

# Circular Motion

## Geometry / angle review



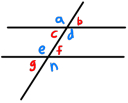
- Vertical angles are directly opposite from each other also they are equal to each other



- Supplementary angles are angles that add to  $180^\circ$  ( $180^\circ$  is a straight line) they can be more than one meaning you can have two different lines as long as they add to  $180^\circ$  they are supplementary.



- Complementary angles add up to  $90^\circ$

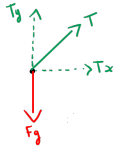
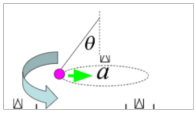


the ones that match colors are all equal to one another

this will be helpful  
when we derive equations  
later

$$T_y = F_g = mg$$

$$F_{net} = T_x$$



$$\cos\theta = \frac{T_y}{T} \Rightarrow T \cos\theta = T_y \approx T \cos\theta = mg \Rightarrow T = \frac{mg}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{T_x}{T} \Rightarrow T \sin\theta = T_x$$

- a Pendulum was used because it has circular arc and it essentially undergoes Circular motion which needs Centripetal force we know because the acceleration is pointing to the center

$$\left(\frac{mg}{\cos\theta}\right) \cdot \sin\theta = F_{net}$$

$$mg \cdot \tan\theta = F_{net}$$

(this equation will help when we derive another one for velocity)

- Notice that  $T_y$  and  $F_g$  will cancel each other out leaving us with only  $T_x$  so that means  $F_{net} = T_x$

## Centripetal Force

### Centripetal Force is

this means that the Centripetal force is Not a separate force but it Comes from whatever forces are acting and adding up towards the center of an object moving in a circular path the force is always directed towards the center of the circle that's why it's called the "Centripetal" which means Center-seeking

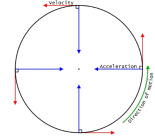
- Centripetal acceleration

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

to get the Centripetal force we can substitute the Centripetal acceleration into  $F = ma$

$$F_c = m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r}$$

This is the net force  
 $F_{net} = F_c$

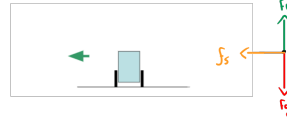


- $F = ma$  the force and acceleration will point in the same direction if the acceleration is pointed to the middle then the force also points to the middle if you have a rope you will have a bit of force/pressure when you spin it

### turns

$$V = \sqrt{\mu_s g r}$$

- this equation tells you the maximum speed at which a vehicle can go around a flat curve without slipping purely due to friction



- Notice that  $F_n$  and  $F_g$  cancel each other out leaving us only with  $f_s$  so  $F_{net} = f_s$

$$f_s \leq \mu_s F_n$$

$$F_n = mg$$

$$F_{net} = f_s$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} \leq \mu_s F_n$$

$$\mu_s \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} \leq \mu_s \cdot mg \Rightarrow$$

$$V = \sqrt{\mu_s g r}$$

$$F_{net} = F_c = mg \tan\theta$$

$$\mu_s \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = \mu_s g \tan\theta \Rightarrow V = \sqrt{g r \tan\theta}$$

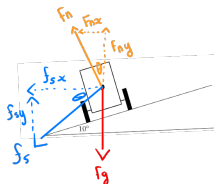
$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$ : this equation is used in circular motion and tells you the speed of an object moving in circular path with radius  $r$ , Period  $T$

## Banked turns (Fast)

### • at high speed

If a car is going too fast the required Centripetal Force will be too large for the horizontal component the car will want to slide outward from the center of the curve

