

1 1D Kinematics

1.1 Constant Velocity

- x vs. t . Acceleration=0.

$$x(t) = x_0 + v\Delta t$$

1.2 Constant Acceleration

- v vs. t

$$v(t) = v_0 + a\Delta t$$

- x vs. t

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

- v vs. x

$$v^2(x) = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

2 Vectors

A good knowledge of vectors is necessary but will not be reviewed here.

3 2D Motion

In two dimensions the equations of constant acceleration become vector equations

- x vs. t

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}t^2 \quad (1)$$

This vector equation means do it component-wise

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_{0x}t + \frac{1}{2}a_x t^2 \quad (2)$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + v_{0y}t + \frac{1}{2}a_y t^2 \quad (3)$$

- v vs. t

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{a}t \quad (4)$$

This vector equation means do it component-wise

$$v_x(t) = v_{0x} + a_x t \quad (5)$$

$$v_y(t) = v_{0y} + a_y t \quad (6)$$

- Remember the cardinal rule – x and y are totally separate. For any problem split it up into x and y problems

4 Forces

- Working problems
 - For each body draw all forces.
 - Remember that for every force you draw there is an equal and opposite force.
 - Once you have written all possible forces write we have the vectore equation

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

which can be written in components as

$$\sum F_x = ma_x \quad (7)$$

$$\sum F_y = ma_y \quad (8)$$

Do this for each body separately. If you do not know a force give it a symbol. You will be able to solve for the forces and also determine the acceleration.

- Kinetic Friction. The magnitude of the friction force is

$$\left| \vec{F}_{\text{fr}} \right| = \mu_K \underbrace{N}_{\text{Normal Force}} \quad (9)$$

The direction of the friction opposes the motion.

- Static Friction. The magnitude of the static friction force is

$$\left| \vec{F}_{\text{sfr}} \right| \leq \mu_s \underbrace{N}_{\text{Normal Force}} \quad (10)$$

The direction of the static friction is chosen so that the object remains stationary.

- Weight. The gravitational force on an objection is the weight.

$$F_g \equiv W = m \times \underbrace{g}_{\text{accel. due to gravity}} \quad (11)$$

On the moon, the mass is the same but the weight and acceleration due to gravity are different, i.e.

$$g_{\text{earth}} = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \neq g_{\text{moon}}$$