

Constraints & Their Classification:

Object motion is restricted or prescribed in such a way that its coordinates ~~or~~ ^{and} velocity components must satisfy some prescribed relation at every instant of time.

These relations can be either equations or inequalities.

Ex: Billiard ball of radius R moving on billiard board of length & breadth, $2a$ & $2b$ respectively, must satisfy

$$-a+R \leq x \leq a-R ; \quad -b+R \leq y \leq b-R ; \quad z=R.$$

This is a set of one equation and two inequalities which billiard ball must satisfy at all instant of time.

Most physical realizations ~~involve~~ of constraints involve surfaces of other bodies; above example of billiard which is in 2D.

Similarly a train running on a railroad or a simple pendulum in a vertical plane are examples of 1D constraints.

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Properties of Constraint forces:

- 1> Elastic in nature and appear at the surface of contact. They arise because motion defined by externally applied forces are hindered by the contact.
- 2> They are so strong that they barely allow the body under consideration to even deviate slightly from a prescribed path or surface. This prescribed path or surface is called the "constraint". The scalar equations that describe or prescribe the surface of constraint are called "constraint equation".
- 3> The sole ~~purpose~~ ^{effect} of constraint force is to keep constraint relation satisfied.

Classification of constraints:

Four ways to classify

- Time dependent or not.
- Integrable algebraic relation or not.
- Conservative or Dissipative
- ~~Algebraic Equation~~
- Algebraic Equation or Inequalities.

A "constraint" is

1. Either Scleronomic : Constraint relation do not explicitly depend on time.
or Rheonomic : Constraint relation explicitly depend on time.

and

2. Either Holonomic : Constraint relation are independent of velocities or can be made independent of velocities ~~($\dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}$)~~ (x, y, z)
or non Holonomic : Constraint relations are not holonomic.

and

3. Either Conservative : total mechanical ~~energy~~ energy of the system is conserved while performing the constraint motion. Constraint motion do not do any work.
or Dissipative : Constraint forces do work and total mechanical energy is not conserved.

4. ~~Bilateral~~
Either Bilateral : Constraint relations are in form of equalities
or ~~Dissip~~ Unilateral : Constraint relations are in form of inequalities.

Properties of Constraints:

1> Just by looking at constraints it may be possible to determine the type qualification for the classes 1, 2 & 4, but the determination of the type qualification of class 3 depends on whether constraints relation or doing any work or not.

2> It may happen that the constraint relation contains velocities but can be integrated with respect to time so that the resulting relation is made free of velocities. In such cases the constraint is holonomic. Eg.

$$(y^2 - 2x + y)\dot{x} + (x^2 - 2y + x)\dot{y} + xy\dot{z} = 0$$

can be integrated to

$$(1+2)xy = x^2 + y^2 + C$$

→ Holonomic.

3> The general form of unilateral constraints can be written as

$$f(\underbrace{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots}_{\text{Position}}, \underbrace{\dot{r}_1, \dot{r}_2, \dot{r}_3, \dots}_{\text{Velocity } i^{\text{th}} \text{ particle of system in motion}}) \geq 0$$

Whenever state of motion of the system is such that

$$f = 0 \Rightarrow \text{the constraint is "taut".}$$

Unilateral constraint $\begin{cases} f = 0 \text{ "taut"} \Rightarrow \text{Behaves like bilateral constraint} \\ f \neq 0 \\ f > 0 \Rightarrow \text{constraint is not taut and if the motion occurs as if there are no constraints.} \end{cases}$

