## Chapter 3 - Kinematics in 3D

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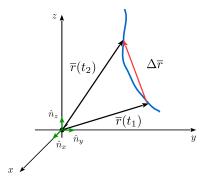
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## Basic Kinematic Quantities in 3D Cartesian Coordinates

## Position, Displacement, and Trajectory



 $\Delta \overline{r}(t)$  — displacement over the time interval  $(t_1, t_2)$ 

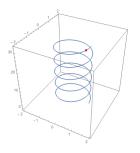
The curve traced out by the tip of the position vector of a moving particle is called the particle's **trajectory**.

The vector-valued function  $\overline{r} = \overline{r}(t)$  defines the trajectory in the **parametric form**. In terms of individual components  $\overline{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{n}_x + y(t)\hat{n}_y + z(t)\hat{n}_z$ , that is

$$\begin{cases} x = x(t) \\ y = y(t) \\ z = z(t) \end{cases} t_0 \le t \le t_1$$

#### Trajectory

Example 1. What is the shape of trajectory if  $x(t) = R \sin \omega t$ ,  $y(t) = R \cos \omega t$ , and z(t) = vt, where  $R, \omega, v$  are positive constants?



*Example 2.* For motion in the *x-y* plane  $(z \equiv 0)$ , we have  $x(t) = R \sin \omega t$ ,  $y(t) = R \cos \omega t$ . The parameter (time) can be eliminated and

$$x^2 + v^2 = R^2$$
.

This circle of radius R, centered at the origin, is an example of a trajectory defined in an **implicit form** as F(x, y) = 0.

#### Velocity

Recall that

$$\bar{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{n}_x + y(t)\hat{n}_y + z(t)\hat{n}_z.$$

and  $\hat{n}_x$ ,  $\hat{n}_y$ ,  $\hat{n}_z$  are fixed (that is time-independent) unit vectors.

That is,  $\hat{n}_x = \hat{n}_y = \hat{n}_z = 0$ .

#### Average velocity

$$egin{align*} ar{v}_{
m av} &= rac{\Delta ar{r}}{\Delta t} &= rac{x(t+\Delta t)-x(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_{x} + rac{y(t+\Delta t)-y(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_{y} + \ &+ rac{z(t+\Delta t)-z(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_{z} \end{aligned}$$

Instantaneous velocity 
$$\overline{v}(t) = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\Delta \overline{r}}{\Delta t} = 1$$

Instantaneous velocity 
$$\overline{v}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \overline{r}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \left[ \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_x + \frac{y(t + \Delta t) - y(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_y + \frac{z(t + \Delta t) - z(t)}{\Delta t} \hat{n}_z \right]$$

## Velocity

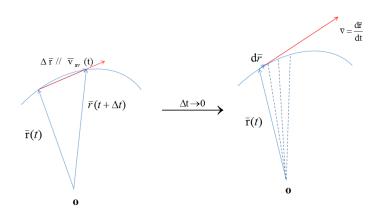
Eventually,

$$\overline{v}(t) = \underbrace{\dot{x}(t)}_{v_x(t)} \hat{n}_x + \underbrace{\dot{y}(t)}_{v_y(t)} \hat{n}_y + \underbrace{\dot{z}(t)}_{v_z(t)} \hat{n}_z = 
= (\dot{x}(t), \dot{y}(t), \dot{z}(t))$$

#### Instantaneous speed

$$v(t) = |\bar{v}(t)| = \sqrt{[\dot{x}(t)]^2 + [\dot{y}(t)]^2 + [\dot{z}(t)]^2}$$

## Instantaneous Velocity Vector



*Observation*: The instantaneous velocity vector is always tangential to the trajectory.

#### Acceleration

Similarly, we can define acceleration.

