

General Considerations

- Consider all components

• Projectile motion (can simplify to 2D)

+ Ignoring air resistance $\ddot{\vec{x}} = -\vec{g} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 0, \ddot{z} = -g$

so $x = x_0 + v_{x,0}t, z = z_0 + v_{z,0}t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$. Parabolic motion

You can solve for $z(x)$. This is parabolic motion

+ With linear air resistance $\ddot{x} + \gamma \dot{x} = 0, \ddot{z} + \gamma \dot{z} = -g$ ($\gamma = \frac{c}{m}$)

so $x = \frac{v_{x,0}}{\gamma} (1 - e^{-\gamma t}), z = \left(\frac{v_{z,0}}{\gamma} + \frac{g}{\gamma^2}\right)(1 - e^{-\gamma t}) - \frac{gt}{\gamma}$

Then $z = \frac{\gamma v_{z,0} + g}{\gamma v_{x,0}} x + \frac{g}{\gamma^2} \ln\left(1 - \frac{\gamma x}{v_{x,0}}\right)$

The range, or distance in x before $z \rightarrow 0$, is given by a transcendental equation.

+ Quadratic air resistance has

$$m\ddot{\vec{x}} + \lambda\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{z}^2}\dot{\vec{x}} = 0, m\ddot{z} + \lambda\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{z}^2}\dot{z} = -g$$

Requires numerical solution.

• Circular motion: motion with constant r^2 .

+ First, $\frac{d}{dt}(r^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$, so $\vec{v} \perp \vec{r}$

Next $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v}) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{r} + v^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_r = -\frac{v^2}{r}$ (centripetal acceleration)



+ Example: Suppose an object slides down a frictionless sphere of radius r , when does it fall off if it starts from rest at the top?

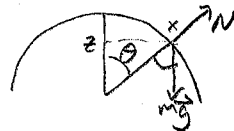
Newton's law in the radial direction is

$$ma_r = -\frac{mv^2}{r} = -mg \cos \theta + N$$

By energy conservation, $\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgz = mgr$, so

$$N = mg \cos \theta - \frac{1}{r}(2mgr - 2mgr \cos \theta) = mg(3 \cos \theta - 2)$$

The object leaves the sphere when $N=0$, or when $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{3}$.



- Energy + Conservation

- Consider as before kinetic energy $T = \frac{1}{2} m \vec{v}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2$
+ This implies

$$\frac{d}{dt}(T) = m \dot{\vec{r}} \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{F} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}} \text{ by 2nd law}$$

+ We see that a force $\perp \dot{\vec{r}}$ (always) does no work

This can include normal force while object moves along a surface
Also includes the Lorentz force of magnetic field on charge $\vec{F} = q \dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{B}$

+ The work done moving from \vec{r}_i to \vec{r}_f is

$$\Delta T = W = \int_{\vec{r}_i}^{\vec{r}_f} \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} \stackrel{?}{=} -V(\vec{r}_f) + V(\vec{r}_i) \text{ if we want a conserved total energy } E = T + V$$

+ A conservative force can be defined as $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V$ for potential energy V . Fundamental theorem of calculus gives the above

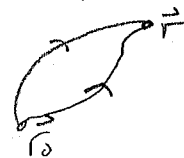
• When is that possible?

+ If $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V$, then we know $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} V = 0$

That is, conservative forces have zero curl.

+ How do we define V ? If we choose $V(\vec{r}_0) = 0$, then

$$V(\vec{r}) \equiv - \int_{\vec{r}_0}^{\vec{r}} d\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{F} \text{ along some path}$$



+ For this to be independent of path,

$$\oint d\vec{r}' \cdot \vec{F} = 0 \Rightarrow \int d\vec{S} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = 0 \text{ Check!}$$

- Angular Momentum

• We define the angular momentum of a particle as

$$\vec{J} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} \text{ with a given origin}$$

+ In Cartesian components, $\vec{J} = m[(y\dot{z} - z\dot{y})\hat{i} + (z\dot{x} - x\dot{z})\hat{j} + (x\dot{y} - y\dot{x})\hat{k}]$

+ But in spherical coordinates, note $\hat{r} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi}$, $\hat{r} \times \hat{\phi} = -\hat{\theta}$,
 so
$$\vec{J} = m r^2 \dot{\theta} \hat{\phi} - m r^2 \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{\theta}$$

+ That's why this is angular momentum

• Torque + Central forces

+ The time derivative is $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{J}) = \dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{p} + \vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{p}} = 0 + \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

+ We define torque $\vec{\tau} \equiv \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$, so $\dot{\vec{J}} = \vec{\tau}$

Note: KBC calls torque \Rightarrow "moment of force" and $\vec{\tau} \rightarrow \vec{G}$.

