

Classical Mechanics & Properties of Gases

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Learning Resources

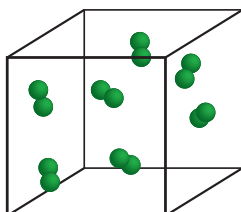
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- Foundations of Physics for Chemists *Ritchie & Sivia*
- Elements of Physical Chemistry *Atkins & de Paula*
- Physics, *Alonso & Finn*

Classical Mechanics

- Translation
 - Newton's laws of motion
 - Momentum, work & energy
- Rotation
 - Angular momentum
 - Moments of inertia
- Vibration
 - Simple harmonic motion

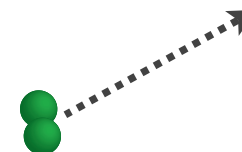


Equations of Motion

$$r(t)$$

$$v(t) = \frac{dr}{dt} \equiv \dot{r}$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \equiv \ddot{r}$$



An Easy Example

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r(t) = At^3 & r(t) = \int_0^t v(t) dt = \int_0^t 3At^2 dt = At^3 \\
 v(t) = \frac{dr}{dt} = 3At^2 & v(t) = \int_0^t a(t) dt = \int_0^t 6At dt = 3At^2 \\
 a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = 6At &
 \end{array}$$

Equations of Motion

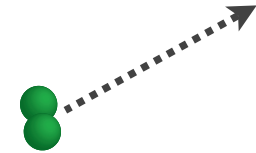
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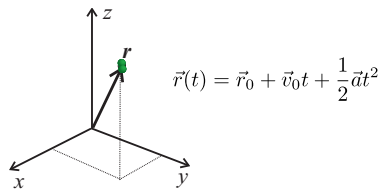
$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \equiv \ddot{r}$$

So, for constant acceleration

$$r(t) = r_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$



Equations of Motion in 3D

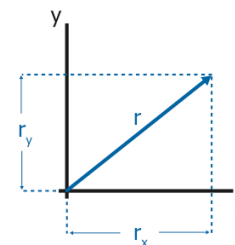


$$a_x(t) = a_x \quad v_x(t) = v_{x0} + a_x t \quad r_x(t) = r_{x0} + v_{x0} t + \frac{1}{2} a_x t^2$$

$$a_y(t) = a_y \quad v_y(t) = v_{y0} + a_y t \quad r_y(t) = r_{y0} + v_{y0} t + \frac{1}{2} a_y t^2$$

$$a_z(t) = a_z \quad v_z(t) = v_{z0} + a_z t \quad r_z(t) = r_{z0} + v_{z0} t + \frac{1}{2} a_z t^2$$

Vectors



Components

$$r_x = |r| \cos \theta \quad r_y = |r| \sin \theta$$

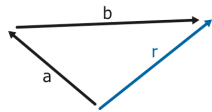
Magnitude

$$|r| = \sqrt{(r_x^2 + r_y^2)}$$

Direction

$$\tan \theta = \frac{r_y}{r_x}$$

Vector Addition



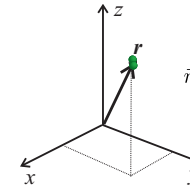
Vector Sum

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

Components

$$r_x = a_x + b_x \quad r_y = a_y + b_y$$

Equations of Motion in 3D



$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a} t^2$$

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Force

Any influence that changes the motion of an object

- Units, Newton $1 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ kg ms}^{-2}$

Fundamental Force	Relative Strength	Range	Comments
Strong	1	10^{-15} m	Holds the nucleus together
Electromagnetic	10^{-2}	∞	Chemistry!
Weak	10^{-6}	10^{-17} m	Associated with radioactivity
Gravitational	10^{-38}	∞	Causes apples to fall

Gravitational Forces

- The weight of an object is the net gravitational force acting on it.
- The gravitational force between point or spherical masses, m_1 and m_2 , is

$$F = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2} \quad G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$

- For objects close to the earth's surface

$$F = mg \quad g = \frac{Gm_E}{R_e^2} \simeq 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$$

g = acceleration due to gravity
 $r = R_e$ the radius of the earth

Electromagnetic Forces

- The **Coulomb** force between point or spherical charges, q_1 and q_2 , is

$$F = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \quad \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9.0 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}$$

- The Coulomb force can be either attractive or repulsive depending on the sign of the charges.
- The Physical Basis of Chemistry: The role of charge. Dr N.J.B. Green F.10 (wks 1-3)

