

Recall: $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$

- Arc length between $a \leq t \leq b$:

$$L = \int_a^b \|\vec{r}'(t)\| dt$$

- Curvature at time t

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3} = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^3}.$$

- Principal unit normal vector:

$$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\vec{T}'(t)}{\|\vec{T}'(t)\|}$$

- Binormal vector: $\vec{B}(t) = \vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$.

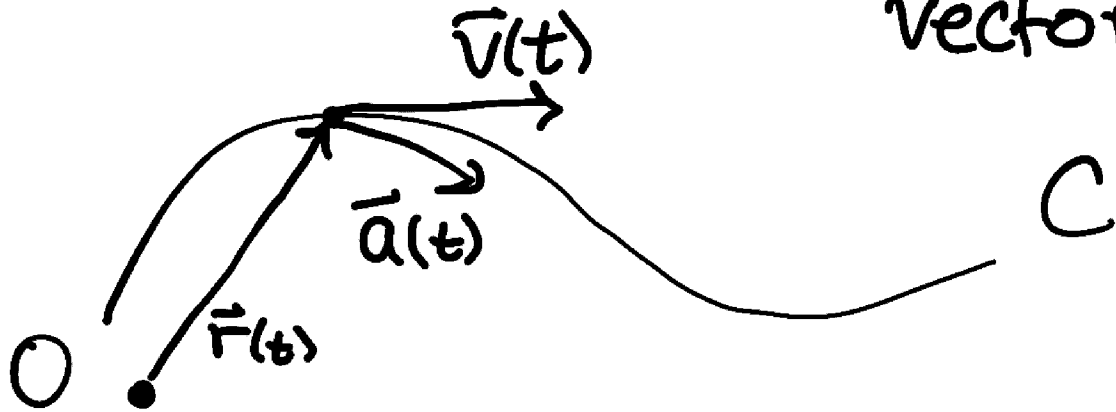
§ 3.4 Motion in Space

If $\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$, then
 $\vec{r}(t)$ = position at time t .

$\vec{V}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \text{velocity vector}$

$\|\vec{V}(t)\| = \|\vec{r}'(t)\| = \text{Speed}$

$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{V}'(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \text{acceleration vector.}$

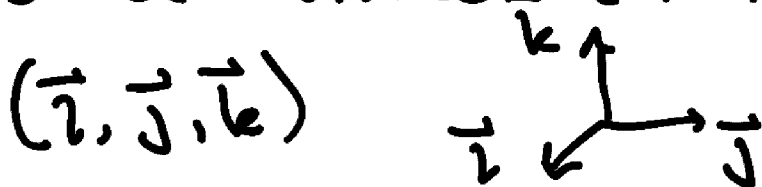


When describing the motion of objects in space, it's the most convenient to describe it with respect to a "moving" frame of reference.

The standard unit vectors:

$$\vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

is a fixed (non-moving) frame

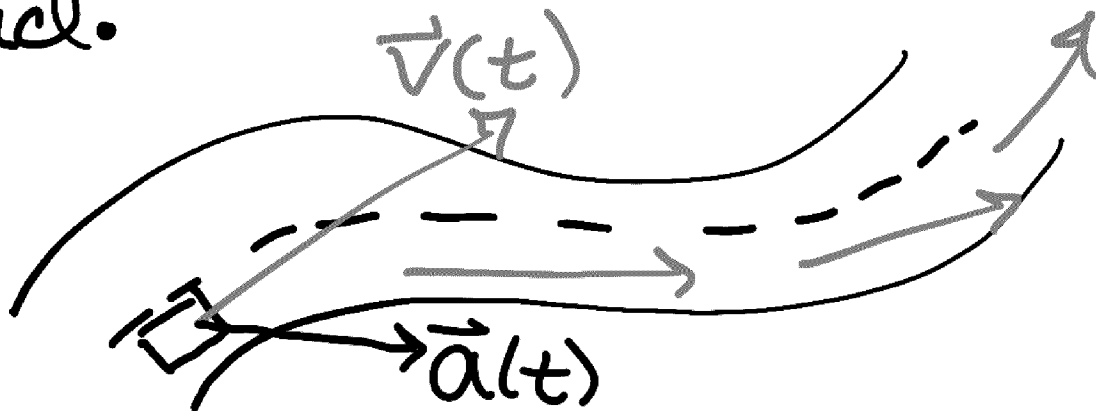


An example of a moving frame is the "Frenet frame":

