

CURVILINEAR MOTION

Curvilinear motion is the motion of a particle moving along a curve. The velocity of the particle is tangential to the path. However, the acceleration is not usually tangential to the path

PROJECTILE MOTION

Initially, before the projection of the particle,

$$x_o = y_o = z_o = 0$$

All at the origin

$$a_x = 0, a_y = -g, a_z = 0$$

When projected,

$$v_x = \int a_x dt$$

$$v_x = \int 0 dt$$

$$v_x = 0 + c$$

$$v_x = u_x$$

The horizontal motion in a projectile motion is uniform. Therefore, there is no acceleration

$$v_y = u_y - gt$$

$$x = u_x t$$

$$y = u_y t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

The motion in vertical is uniformly accelerated. Therefore there is a constant acceleration of (-g)

QUESTIONS ON PROJECTILES

VELOCITY VECTOR

The velocity vector of a particle is tangential to the path of the particle. Acceleration vector is not tangential.

The velocity is tangential to the path and therefore will also have its unit vector (e_t) tangential to the path

When two particles P and P' are moving, the relative velocity between them is

$$\Delta v = v_2 - v_1$$

Also comparing their unit vectors

$$\Delta e_t = e_{t2} - e_{t1}$$

The angle between these two tangential unit vectors is $\Delta \theta$

$$\Delta e_t = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\Delta \theta}{2}\right)$$

The relationship between the tangential unit vector and the normal unit vector is given by the relation

$$\lim_{\Delta \theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta e_t}{\Delta \theta} = e_n$$

$$e_n = \frac{d e_t}{d \theta}$$

From the above, it can be seen that the velocity vector that is tangential is.

$$v = v \vec{e}_t$$

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

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

From here, applying the product rule,

$$a = e_t \frac{dv}{dt} + v \frac{d \vec{e}_t}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d \vec{e}_t}{dt} = \frac{d e_t}{d \theta} \cdot \frac{d \theta}{ds} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$e_n = \frac{d e_t}{d \theta}$$

$$\frac{d \theta}{ds} = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$\rho = \text{Rotation} - \text{radius}$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = v$$

$$\frac{d \vec{e}_t}{dt} = \frac{d e_t}{d \theta} \cdot \frac{d \theta}{ds} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d e_t}{dt} = e_n \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot v$$

$$a = \vec{e}_t \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{v^2}{\rho} \vec{e}_n$$

$$a = a_t + a_n$$

a_t , the tangential acceleration (centripetal acceleration) reflects the change in speed of the particle

a_n , the normal acceleration (centrifugal acceleration) reflects the change of direction