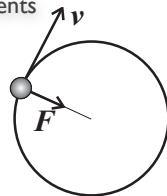
Newton's Laws of Motion

- An object in motion will remain in motion unless acted upon by a net force.
- A force acting on a body is directly proportional to its rate of change of momentum. ($F = ma$)
- To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Newton's 1st Law

An object in motion will remain in motion unless acted upon by a net force

- Provides definition of force
- If an object isn't moving then the forces on the object must add up to zero
- Dependent on direction,
 - Use **vectors** / resolve into orthogonal components



Newton's 2nd Law

A force acting on a body is directly proportional to its rate of change of momentum ($F = ma$)

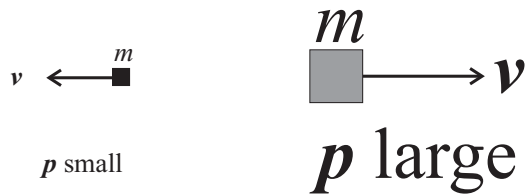
$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt}$$

- Units of kg ms^{-2} or **Newtons**

Linear Momentum

Product of an object's mass times its velocity

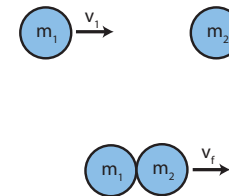
- $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$
- Units of kg ms^{-1}



Conservation of Momentum

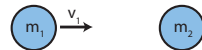
The total momentum of an isolated system of particles is constant

$$\vec{P} = \sum_i \vec{p}_i = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 + \dots = \text{constant}$$



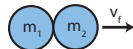
Inelastic Collisions

- Momentum before collision?



$$\sum_i p_i = m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = mv + 0 = mv$$

- Momentum after collision?



$$\sum_i p_i = (m_1 + m_2) v_f = 2mv_f$$

- Applying conservation of momentum

$$mv = 2mv_f \quad v_f = \frac{v}{2}$$

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$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \frac{d(m\vec{v})}{dt} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \vec{v} \frac{dm}{dt} \approx m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{a}$$

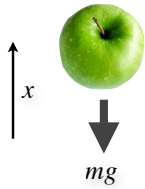
- $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

Newton's 2nd Law

A force acting on a body is directly proportional to its rate of change of momentum ($F = ma$)

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = m\vec{a}$$

$$F = -mg$$



$$r(t) = r_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

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

$$= 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \quad t = \sqrt{\frac{-2x}{g}}$$



An Aside: Dimensional Analysis

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{-2x}{g}}$$

$$s = m^{1/2} (m s^{-2})^{-1/2}$$

An Aside: Dimensional Analysis

$$t \propto x^\alpha m^\beta g^\gamma$$

$$s^1 \propto m^\alpha k g^\beta (m s^{-2})^\gamma$$

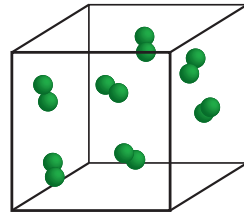
$$s^{-1} \propto m^{1/2} k g^0 (m s^{-2})^{-1/2}$$

$$t \propto \sqrt{\frac{x}{g}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= 0 & \alpha + \gamma &= 0 & 1 &= -2\gamma \\ \alpha &= \frac{1}{2} & \gamma &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

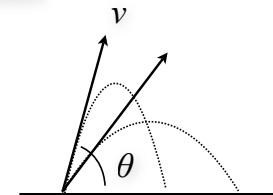
Newton's 3rd Law

To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction



Example Questions

Rocks at the beach



$$v_{x1} = v \cos \theta_1$$

$$v_{x2} = v \cos \theta_2$$

Example Questions

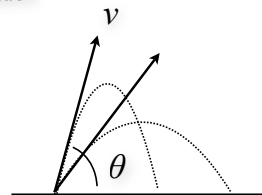
Rocks at the beach

Only consider x-components

$$x_1 = x_{1,0} + v_x t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$x_1 = v t \cos \theta_1$$

$$x_2 = v(t - \Delta t) \cos \theta_2$$



So when they collide:

$$v t \cos \theta_1 = v(t - \Delta t) \cos \theta_2$$

$$\frac{\cos \theta_1}{\cos \theta_2} = \frac{t - \Delta t}{t}$$

$$\frac{\Delta t}{t} = 1 - \frac{\cos \theta_1}{\cos \theta_2}$$

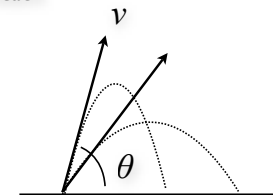
Example Questions

Rocks at the beach

Let's pick some angles

$$\cos 60 = 1/2$$

$$\cos 30 = \sqrt{3}/2$$



So when will they hit?