#### Average acceleration

$$\overline{a}_{av} = rac{\Delta \overline{v}}{\Delta t}, \qquad \qquad \Delta \overline{v} = \overline{v}(t + \Delta t) - \overline{v}(t)$$

#### Instantaneous acceleration

$$\overline{a}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta \overline{v}}{\Delta t} = \dot{v}_{x}(t) \hat{n}_{x} + \dot{v}_{y}(t) \hat{n}_{y} + \dot{v}_{z}(t) \hat{n}_{z} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\ddot{v}(t)}_{a_{x}(t)} \hat{n}_{x} + \underbrace{\ddot{y}(t)}_{a_{y}(t)} \hat{n}_{y} + \underbrace{\ddot{z}(t)}_{a_{z}(t)} \hat{n}_{z}$$

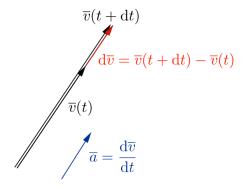
Magnitude

$$a(t) = |\overline{a}(t)| = \sqrt{[\ddot{x}(t)]^2 + [\ddot{y}(t)]^2 + [\ddot{z}(t)]^2}$$

#### Acceleration. Tangential and Normal Components

<u>Observation 1.</u> The tangential component of instantaneous acceleration changes the magnitude of instantaneous velocity (that is the speed) only.

Suppose that only the magnitude of the instantaneous velocity  $\overline{v}$  changes. Then the acceleration vector  $\overline{a}$  must be parallel to  $\overline{v}$  (which is always tangential to trajectory).



## Acceleration. Tangential and Normal Components

<u>Observation 2.</u> The normal component of instantaneous acceleration changes the direction of the instantaneous velocity, but not its magnitude.

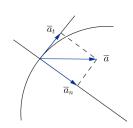
Suppose now that the instantaneous speed is constant, that is  $v = \mathrm{const.}$  Then, of course,  $v^2 = \mathrm{const.}$  and

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}v^2}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( \overline{v} \circ \overline{v} \right) = \dot{\overline{v}} \circ \overline{v} + \overline{v} \circ \dot{\overline{v}} = 2 \dot{\overline{v}} \circ \overline{v} = 0$$

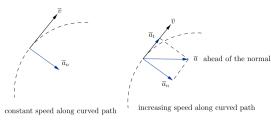
Hence  $\overline{a} \perp \overline{v}$ , that is the instantaneous acceleration vector points along the normal to the trajectory (recall that the normal direction is perpendicular to the tangential direction).

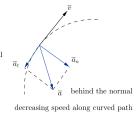
### Acceleration. Tangential and Normal Components

What if both the magnitude and the direction of the instantaneous velocity change?

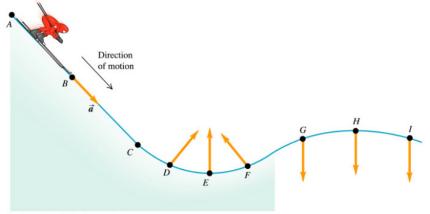


#### Special cases





## Example



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Basic Kinematic Quantities in 3D Cartesian Coordinates

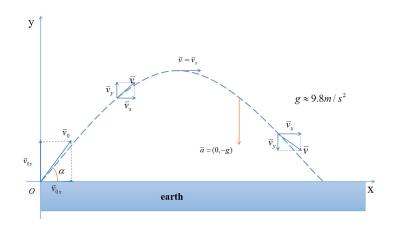
Example: Projectile motion

Kinematics in Polar Coordinates (2D)

Acceleration, Velocity, and Position Trajectory Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration Examples

Example: Projectile motion

#### Statement of the Problem



Initial conditions 
$$(t = 0)$$

$$\begin{cases} x(0) = 0 \\ y(0) = 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} v_x(0) = v_{0x} = v_0 \cos \alpha \\ v_y(0) = v_{0y} = v_0 \sin \alpha \end{cases}$$

## Statement of the Problem. Acceleration. Velocity

Observation: Constant non-zero acceleration only in the vertical direction (downwards) with the magnitude of  $\approx 9.8~m/s^2$ .