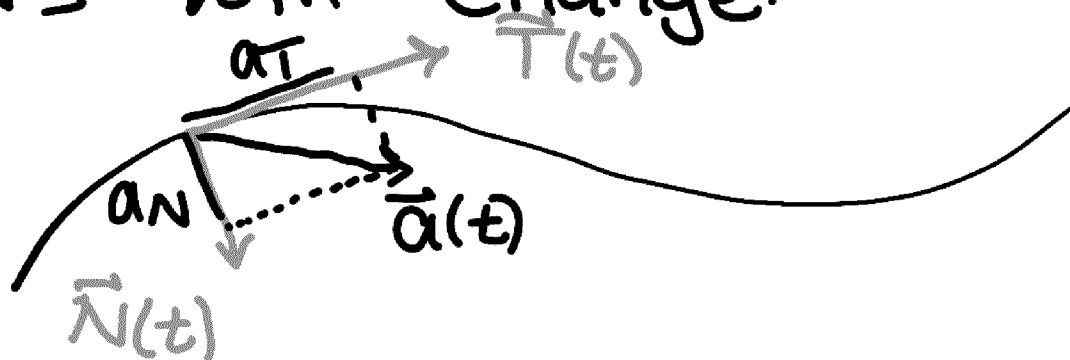
$$(\vec{T}(t), \vec{N}(t), \vec{B}(t))$$

(or "TNB-frame")

Ex: Suppose you drive with constant speed along a curvy road.



Even though speed is constant, both the velocity & acceleration vectors will change.



The acceleration can be written as

$$\vec{a}(t) = a_T \vec{T}(t) + a_N \vec{N}(t)$$

a_T = tangential acceleration

a_N = normal acceleration.

Since $\vec{T}(t)$ and $\vec{N}(t)$ are unit vectors, a_T and a_N are easy to compute:

$$a_T(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}''(t)}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|}$$

$$a_N(t) = \vec{a}(t) \cdot \vec{N}(t) = \frac{\|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)\|}{\|\vec{r}'(t)\|^2}$$

Ex: Let $\vec{r}(t) = \langle t^2, 2t-3, 3t^2-3 \rangle$ and let's compute $a_T(t)$ and $a_N(t)$.

$$\vec{F}'(t) = \langle 2t, 2, 6t \rangle$$

$$\vec{F}''(t) = \langle 2, 0, 6 \rangle$$

$$a_T(t) = \frac{\langle 2t, 2, 6t \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 0, 6 \rangle}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 + 2^2 + (6t)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{4t + 36t}{\sqrt{4t^2 + 4 + 36t^2}} = \frac{40t}{\sqrt{40t^2 + 4}} = \frac{20t}{\sqrt{10t^2 + 1}}$$

$$\vec{F}'(t) \times \vec{F}''(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2t & 2 & 6t \\ 2 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 12, 0, -4 \rangle$$

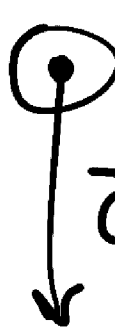
$$a_N(t) = \frac{\|\langle 12, 0, -4 \rangle\|}{\|\vec{F}'(t)\|} = \frac{\sqrt{144 + 16}}{\sqrt{40t^2 + 4}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{160}{40t^2 + 4}} = \sqrt{\frac{40}{10t^2 + 1}}$$

Projectiles:

If we drop an object (and ignore any air resistance), it will

Start falling downwards with
constant acceleration $g = 9.82 \text{ m/s}^2$

 (x_0, y_0, z_0)
 $\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle$

By integration we can find
the velocity & position:

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t), \text{ so } \vec{v}(t) = \int a(t) dt \\ = \int \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle dt = \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t + \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$$

$$\langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle = \text{velocity at time } t=0 = \vec{v}(0).$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}(0) + \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t.$$

Next, $\vec{r}'(t) = \vec{v}(t)$, so

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \int \vec{v}(0) + \langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t dt \\ = \langle d_1, d_2, d_3 \rangle + \vec{v}(0)t + \frac{\langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t^2}{2}$$