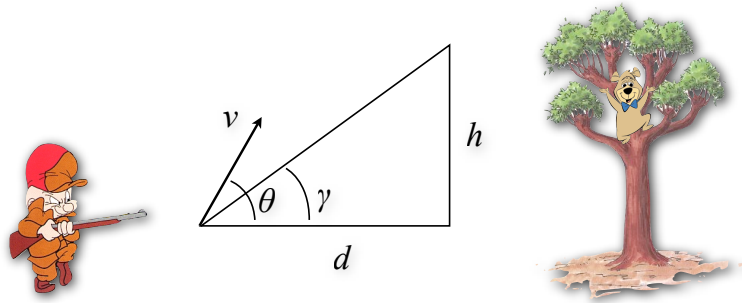
$$\frac{\Delta t}{t} = 1 - \frac{\cos \theta_1}{\cos \theta_2} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$t \approx 2.3 \Delta t$$

Q: Same angle?

Example Questions

Bear hunting



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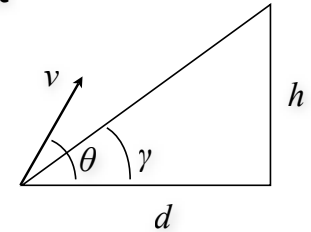
Consider x components of Bullet

$$v_{x,0}(t) = s_0 \cos \theta$$

$$x(t) = \cancel{x_0} + v_{0,x}t + \frac{1}{2}\cancel{a_{0,x}}t^2$$

$$x(t) = v_{0,x}t$$

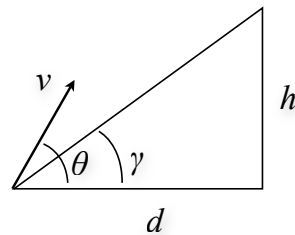
$$t_{death} = \frac{d}{v_{0,x}}$$



Example Questions

Bear hunting

Consider x components of Bear



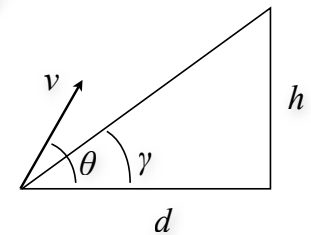
Example Questions

Bear hunting

Consider y components of Bear

$$y(t) = y_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}a_0t^2$$

$$y(t) = h + 0 - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$



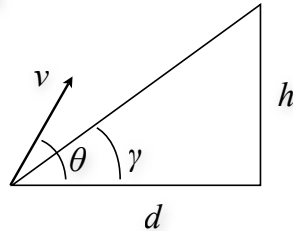
Example Questions

Bear hunting

Consider y components of Bullet

$$y(t) = y_0 + v_{0,y}t + \frac{1}{2}a_{0,y}t^2$$

$$y(t) = 0 + v_{0,y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$



Example Questions

Bear hunting

For a collision to occur

$$y_{bullet} = y_{bear}$$

$$v_{0,y}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 = h - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

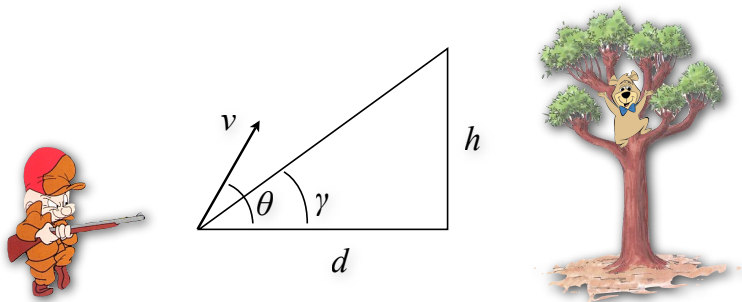
$$v_{0,y}t = h$$

We can substitute for the time of collision

$$t_{death} = \frac{d}{v_{0,x}} \quad \frac{h}{v_{0,y}} = \frac{d}{v_{0,x}} \quad \frac{h}{d} = \frac{v_{0,y}}{v_{0,x}}$$

Example Questions

Bear hunting



$$\tan \gamma = \frac{h}{d} = \frac{v_{0,y}}{v_{0,x}} = \frac{s_0 \sin \theta}{s_0 \cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

Summary

- Equations of Motion
- Newton's laws
- Conservation of Momentum
- Inelastic Collisions
- Frames of Reference