$$\begin{cases} a_x(t) \equiv 0 \\ a_y(t) = -g \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \frac{\mathrm{d}v_x}{\mathrm{d}t} \equiv 0 \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}v_y}{\mathrm{d}t} = -g \end{cases}$$

#### Velocity

$$v_{x}(t) = v_0 \cos \alpha = \text{const}$$

because  $\int_{v_{0x}}^{v_x(t)} dv_x = \int_0^t 0 dt = 0$ . Similarly,

$$\int_{v_0 \sin \alpha}^{v_y(t)} \mathrm{d}v_y = -\int_0^t g \, \mathrm{d}t \, \Rightarrow \boxed{v_y(t) = v_0 \sin \alpha - gt}$$

## Velocity

#### **Position**

$$v_{x}(t) = \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = v_{0}\cos\alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{0}^{x(t)} \mathrm{d}x = \int_{0}^{t} v_{0}\cos\alpha\,\mathrm{d}t$$
$$x(t) = v_{0}t\cos\alpha$$

$$v_y(t) = \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = v_0 \sin \alpha - gt$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $\int_0^{y(t)} \mathrm{d}y = \int_0^t [v_0 \sin \alpha - gt] \mathrm{d}t$ 

$$y(t) = v_0 t \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

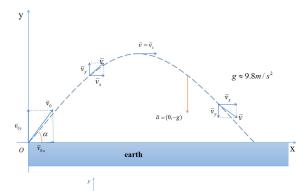
#### Trajectory

Hence, the parametric equations of the trajectory

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = v_0 t \cos \alpha \Rightarrow t = \frac{x}{v_0 \cos \alpha} \\ y(t) = v_0 t \sin \alpha - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{cases}$$

Eliminating time, we find y = y(x) as

$$y(x) = x \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \frac{g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha} x^2$$



## Maximum Height. Range

**Maximum height** — at the highest point of the trajectory  $v_y(t_h) = 0$ . It is reached at the instant

$$t_h=\frac{v_0\sin\alpha}{g}.$$

Using the parametric equations of the trajectory, we find

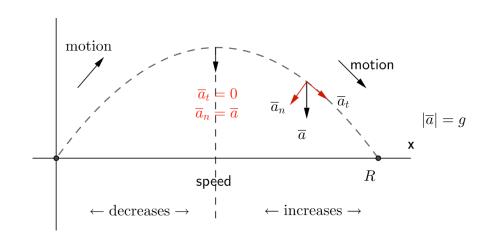
$$y(t_h) = \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g} = h_{\text{max}}$$

Range

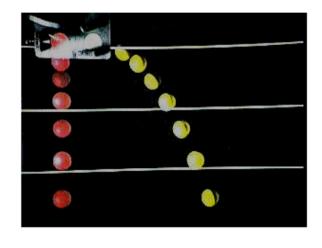
$$y(x_R) = 0 \Rightarrow x_R \tan \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \frac{g}{v_0^2 \cos^2 \alpha} x_R^2 = 0$$
  
 $x_R = 0 \text{ (starting point) or } x_R = \frac{v_0^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}$ 

Observation. Maximum range for  $\alpha = \pi/4$ .

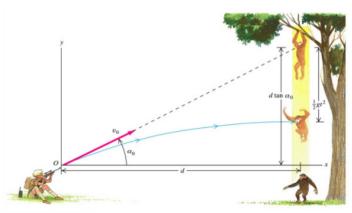
# Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration in Projectile Motion



## Example. Free Fall and Projectile Motion Combined



## Example. Vet and Monkey

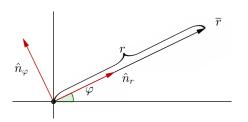


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## Kinematics in Polar Coordinates (2D)

## Position and Trajectory



#### Position vector

$$\overline{r} = r\hat{n}_r$$

Trajectory (parametric form)

$$\begin{cases} r = r(t) \\ \varphi = \varphi(t) \end{cases}$$

or in the implicit form

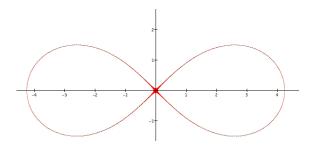
$$r = r(\varphi)$$
 or  $\varphi = \varphi(r)$  or  $F(r, \varphi) = 0$ 

## Trajectory. Examples

Example 1. 
$$r(t) \equiv R = \text{const}$$
 and  $\varphi(t) = \omega t$ , where  $\omega > 0$ .

