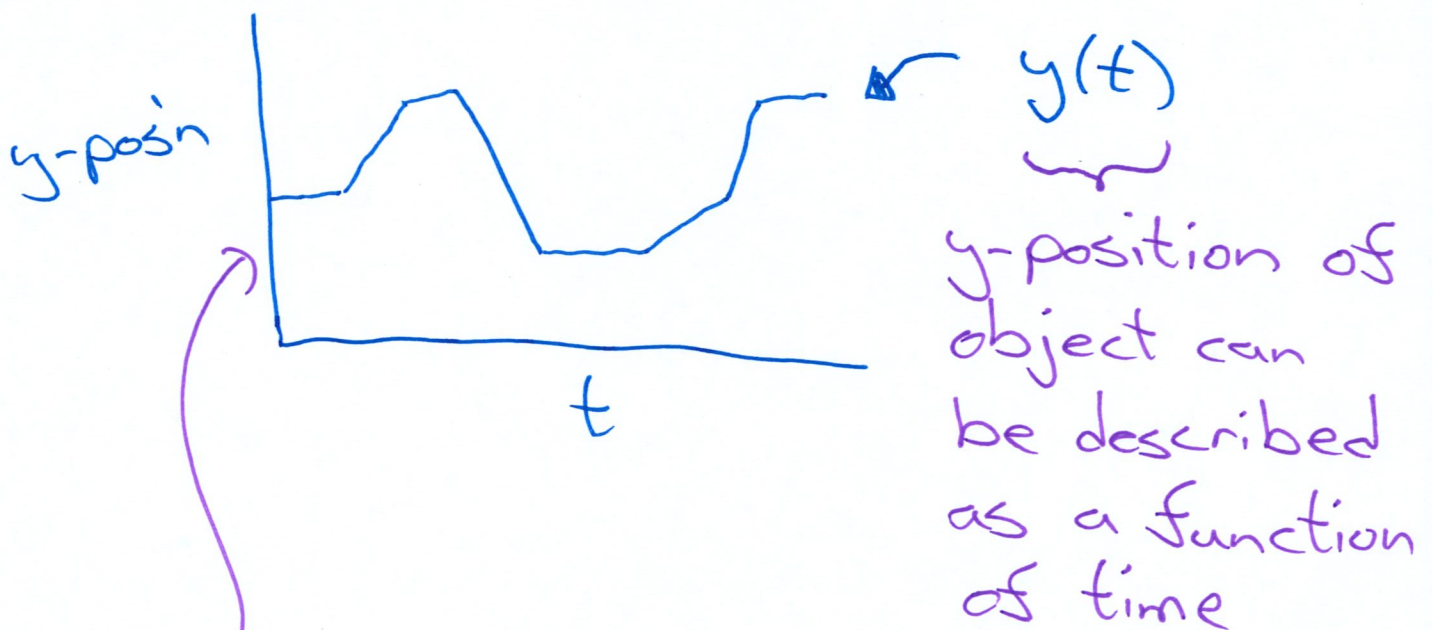
Continue making  $\Delta x$  small  
as it gets smaller, value of  
slope gets closer to a  
fixed number

slope of tangent line at  $x$   $= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$

Symbol for "slope of tangent line"

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \equiv \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$$

derivative tells us slope!



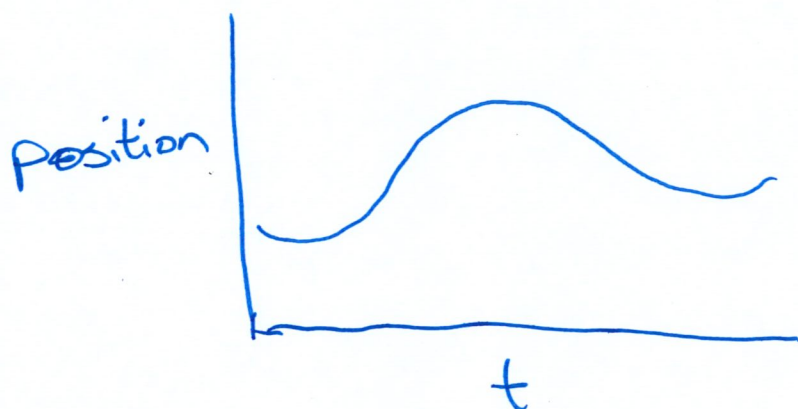
Slope

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right)$$

this is what  
tells motion!



