

## Lecture 7: Applications of Newton's 2nd law.

Review from lecture 6:

- Newton's 2nd law:  $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{total}}$

- We want to deduce the trajectory  $\vec{x}(t)$

If the force  $\vec{F}(t)$  is known then:

$$\vec{F}(t) \xrightarrow{\text{2nd law}} \vec{a}(t) \xrightarrow[\text{integration}]{\text{if } \vec{v}_0 \text{ is known}} \vec{v}(t) \xrightarrow[\text{integration}]{\text{if } \vec{x}_0 \text{ is known}} \vec{x}(t)$$

- We applied this prescription to the case of a "free particle":  $\vec{F}_{\text{total}} = (0, 0, 0)$  and we deduced the following kinematic equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= (0, 0, 0) \\ \vec{v} &= \vec{v}_0 \\ \vec{x} &= \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t \end{aligned}$$

↕ equivalent to write

$$\begin{aligned} (a_x, a_y, a_z) &= (0, 0, 0) \\ (v_x, v_y, v_z) &= (v_{0x}, v_{0y}, v_{0z}) \\ (x, y, z) &= (x_0, y_0, z_0) + (v_{0x}, v_{0y}, v_{0z}) \cdot t \end{aligned}$$

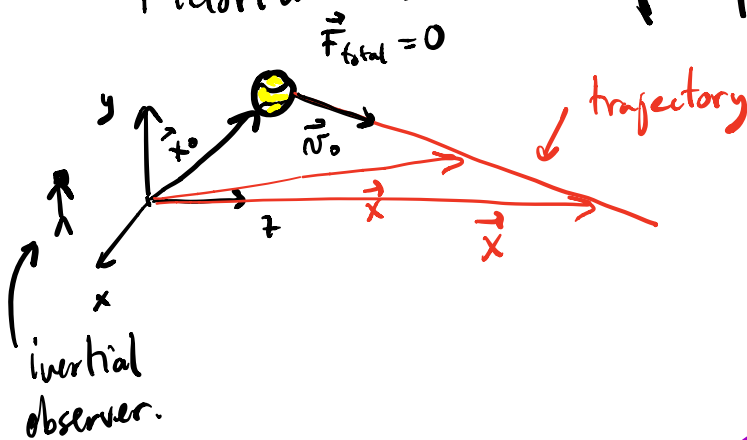
↓ equivalent to

$$a_x = 0, a_y = 0, a_z = 0$$

$$v_x = v_{0x}, v_y = v_{0y}, v_z = v_{0z}$$

$$x = x_0 + v_{0x}t, y = y_0 + v_{0y}t, z = z_0 + v_{0z}t$$

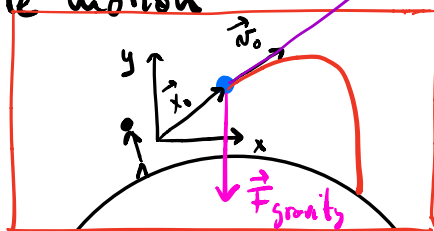
Pictorial view of the free particle



- STEMustrations: Newton's 2nd Law of Motion. (Youtube)

↪ if it was a free particle

• Projectile motion



Center of the earth

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} = -G \frac{M \cdot m}{|\vec{r}|^3} \vec{r}$$

Near the surface of the earth

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} \approx m \cdot (0, -9.8)$$

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} \approx m \cdot (0, -g)$$

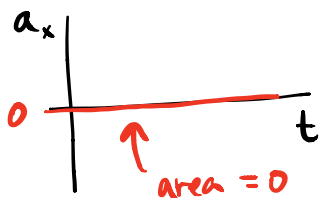
- Next step: apply 2nd law  $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{total}}$

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} \Rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}}}{m}$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\cancel{m} \cdot (0, -g)}{\cancel{m}} = (0, -g) \text{ m/s}^2$$

- Next step: get  $\vec{v}$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \int \vec{a} dt = \vec{v}_0 + \int \begin{matrix} a_x & a_y \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (0, -g) \end{matrix} dt = (*)$$

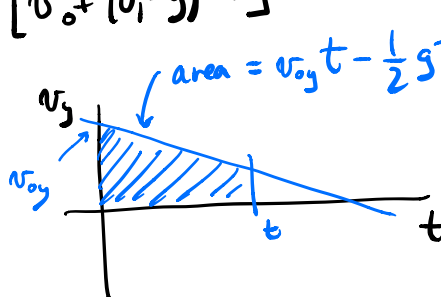
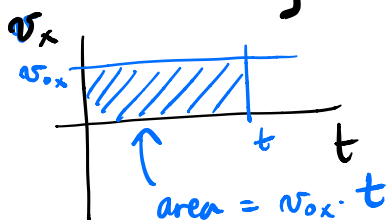


$$(*) = \vec{v}_0 + (0, -gt) = \vec{v}_0 + (0, -g) \cdot t$$

or equivalently  $\boxed{v_x = v_{0x}} \quad \boxed{v_y = v_{0y} - gt}$

- Next step: get  $\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + \int \vec{v} dt = \vec{x}_0 + \int [\vec{v}_0 + (0, -g) \cdot t] dt = (*)$$