Circle with radius R, centered at the origin.

Example 2. Lemniscate:  $r^2 = 2A^2 \cos 2\varphi$ .

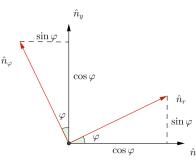


## Velocity. How to Handle Time-dependent Unit Vectors?

**Velocity** 
$$\overline{v} = \dot{\overline{r}} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\hat{n}_r) = \dot{r}\hat{n}_r + r\dot{\hat{n}}_r$$

Note that the derivative of the unit vector  $\hat{n}_r$  is not zero, unlike in Cartesian coordinates. Here  $\hat{n}_r$ ,  $\hat{n}_\varphi$  are not fixed.

#### How to find the derivative $\hat{n}_r$ (and $\hat{n}_{\varphi}$ ) ?



$$\hat{n}_r = \cos \varphi \hat{n}_x + \sin \varphi \hat{n}_y$$

$$\varphi = -\sin \varphi \hat{n}_x + \cos \varphi \hat{n}_y$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{\dot{\hat{n}}_{\varphi}}{\dot{\hat{n}}_{\varphi}} = -\dot{\varphi}\cos\varphi \hat{n}_{x} - \dot{\varphi}\sin\varphi \hat{n}_{y}$$

$$= -\dot{\varphi}(\cos\varphi \hat{n}_{x} + \sin\varphi \hat{n}_{y}) =$$

$$= -\dot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{r}$$

## Velocity and Acceleration

Use the result to find the **velocity** vector in polar coordinates

$$\overline{v} = \dot{r}\hat{n}_r + \dot{r}\hat{n}_r = \underbrace{\dot{r}\hat{n}_r}_{\text{radial component}} + \underbrace{\dot{r}\dot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi}}_{\text{transverse component}}$$

Interpretation? Speed: 
$$v = |\overline{v}| = \sqrt{(\dot{r})^2 + (r\dot{\varphi})^2}$$

Similarly, the acceleration vector

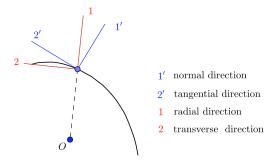
$$\begin{split} \overline{a} &= \dot{\overline{v}} &= \ddot{r}\hat{n}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\hat{n}}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi} + r\ddot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi} + r\dot{\varphi}\dot{\hat{n}}_{\varphi} \\ &= \ddot{r}\hat{n}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi} + \dot{r}\dot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi} + r\ddot{\varphi}\hat{n}_{\varphi} - r(\dot{\varphi})^2\hat{n}_r \\ &= (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\varphi}^2)\hat{n}_r + (r\ddot{\varphi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\varphi})\hat{n}_{\varphi} \end{split}$$

Interpretation?

## Radial $\neq$ Normal. Transverse $\neq$ Tangential

#### **CAUTION!**

In general, radial  $\neq$  normal, nor transverse  $\neq$  tangential!



Positive (i.e., radial = normal, transverse = tangential) example? Circular motion.