• the static friction will act downwards & towards the center of the center to help provide the necessary Centripetal Force and prevent the car from sliding outwards



x-direction

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$$\cos\theta = \frac{F_{gx}}{F_g} \Rightarrow F_g \cos\theta = F_{gx}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{F_{gx}}{F_n} \Rightarrow F_n \sin\theta = F_{gx}$$

$$F_{net} = F_n \sin\theta + F_g \cos\theta$$

$$F_{net} = m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} \quad F_g \leq \mu_s F_n$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n \sin\theta + \mu_s F_n \cos\theta$$

y-direction

$$\cos\theta = \frac{F_{gy}}{F_n} = F_n \cos\theta = F_{gy}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{F_{gy}}{F_g} = F_g \sin\theta = F_{gy}$$

$$F_{net} = -mg + F_n \cos\theta - F_g \sin\theta$$

$F_{net}$  is zero in the y-direction because the car only travels horizontally not vertically  
 $F_g \leq \mu_s F_n$

$$0 = -mg + F_n \cos\theta - \mu_s F_n \sin\theta$$

We want to find the maximum speed we can go on the curve

$$F_n (\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta) = mg$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n (\sin\theta + \mu_s \cos\theta)$$

$$\text{Pr: } \frac{v^2}{r} = \left( \frac{mg}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta} \right) \cdot (\sin\theta + \mu_s \cos\theta)$$

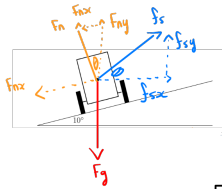
$$F_n = \frac{mg}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta}$$

$$v_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{gr(\sin\theta + \mu_s \cos\theta)}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta}}$$

## BANKED TURNS (Slow)

• If the car is moving too slow the required Centrifugal Force will be too small the car won't be able to maintain its circular path without help

• In this case static friction will act up the bank (away from the center) to help provide the Centrifugal Force needed to keep the car on its circular path



**x-direction**

$$\sin\theta = \frac{F_{nx}}{F_n} = F_n \sin\theta = F_{nx}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{f_{sx}}{f_s} = f_s \cos\theta = f_{sx}$$

$$F_{netx} = F_n \sin\theta - f_s \cos\theta$$

$$F_{net} = m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} \quad f_s \leq \mu_s \cdot F_n$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n \sin\theta - \mu_s F_n \cos\theta$$

**y-direction**

$$\cos\theta = \frac{F_{ny}}{F_n} = F_n \cos\theta = F_{ny}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{f_{sy}}{f_s} = f_s \sin\theta = f_{sy}$$

$$F_{nety} = -mg + F_n \cos\theta + f_s \sin\theta$$

$F_{net}$  is zero because the car is traveling on the horizontal not on the vertical

$$0 = -mg + F_n \cos\theta + \mu_s F_n \sin\theta$$

we want to find the minimum velocity we can go on the curve

$$F_n (\cos\theta + \mu_s \sin\theta) = mg$$

$$F_n = \frac{mg}{\cos\theta + \mu_s \sin\theta}$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n (\sin\theta - \mu_s \cos\theta)$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = \left( \frac{mg}{\cos\theta + \mu_s \sin\theta} \right) (\sin\theta - \mu_s \cos\theta)$$

$$v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{gr (\sin\theta - \mu_s \cos\theta)}{\cos\theta + \mu_s \sin\theta}}$$

# Summary of equations

banked slow

$$v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{gr(\sin\theta - \mu_s \cos\theta)}{\cos\theta + \mu_s \sin\theta}}$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n \sin\theta - \mu_s F_n \cos\theta$$

$$0 = -mg + F_n \cos\theta + \mu_s F_n \sin\theta$$

banked fast

$$v_{\max} = \sqrt{\frac{gr(\sin\theta + \mu_s \cos\theta)}{\cos\theta - \mu_s \sin\theta}}$$

$$0 = -mg + F_n \cos\theta - \mu_s F_n \sin\theta$$

$$m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r} = F_n \sin\theta + \mu_s F_n \cos\theta$$

$$v = \sqrt{\mu_s g r}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$v = \sqrt{gr \tan\theta}$$

$$F_c = m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r}$$

↓  
This is the net force  
 $F_{\text{net}} = F_c$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$