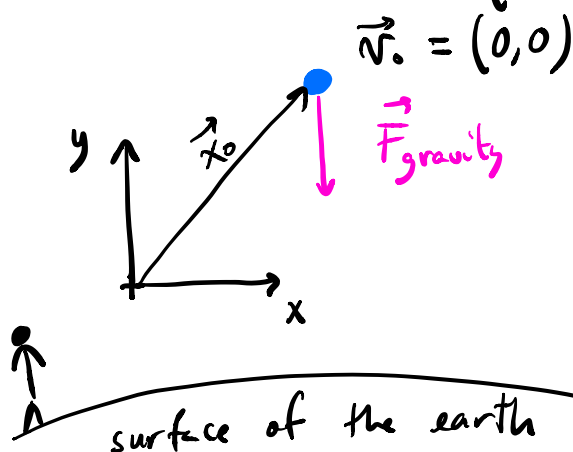
$$(*) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t - \frac{1}{2}(0, g)t^2$$

or equivalently  $\boxed{x = x_0 + v_{0x} t} \quad \boxed{y = y_0 + v_{0y} t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2}$

So the kinematic equations of a projectile

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= (0, -g) \\ \vec{v} &= \vec{v}_0 + (0, -g) \cdot t \\ \vec{x} &= \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t - \frac{1}{2}(0, g)t^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Free fall motion (= projectile motion with  $\vec{v}_0 = (0, 0)$ )



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equations become

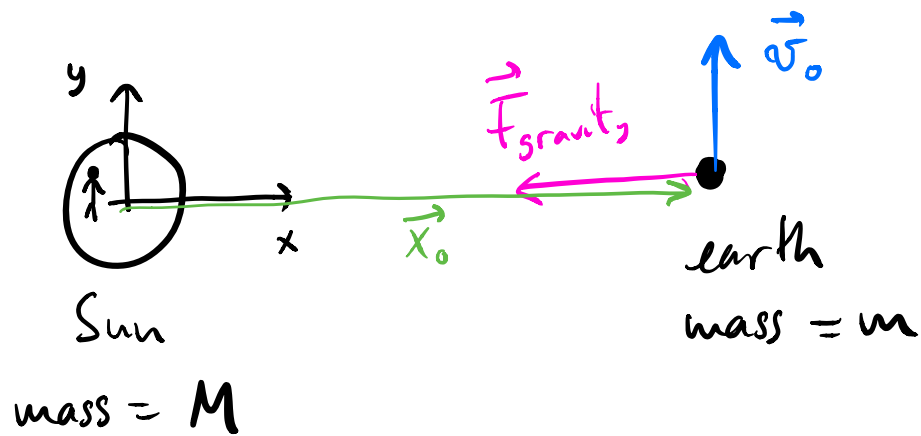
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= (0, -g) \\ \vec{v} &= (0, -g) \cdot t \\ \vec{x} &= \vec{x}_0 - \frac{1}{2}(0, g)t^2 \end{aligned}$$

Motion only in y-direction so:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} a_y &= -g \\ v_y &= -gt \end{aligned} \quad y = y_0 - \frac{1}{2} g t^2}$$

- Brian Cox vacuum video (Youtube)

- Earth's orbital motion.

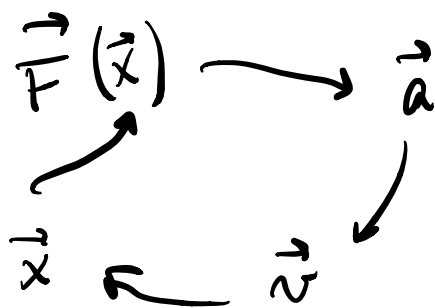


we need to solve the 2nd laws

$$m \vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{gravity}}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{gravity}} = -G \frac{M \cdot m}{|\vec{s}|^3} \vec{s} = -G \frac{M \cdot m}{|\vec{x}|} \vec{x}$$

$$\vec{F} \rightarrow \vec{a} \rightarrow \vec{v} \rightarrow \vec{x} \quad \text{doesn't work here!}$$



when this happens we need to solve a system of differential equations.

Show Mathematica notebook  
solving it EarthOrbit.nb