## Example. Circular Motion

#### For circular motion

- r = R = const. Hence  $\dot{r} = \ddot{r} = 0$ .
- ullet  $\varphi=arphi(t)$  any function of time in general

#### Two types of circular motion

- uniform
- non-uniform

## Example. Circular Motion: (A) Uniform

(A) **uniform circular motion** (*uniform* — particle travels at constant speed; assume counter-clockwise rotation)

Velocity

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}} = \underbrace{\dot{r}}_{=0} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_r + r\dot{\varphi}\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\varphi} = R\dot{\varphi}\hat{\mathbf{n}}_{\varphi}$$

Uniform motion, so  $|\overline{v}| = v = \text{const}$ , and

$$R\dot{\varphi} = v \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}\varphi}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{v}{R} \qquad \stackrel{\varphi(0)=0}{\Longrightarrow} \qquad \int\limits_{0}^{\varphi(t)} \mathrm{d}\varphi = \int\limits_{0}^{t} \frac{v}{R} \,\mathrm{d}t$$

Hence  $\varphi(t) = vt/R = \omega t$ , where  $\omega = v/R$  is the angular velocity (constant here; in general a vector).

## Example. Circular Motion: (A) Uniform

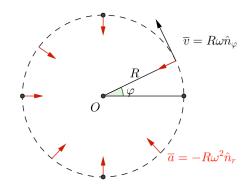
#### Acceleration

$$\overline{a} = (\ddot{r}_{=0} - r\dot{\varphi}^2)\hat{n}_r + (r\ddot{\varphi}_{=0} + 2\dot{r}_{=0}\dot{\varphi})\hat{n}_{\varphi} = -R\omega^2\hat{n}_r$$

#### Summary

$$\overline{v} = R\omega \hat{n}_{\varphi}, \qquad \overline{a} = -R\omega^2 \hat{n}_r$$

- $\hat{n}_{\varphi}$  corresponds to the tangential direction;  $\hat{n}_{r}$  corresponds to the normal direction
- both  $|\overline{v}|$  and  $|\overline{a}|$  are constant in time



## Example. Circular Motion: (B) Non-Uniform

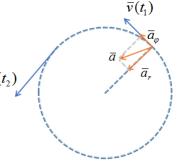
#### (B) Non-Uniform Circular Motion

Still r = R = const, but now  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$  is an arbitrary function of time.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \dot{\varphi} & = & \dot{\varphi}(t) = \omega(t) & \text{angular velocity} \\ \ddot{\varphi} & = & \ddot{\varphi}(t) = \dot{\omega}(t) = \varepsilon(t) & \text{angular acceleration} \end{array}$$

Note. Angular acceleration is in general defined as a vector quantity.

$$\overline{v} = R\omega(t)\hat{n}_{arphi}$$
  $\overline{a} = \underbrace{-R\omega^2(t)\hat{n}_r}_{ ext{curves the trajectory}} + \underbrace{Rarepsilon(t)\hat{n}_{arphi}}_{ ext{changes the speed}}$ 



## Another Example: Beetle on a Vinyl

A beetle starts out from the center of a vinyl put on a gramophone, moving along its radius with constant speed  $v_0$  with respect to the vinyl. The plate of the gramophone is set to rotate counter-clockwise (when looking from above) with constant angular speed  $\Omega$ . At t=0 s, we have  $\varphi(0)=0$ .

In the polar coordinates, with the origin set at the center of the vinyl, find: the trajectory of the beetle, its velocity and acceleration vectors and their magnitudes, as well as the tangential and the normal components of acceleration.

From the information provided

$$\dot{r} = v_0 \ \dot{\varphi} = \Omega$$
 $r(t) = \int\limits_0^t v_0 dt = v_0 t \ \varphi(t) = \int\limits_0^t \Omega dt = \Omega t$ 

## Another Example: Beetle on a Vinyl

#### Eliminating time

$$r = \frac{v_0}{\Omega} \varphi$$

(trajectory: Archimedes' spiral)



#### **Velocity**

$$\begin{aligned} v_r &= \dot{r} = v_0 \\ v_\varphi &= r\dot{\varphi} = v_0\Omega t \\ v &= \sqrt{v_r^2 + v_\varphi^2} = v_0\sqrt{1 + \Omega^2 t^2} \end{aligned}$$