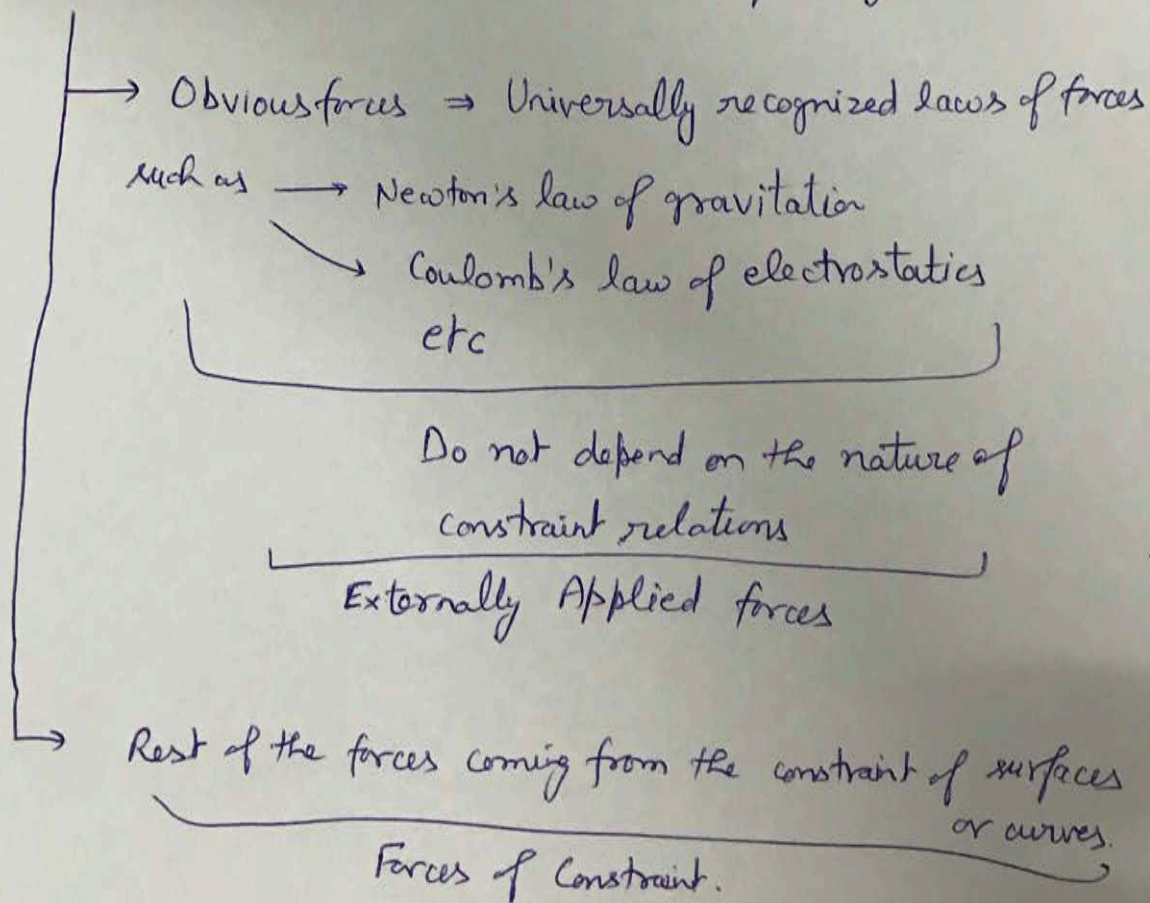
4> Forces of Constraints:

Second Newton's law of motion is a complete law of nature.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Observed acceleration of an object} \\ \simeq \text{Total forces acting on the object} \end{array} \right] \text{ True for inertial frames.}$$

Newton did not provide a way to specify the total forces.

Total forces = Sum (Superposition) of many forces.



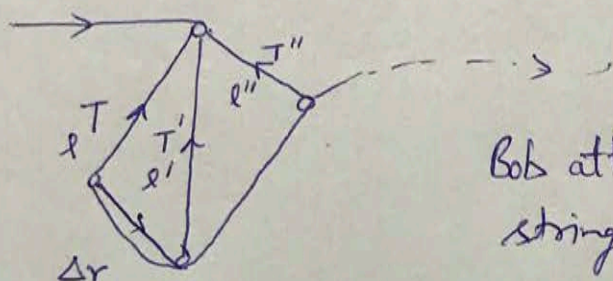
Unfortunately, Newton has not given any prescription for calculating these forces.
 Hence in absence of total forces, Newton's second law in its differential form can not even be formulated let alone finding a solution.

5> Work done by the constraint forces:

Usually the constraint forces act in direction \perp to the surface of constraints at every point on it, while motion of object is \parallel to surface at every point. \Rightarrow Work done by constraint is zero.

Exception 1> Frictional force due to sliding.

Exception 2> Rheonomic Constraint in this case ~~constraint~~ constraint force ^{need} not act \perp to the displacement.



Bob attached with variable string length $l(t)$.

$$\underline{T} \cdot \underline{\Delta r} \neq 0$$

In case of simple pendulum $\underline{T} \cdot \underline{\Delta r} = 0$

Generally speaking rheonomic constraints are dissipative.

Examples of Constraints:

1 Rigid Body:

$$|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k| = \text{Constant.}$$

$$i, k = 1, \dots, N$$

$$i, k \in [1, N]$$

Holonomic, ~~Scler~~ Scleronomous
Bilateral.

We will prove that the constraint is conservative.

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$$|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k|^2 = \text{Constant.}$$

Differential

$$(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k) \cdot \Delta(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k) = 0$$

Internal force of constraint on i^{th} particle due to the k^{th} particle be \underline{F}_{ik} . Using third law of Newton

$$\underline{F}_{ik} = -\underline{F}_{ki}$$

Work done

$$\underline{F}_{ik} \cdot \Delta \underline{r}_i = -\underline{F}_{ki} \Delta \underline{r}_i$$



Possible Displacement.

Total work done by the system

$$\Delta W = \sum_{\substack{i, k \\ i \neq k}} \underline{F}_{ik} \cdot \Delta \underline{r}_i = \sum_{\substack{i, k \\ k > i}} (\underline{F}_{ik} \Delta \underline{r}_i + \underline{F}_{ki} \Delta \underline{r}_k)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i, k \\ k > i}} \underline{F}_{ik} \cdot \Delta(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k)$$

We know \underline{F}_{ik} is an internal force between the particle i & k .
 \underline{F}_{ik} will act parallel to line joining i & k .

$$\underline{F}_{ik} = C_{ik} (\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W = \sum_{\substack{i, k \\ k > i}} C_{ik} (\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k) \cdot \Delta(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_k) = 0$$

Scleronomic, Holonomic, Bilateral & Conservative.