Exam I Review

Physics 211
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Announcements

- Exam 1 is on Tuesday
- Homework 2 due tomorrow
- My office hours today are 1:30-5:30 (in the Clinic)
- Exam review tomorrow: 10AM-4PM; location TBA (waiting on Academic Scheduling)
- No homework due next week
- Sample exam solutions will be posted tomorrow
- Please arrive a few minutes early if possible to the exam
- We are creating the reference sheet today, during the review

Exam 1

- The exam covers kinematics in one and two dimensions
- Kinematics: how are an object's position, velocity, and acceleration related?
- The exam will be substantially easier than the homework.
- You may use a scientific (not graphing) calculator on the exam.
- Bring: your calculator, pencils, and your physics smarts (frog optional)

Exam 1, promises

- There will be one problem where you need the quadratic formula
  - ... this means interpreting the two values it spits out
- There will be at least one instance where you need to graph position, velocity, and acceleration
- You will *not* need to compute derivatives or integrals algebraically

Functions describing motion

- We can specify a function's position, velocity, and acceleration as functions of time: $\vec{r}(t), \vec{v}(t), \vec{a}(t)$
- All of these quantities are vectors; often easier to work with their components
  - Position: $x(t)$, $y(t)$
  - Velocity: $v_x(t)$, $v_y(t)$
  - Acceleration: $a_x(t)$, $a_y(t)$

- If you don't know where to start a problem, figure out $x(t)$, $y(t)$, $v_x(t)$, $v_y(t)$, leaving unknown quantities as variables for the time being

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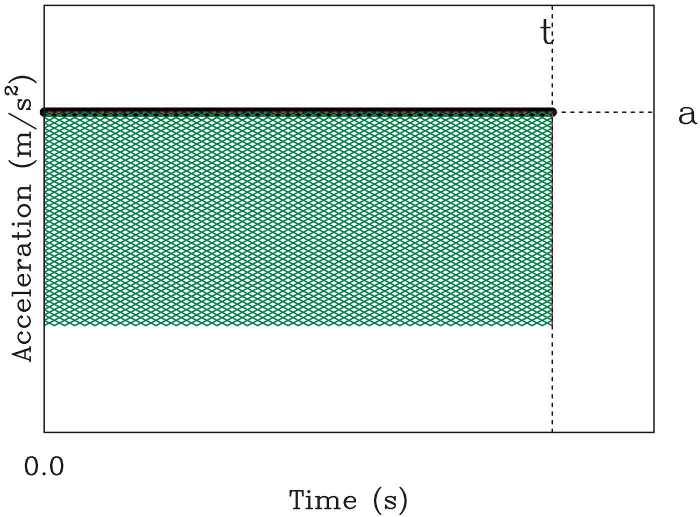

The area under the curve out to time t is at, which gives the change in the velocity.

$$v(t) - v_0 = at, \text{ so } v(t) = at + v_0$$

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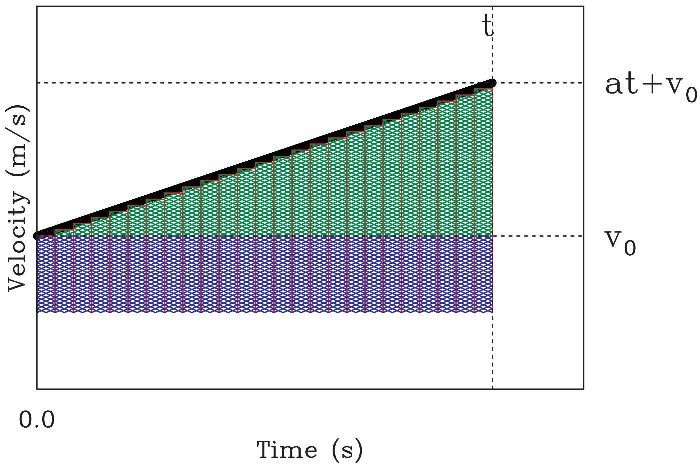


Area under blue part: $v_0 t$
Area under green part: $\frac{1}{2}at^2$
Total change in position: $x(t) - x_0 = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0 t$

Thus, $x(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0 t + s_0$

1D Kinematics summary:

Constant acceleration kinematics:

$$v(t) = at + v_0$$

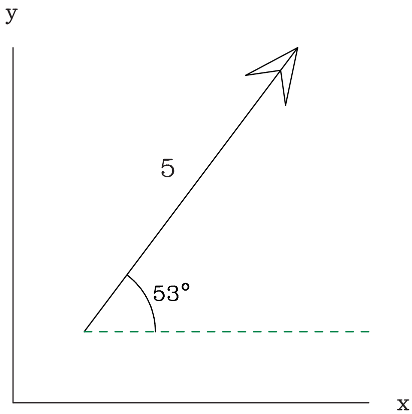
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0 t + x_0$$

You can solve one of these for time and substitute into the other to get a third, useful equation:

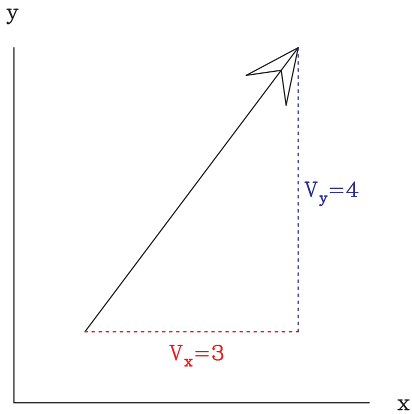
$$v(t) - v_0 = 2a\left[x(t) - x_0\right]$$

This is useful when you *don't know* and *don't care* about the time some motion took.