## Another Example: Beetle on a Vinyl

#### Acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} a_r &= \ddot{r} - r\dot{\varphi}^2 = -v_0 t \Omega^2 \\ a_\varphi &= r\ddot{\varphi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\varphi} = 2v_0 \Omega \\ a &= \sqrt{a_r^2 + a_\varphi^2} = v_0 \Omega \sqrt{4 + \Omega^2 t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Tangential and normal components of acceleration

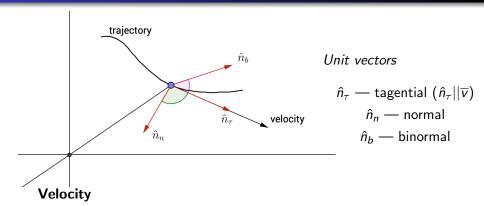
$$a_{\tau} = \dot{v} = v_0 \frac{\Omega^2 t}{\sqrt{1 + \Omega^2 t^2}}$$
 $a_n = \sqrt{a^2 - a_{\tau}^2} = \frac{v_0 \Omega (2 + \Omega^2 t^2)}{\sqrt{1 + \Omega^2 t^2}}$ 

Exercise: Analyze motion of the beetle using Cartesian coordinates.

Natural (or Kinematic) Coordinate System Final Remarks Unit Vectors. Velocity Acceleration. Tangential and Normal Components Instantaneous Radius of Curvature Examples: Circular Motion and Projectile Motion Revisited

# Natural (or Kinematic) Coordinate System

# Unit Vectors. Velocity



$$\overline{v}(t) = v \hat{n}_{\tau}$$

Hence

$$\hat{n}_{ au} = rac{rac{ ext{velocity (vector)}}{\overline{V}}}{rac{V}{ ext{speed (scalar)}}} = rac{\overline{h}}{|\overline{h}|}$$

### Normal Unit Vector

**Normal unit vector** is perpendicular (orthogonal) to  $\hat{n}_{\tau}$ . *Problem*: many choices possible in 3D!

*Unique* choice:

$$\hat{n}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{n}_\tau}{\mathrm{d}t}}{\left|\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{n}_\tau}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|}$$

*Note.* We need to normalize the vector, because  $\mathrm{d}\hat{n}_{\tau}/\mathrm{d}t$  is not of a unit length in general.

Is 
$$\hat{n}_n \perp \hat{n}_{\tau}$$
? YES!

$$\hat{n}_{ au} \circ \hat{n}_{ au} = 1$$
  $\stackrel{ ext{differentiate}}{\Longrightarrow}_{ ext{with respect to } t} \frac{ ext{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{ ext{d} t} \circ \hat{n}_{ au} + \hat{n}_{ au} \circ \frac{ ext{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{ ext{d} t} = 0$ 

$$\frac{ ext{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{ ext{d} t} \circ \hat{n}_{ au} = 0 \implies \frac{ ext{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{ ext{d} t} \perp \hat{n}_{ au} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{n}_{ au} \perp \hat{n}_{ au}$$

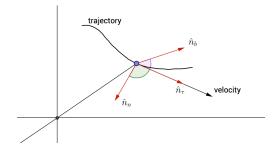
#### Binormal Unit Vector

*Note.* The normal unit vector  $\hat{n}_n$  points along the radius of curvature.

The binormal unit vector is defined as

$$\hat{n}_b = \hat{n}_ au imes \hat{n}_n$$
 (right-handed system)

The three vectors  $\hat{n}_{\tau}$ ,  $\hat{n}_{n}$  and  $\hat{n}_{b}$ , "sliding" along the particle's trajectory, are the unit vectors of the **natural coordinate system**.