So far



Slope tells us about motion

Slope big  $\rightarrow$  Fast

Slope small  $\rightarrow$  slow

Slope 0  $\rightarrow$  stopped

$\pm$  tells us about going up/down or left/right

$\Rightarrow$  derivative of position tells us about motion

Definition of velocity:

$$\vec{v}(t) \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t)$$

$$\vec{r}(t)$$

vector, describes object's position

the (t) tells us position can change in time

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k})$$

x, y, z components can all change

Math Fact

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x) + g(x))$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} f(x) + \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$$

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$$= \left( \frac{d}{dt} x(t) \right) \hat{i} + \left( \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \right) \hat{j} + \left( \frac{d}{dt} z(t) \right) \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = v_x(t)\hat{i} + v_y(t)\hat{j} + v_z(t)\hat{k}$$

"velocity"  
a vector  
m/s

Same!

$$v_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t)$$

$$v_y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} y(t)$$

$$v_z(t) = \frac{d}{dt} z(t)$$

Define "speed"

$$|\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{v_x^2(t) + v_y^2(t) + v_z^2(t)}$$

Know that

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t)$$

Key thought: Equilibrium same as  
"motion doesn't change"  
motion described by velocity

Define acceleration

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v}(t)$$

acceleration is time derivative of  
velocity

$$\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t) \right) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{r}(t)$$



## Velocity and Acceleration - I

A particle moves with position as a function of time given by

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left(2m - 3\frac{m}{s}t + 4\frac{m}{s^2}t^2\right)\hat{i} + \left(5\frac{m}{s}t - 2\frac{m}{s^3}t^3\right)\hat{j} \quad (1)$$

✕ What is the velocity of the particle at  $t = 2s$ ? At  $t = 4s$ ?

• What is the acceleration of the particle at  $t = 2s$ ? At  $t = 4s$ ?

$$\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}(t)$$

$$v_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t)$$

$$v_y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} y(t)$$

$$v_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( 2m - 3\frac{m}{s}t + 4\frac{m}{s^2}t^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} 2m \overset{0}{=} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( 3\frac{m}{s}t \right)$$

$$+ \frac{d}{dt} \left( 4\frac{m}{s^2}t^2 \right)$$

$$= (2m)0 - 3\frac{m}{s}1t^0$$

$$+ 4\frac{m}{s^2}2t^1$$

$$= -3\frac{m}{s} + 8\frac{m}{s^2}t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) + g(x)) \\ = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) + \frac{d}{dx} g(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\downarrow \frac{d}{dt} t^n = nt^{n-1}$$



$$\begin{aligned} v_y(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( 5\frac{m}{s}t - 2\frac{m}{s^3}t^3 \right) \\ &= 5\frac{m}{s}1t^0 - 2\frac{m}{s^3}3t^2 \\ &= 5\frac{m}{s} - 6\frac{m}{s^3}t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = (-3\frac{m}{s} + 8\frac{m}{s^2}t)\hat{i} + (5\frac{m}{s} - 6\frac{m}{s^3}t^2)\hat{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(2s) &= (-3\frac{m}{s} + 8\frac{m}{s^2}2s)\hat{i} + (5\frac{m}{s} - 6\frac{m}{s^3}(2s)^2)\hat{j} \\ &= (13\frac{m}{s})\hat{i} + (-19\frac{m}{s})\hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(4s) &= (-3\frac{m}{s} + 8\frac{m}{s^2}4s)\hat{i} + (5\frac{m}{s} - 6\frac{m}{s^3}(4s)^2)\hat{j} \\ &= (29\frac{m}{s})\hat{i} + (-91\frac{m}{s})\hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \vec{v}(t) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ (-3\frac{m}{s} + 8\frac{m}{s^2}t)\hat{i} + (5\frac{m}{s} - 6\frac{m}{s^3}t^2)\hat{j} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 + (8\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{i})1t^0$$

$$+ 0 + (-6\frac{m}{s^3}\hat{j})2t^1$$

$$= 8\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{i} - 12\frac{m}{s^3}t\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{a}(2s) = 8\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{i} - 24\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{a}(4s) = 8\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{i} - 48\frac{m}{s^2}\hat{j}$$

To get  $\vec{a}(2s)$  don't  
find  $\vec{v}(2s)$  & then  
do  $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{v}(2s))$   
use  $\vec{v}(t)$  to  
do deriv.

Know  $a_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt}v_x(t)$   
etc