Vectors: Two ways to describe a vector



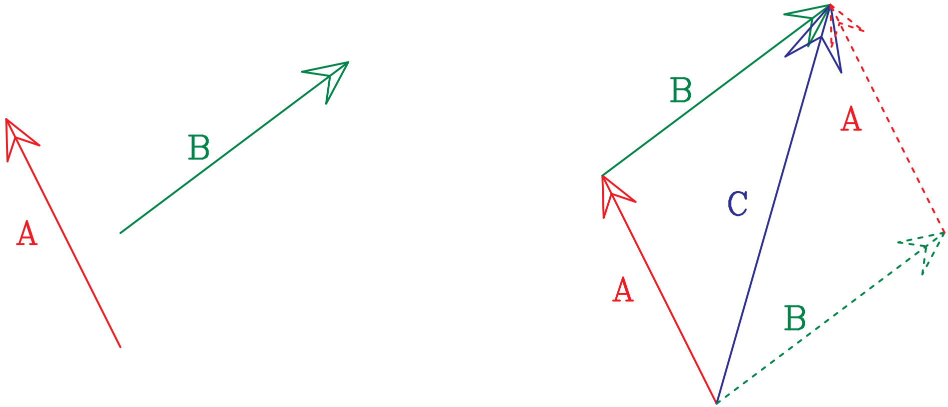
Angle and direction



X and Y components

Adding vectors

We can also add vectors together by drawing them “head to tail”. Here are two vectors:



$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{C}$$

Adding vectors: components

The component representation is much easier to work with!

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{C} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A_x + B_x = C_x \\ A_y + B_y = C_y \end{pmatrix}$$

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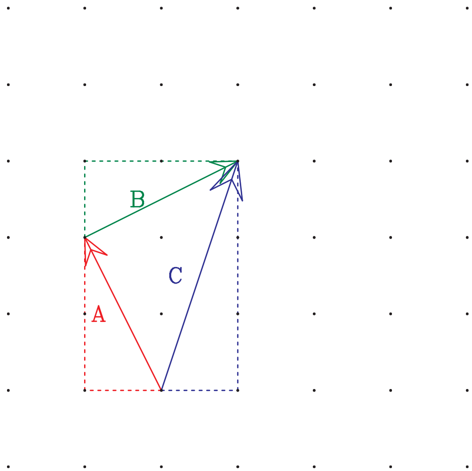
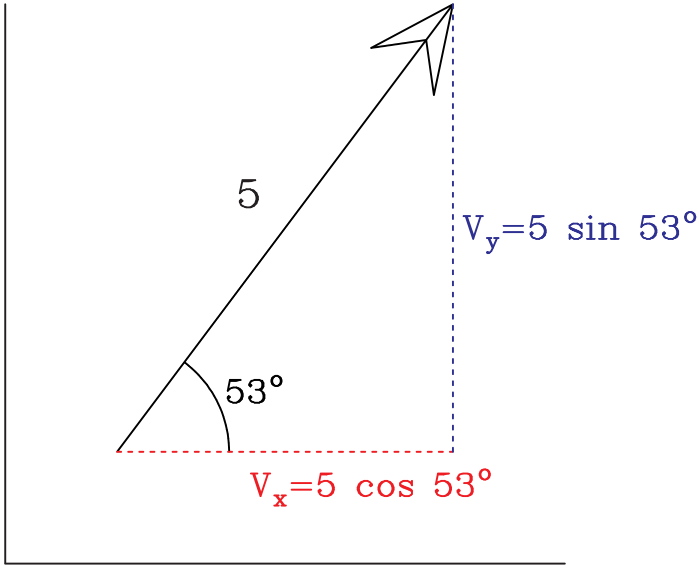


To add two vectors, just add their components!

This is why it is almost always easiest to work in the component representation!