### Acceleration

#### Acceleration

$$\overline{a} = \dot{\overline{v}} = \dot{v}\hat{n}_{\tau} + v\dot{\hat{n}}_{\tau} = \dot{v}\hat{n}_{\tau} + v\left|\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{n}_{\tau}}{\mathrm{d}t}\right|\hat{n}_{n}$$

Define the (instantaneous) radius of trajectory's curvature as

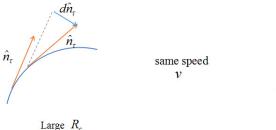
$$R_c \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \frac{v}{\left| \frac{\mathrm{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{\mathrm{d} t} \right|}.$$
 Then

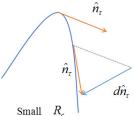
$$\overline{a} = \underbrace{\dot{v}\,\hat{n}_{\tau}}_{\text{tangential component }\overline{a}_{\tau}} + \underbrace{\frac{v^2}{R_c}\hat{n}_n}_{\text{normal component }\overline{a}_n}$$

Both components are mutually perpendicular and  $|\overline{a}|=\sqrt{a_{ au}^2+a_n^2}$ 

### Instantaneous Radius of Curvature

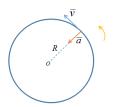
Interpretation of 
$$R_c \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} \frac{v}{\left| \frac{\mathrm{d} \hat{n}_{ au}}{\mathrm{d} t} \right|}$$
 (assume same speed  $v$ )





# Examples: Circular Motion and Projectile Motion Revisited

#### Example 1. Uniform circular motion



$$R_c = R$$
 (exercise)  
 $a_\tau = 0$   
 $a_n = \frac{v^2}{R}$ 

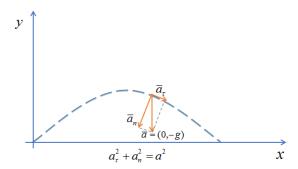
Again!

$$a_{\tau} = \dot{v}$$
 changes the magnitude of  $\bar{v}$ 

$$a_{n} = \frac{v^{2}}{R_{c}}$$
 changes the direction of  $\bar{v}$ 

# Examples: Circular Motion and Projectile Motion Revisited

Example 2. Projectile motion (also, see Problem Set 2)



$$\overline{v} = (v_0 \cos \alpha) \hat{n}_x + (v_0 \sin \alpha - gt) \hat{n}_y$$

$$|\overline{v}| = \sqrt{[v_x(t)]^2 + [v_y(t)]^2}$$

$$a_\tau = \dot{v}$$

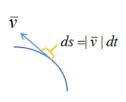
$$a_n = \sqrt{g^2 - (\dot{v})^2}$$

Average Speed vs Average Velocity Relative Motion and Galilean Transformation

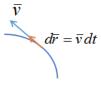
#### Final Remarks

# Average Speed vs Average Velocity

$$ext{average speed} = rac{egin{array}{c} ext{distance traveled over time interval } (t_1,t_2) \ \hline \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |ar{v}(t)| ext{d}t \ \hline t_2-t_1 \ \hline \end{array}$$

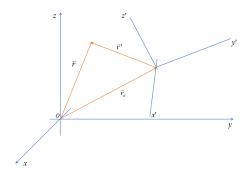


$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\int\limits_{t_1}^{t_2} \bar{v}(t) \mathrm{d}t}{t_2 - t_1}$$



### Relative Motion and Galilean Transformation

Consider two frames of reference A and A'



Position vectors in both FoR are related

$$\overline{r} = \overline{r}_{o'} + \overline{r}'$$

### Relative Motion and Galilean Transformation

Assume  $\dot{\bar{r}}_{o'} = \overline{v}_{o'} = \mathrm{const}$ , that is A' moves in a straight line (no rotations, either) with respect to A. Then

$$\overline{v} = \overline{v}_{o'} + \overline{v}'$$
 (velocity addition rule)

Note that

$$\overline{r}_{o'} = \overline{v}_{o'}t + \overline{r}_{o'_{init}}.$$

Assuming that initially (t=0) the origins of A and A' coincide, that is  $\overline{r}_{o'_{init}}=0$ , we have

$$\left| ar{r} = ar{v}_{o'} t + ar{r}' 
ight|$$
 Galilean Transformation