

VP160 Midterm Review Class

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2. Unit Prefix and Conversion

- ▶ k (unit prefix) m (unit)
- ▶ Some commonly-used unit prefixes:

p	n	μ	m	c	k	M	G
10^{-12}	10^{-9}	10^{-6}	10^{-3}	10^{-2}	10^3	10^6	10^9

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e.g.

Input: 1m; Output: $\frac{1}{1000}$

3. Basic Units & Derived Units

- ▶ SI system of units:

Quantity	L	m	t	I	T	n	lv
Unit	m	kg	s	A	K	mol	cd

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- ③ We often use capital letter to represent a “dimensional quantity”, and use $[x]$ to represent the “dimensional quantity” of specific physical quantity x .
e.g. The dimensional quantity of a particle of mass m is written as:
 $M = [m]$.

Dimensional Analysis: Method of Undetermined Coefficients

Exercise 1

A simple pendulum consists of a light inextensible string AB with length l , with the end A fixed, and a point mass m attached to B . The pendulum oscillates with a small amplitude, and the period of oscillation is T . It is suggested that T is proportional to the product of powers of m , l and g , where g is the acceleration due to gravity. Use dimensional analysis to find this relationship.

Back-of-the-envelop Problems

Definition

A quick estimation of some physical quantities.

Tips

- 1 Try to remember the order of magnitude of some important constant.
- 2 This type of questions may occur in exams.

Basic Vector operations

- Addition & Subtraction

$$\vec{u} \pm \vec{v} = (u_1 \pm v_1, u_2 \pm v_2, u_3 \pm v_3)$$

- Scalar Multiplication

$$\lambda \vec{u} = (\lambda u_1, \lambda u_2, \lambda u_3)$$

- Dot Product

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3$$

- Orthogonal Projection Vector of the vector \vec{u} onto the vector \vec{v}

$$\frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$$

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● Scalar Triple Product:

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{u}) = \vec{w} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$$

1D Kinematics

- Average vs. Instantaneous Quantities

$$v_{x,A} = \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t} \quad a_{x,A} = \frac{v(t + \Delta t) - v(t)}{\Delta t}$$

- Relationships

$$x = x(t)$$

$$v = v(t) = \frac{d}{dt}x(t)$$

$$a = a(t) = \frac{d}{dt}v(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}x(t)$$

- Relative motion

$$x = x_r + x'; \quad v = v_r + v'; \quad a = a_r + a'$$

Kinematics in 3D: Cylindrical Coordinates

Basic Formulas in Cylindrical Coordinates

$$\vec{r} = \rho \hat{n}_\rho + z \hat{n}_z$$

$$\vec{v} = \dot{\rho} \hat{n}_\rho + \rho \dot{\phi} \hat{n}_\phi + \dot{z} \hat{n}_z$$

$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{\rho} - \rho \dot{\phi}^2) \hat{n}_\rho + (\rho \ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{\rho} \dot{\phi}) \hat{n}_\phi + \ddot{z} \hat{n}_z$$

Tips:
if $z = 0$, they become kinematics formulas in polar coordinates(see next slide).

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$$\vec{r} = r\hat{n}_r \quad (1)$$

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Relations with cartesian coordinates

$$x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta$$

$$d\vec{r} = dr\hat{n}_r + r d\theta\hat{n}_\theta, \quad |d\vec{r}| = \sqrt{(dr)^2 + (rd\theta)^2}$$

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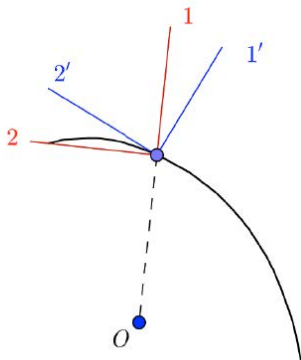
$$\vec{v} = v \hat{n}_\tau$$
$$\vec{a} = \dot{v} \hat{n}_\tau + \frac{v^2}{R_c} \hat{n}_n$$

R_c means radius of curvature, what is radius of curvature?

Normal and Tangential, Radial and Transversal

CAUTION!

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



- 1' normal direction
- 2' tangential direction
- 1 radial direction
- 2 transverse direction

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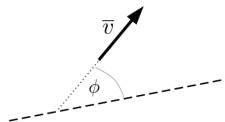
- ③ Integral by parts:

$$\int u'v = uv - \int v'u$$

Exercise 2

(12 points) A particle moves in a plane so that the angle between the particle's instantaneous velocity \vec{v} and its instantaneous acceleration \vec{a} is constant and equal to α . Let ϕ be the angle that the vector \vec{v} forms with a fixed direction on that plane (see the figure). Initially, the speed of the particle $|\vec{v}(0)| = v_0$ and $\phi(0) = \phi_0$.

Find the instantaneous speed of the particle as a function of the angle ϕ .



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In an inertial FoR, a physical object with zero net force acting on it moves with a constant velocity (which might be zero), or, equivalently, it is a frame of reference in which Newton's first law of motion holds.

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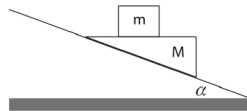
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- ④ Use inertia force in Non-inertia FoR (usually objects with constant acceleration \vec{a}), $\vec{F}' = m(-\vec{a})$.

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(12 points) A wedge with mass M is placed on a frictionless fixed plane inclined at an angle α . The upper surface of the wedge is horizontal. A block with mass m is placed on top of the wedge. The system is released from rest. Assuming that there is no friction between M and m , find the acceleration of the block m with respect to the wedge M just after the system is released from rest. The acceleration due to gravity g is known.



Motion with Air/Fluid Drag

Consider a particle with linear drag $\mathbf{F} = -k\mathbf{v}$ and initial velocity $\mathbf{v}_0 = v_0 \cos(\alpha) \hat{n}_x + v_0 \sin(\alpha) \hat{n}_y$, what's its trajectory?

Two recommended ways:

- ① decompose the drag force
- ② decompose the velocity

What if quadratic drag force?