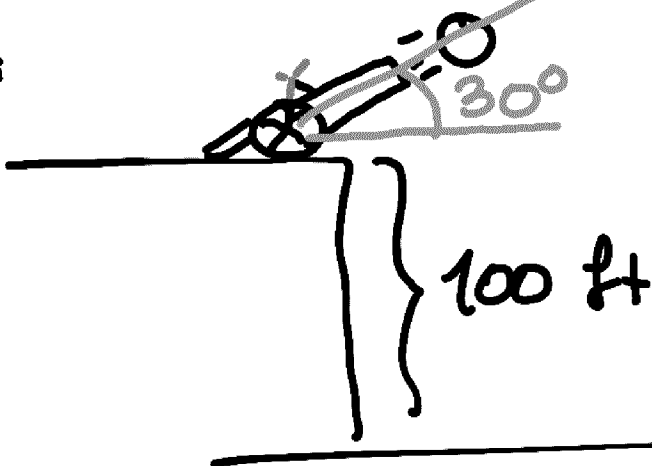
Where $\langle D_1, D_2, D_3 \rangle =$ position at time $t=0 = \vec{r}(0) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + \vec{v}(0)t + \frac{\langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t^2}{2}$$

If we simply drop the object with no initial velocity, then the motion is simply described by:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + \frac{\langle 0, 0, -g \rangle t^2}{2} \\ &= \left\langle x_0, y_0, z_0 - \frac{gt^2}{2} \right\rangle \\ &= x_0 \vec{i} + y_0 \vec{j} + \left(z_0 - \frac{gt^2}{2} \right) \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

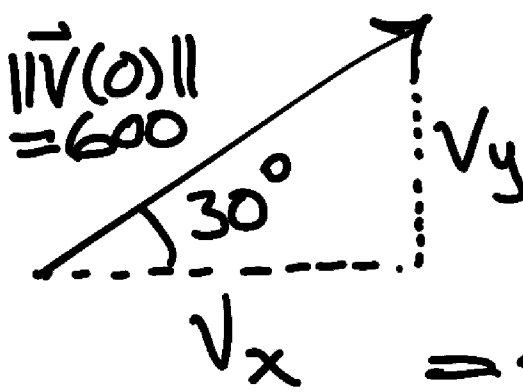
Ex:



Suppose a cannonball is shot out of a cannon with initial speed $V=600$ ft/s at an angle of 30° . Let's find the max height & position when it hits the ground below.

Sol: Initial position $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 100 \rangle$

Initial Velocity: $30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$ rad


$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{V}(0)\| &= 600 & \|\vec{V}(0)\| &= 600 \\ \vec{V}(0) &= \langle v_x, v_y \rangle \\ v_x &= \left\langle 600 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}, 600 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{600 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{600}{2} \right\rangle = \langle 300\sqrt{3}, 300 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Acceleration: $\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, -g \rangle$.

We found above that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{r}(t) &= \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle + \vec{v}(0)t + \frac{\vec{a}(t)t^2}{2} \\
 &= \langle 0, 100 \rangle + \langle 300\sqrt{3}, 300 \rangle t + \frac{\langle 0, -g \rangle t^2}{2} \\
 &= \left\langle 300\sqrt{3}t, 100 + 300t - \frac{gt^2}{2} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

To find max height, we need to maximize

$$100 + 300t - \frac{gt^2}{2} = f(t).$$

Since $g \approx 32 \text{ ft/s}^2$,

$$f(t) = -16t^2 + 300t + 100$$

$$= -16 \left(t^2 - \frac{300}{16}t - \frac{100}{16} \right)$$

$$= -16 \left(\left(t - \frac{300}{32} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{300}{32} \right)^2 - \frac{100}{16} \right)$$

$$= -16 \left(t - \frac{300}{32} \right)^2 + 16 \left(\frac{300}{32} \right)^2 + 100$$

$$\text{Max height} = 16 \left(\frac{300}{32} \right)^2 + 100 \text{ ft}$$

$\approx 1506 \text{ ft}$ (above ground level)

It hits the ground when

$y=0$, so

$$-16t^2 + 300t + 1506 = 0$$

Which gives $t \approx 19.078 \text{ s}$.

The position at this time is

$$\vec{r}(19.078) \approx \langle 300\sqrt{3} \cdot 19.078, 0 \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle 9913, 0 \rangle$$

So it hits the ground 9913 ft away from the cliff.