From "direction and magnitude" to components



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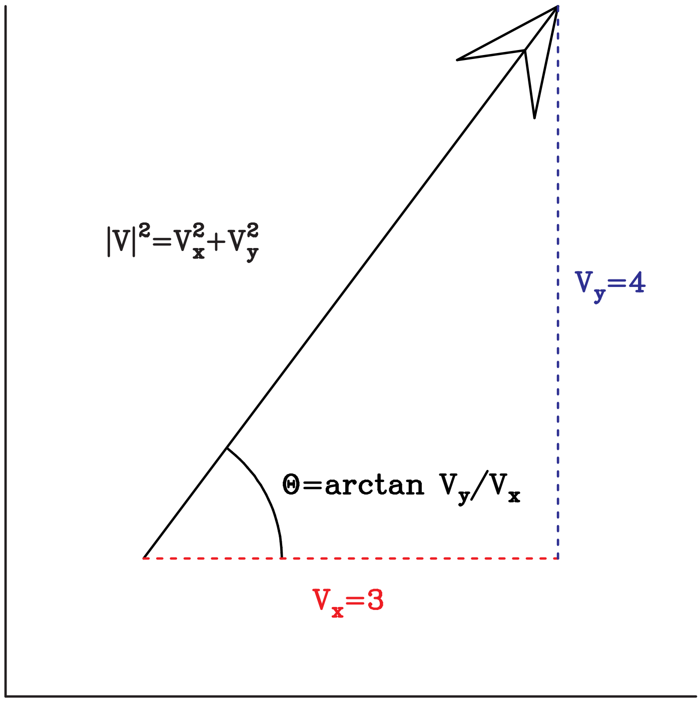

Problem solving guide: 1D kinematics

- Draw a picture!
- Figure out $x(t)$, $v(t)$, $a(t)$ (constant acceleration kinematics
  - If you have other unknowns that appear in these expressions, that's okay!
- Translate physical statements about moments of interest into mathematics
  - "When does the object hit the ground?" $\rightarrow$ "At what time does $y = 0$ (or whatever height the ground is)"
  - "How high does the object go?" $\rightarrow$ "What is the maximum height?" $\rightarrow$ "What is y at the time when $v_y = 0$"
  - "When do two objects meet?" $\rightarrow$ "At what time is $x_1(t) = x_2(t)$"?
- Do algebra, solving for the things you want to know
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- Figure out $x(t)$ and $y(t)$, $v_x(t)$ and $v_y(t)$,(constant acceleration kinematics)
- Remember motion in x and y is separate and independent
- Translate physical statements about moments of interest into mathematics
  - "Where does the object hit the ground?" $\rightarrow$ "What is x at the time that $y = 0$ (or whatever height the ground is)"
  - "What speed does the object hit the ground with?" $\rightarrow$ "What is $|v| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$ at the time that $y = 0$?"
- Do algebra, solving for the things you want to know, going back and forth between representations of vectors ($v_{0,x}$ vs. $v_0 \cos\theta$) as needed
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Practice Exam 3: A hiker on flat ground walks at a constant speed. She walks north for one hour, walks for two hours at an angle 30 degrees south of west, then walks for three hours at an angle 45 degrees north of east.

- How far must she walk to get back to her starting point?
- Which direction must she walk?

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- If the river is 200 m across, how long will it take her?

Working with variables

If you don't know the numerical value of a quantity yet, it's fine to leave it as a variable!

This is essential for solving many problems.

Example from cannon problem:

$$x(t) = v_0 \cos 45^o t$$
$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0 \sin 45^o t$$

(I leave the rest to you for now...)

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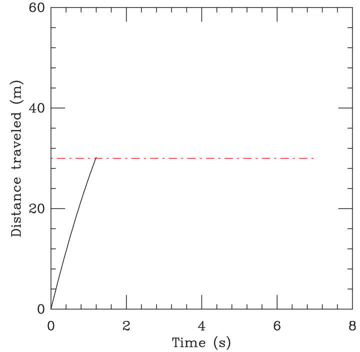

This seems easy enough, but the quadratic formula gives us two solutions! What happened?

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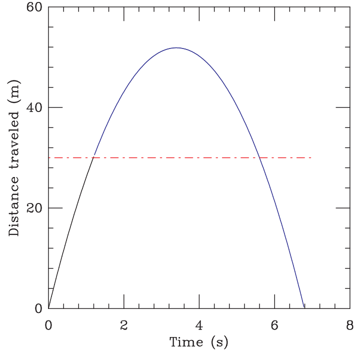

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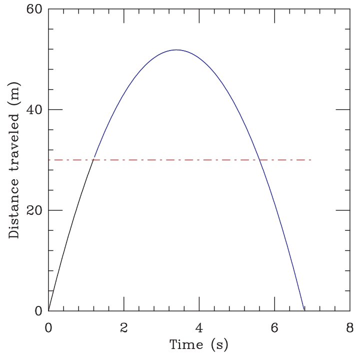

Moral of the story: mathematics is a very blunt tool!

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- $y(t)$ will have the same magnitude: the Pythagorean theorem gives $|r| = 2\sqrt{2}\frac{v_{0,x}^2}{g}$

A rocket

A rocket is launched from rest on level ground. While its motor burns, it accelerates at 10 m/s at an angle 30 degrees below the vertical. After ten seconds its motor burns out and it follows a ballistic trajectory until it hits the ground.

How far does it go?