Others may use $\vec{\tau} \rightarrow \vec{N}$ or \vec{T} .

+ A central force between two objects acts along $\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$.

+ In many cases, the origin is on the line between \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2 ,
 so a central force is along \hat{r} . We will typically consider

+ one object moving around a central force from the origin.

In these cases, $\vec{\tau} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$ angular momentum is conserved

• Torque on a composite object

+ For an object made of many particles, $\vec{J} = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i$

and $\dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_{ij} \vec{r}_i \times (\vec{F}_{ij} + \vec{F}_{i,ext})$ where \vec{F}_{ij} are internal forces

+ Let's look at the internal forces

$$\sum_{ij} \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_{ij} + \vec{r}_j \times \vec{F}_{ji}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \times \vec{F}_{ij}$$

For central forces, $\vec{F}_{ij} \parallel (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)$, so $= 0$. Actually more general.

+ Therefore (very generally) $\dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_{i,ext} = \vec{\tau}_{ext}$

• Consequences of Angular Momentum Conservation (single object)

+ When \vec{J} is conserved, motion is in a plane $\perp \vec{J}$


+ The total energy is $E = T + V = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\vec{r}}^2 + V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \dot{\phi}^2 + V(r)$

(if we choose axes with \vec{J} along \hat{k} . This is so $\theta = \pi/2$.)

$E = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \left(V(r) + \frac{J^2}{2mr^2} \right)$, so we have an effective potential

$U(r) = V(r) + \frac{J^2}{2mr^2}$ for radial motion, 2nd term is "centrifugal"

+ Consider the area swept out by the vector from the origin to the object. For small enough dt , the area is that of the triangle with sides \vec{r} , $\dot{\vec{r}} dt$, $\vec{r} + \dot{\vec{r}} dt$, or



$dA = \frac{1}{2} (r+dr)(r d\phi) \approx \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\phi$. In other words,

the area swept out per time $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\phi} = \frac{J}{2m}$ is constant.

This is Kepler's 2nd law of planetary motion but is generally true.

— Isotropic Harmonic Oscillator (An Example)

• A general harmonic oscillator in 3D has $V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} k_1 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 y^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_3 z^2$

+ Let's consider the case with $k_1 = k_2 = k_3$, or $V = \frac{1}{2} k r^2$, $\vec{F} = -k \vec{r}$ is central.

+ This is isotropic — the same in every direction.

• Solution in Cartesian Coordinates

+ This is just harmonic oscillation in each dimension with the same frequency $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$

+ Therefore, we have $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 \cos(\omega t) + (\vec{v}_0/\omega) \sin(\omega t)$

+ We know the motion must lie in a plane, and we see directly that it is in the plane spanned by \vec{r}_0 and \vec{v}_0 . Let's choose this to be the x-y plane.

+ Now note.

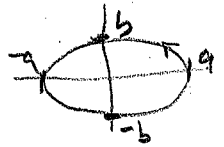
$$\vec{r}(t) \cdot \dot{\vec{v}}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v_0^2}{\omega} - \omega r_0^2 \right) \sin(2\omega t) + (\vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{v}_0) \cos(2\omega t)$$

vanishes for $\tan(2\omega t) = \frac{2\omega \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{v}_0}{\omega^2 r_0^2 - v_0^2}$, i.e. 4 times in 1 period.

We can shift t , to make $t=0$ one of these times $\Rightarrow \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{v}_0 = 0$.

+ By rotating axes, we can make $x(t=0) = r_0$ (the max value), $y(0) = 0$ while $\dot{x}(0) = 0$, $\dot{y}(0) = v_0$. Then

$$x = r_0 \cos(\omega t) \quad y = (v_0/\omega) \sin(\omega t)$$



+ This is motion in an ellipse: note that

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad \text{where } a = r_0, \quad b = v_0/\omega \text{ are major + minor semi-axes.}$$

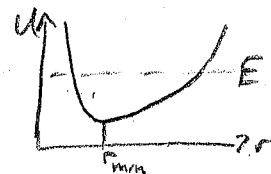
Origin is at center

• Solution in polar coordinates

+ Again, with a central force, motion lies in a plane. Choose xy plane

+ This is motion in effective potential

$$U(r) = \frac{1}{2}kr^2 + \frac{J^2}{2mr^2}$$



+ The radius oscillates between values where $U(r) = E$.

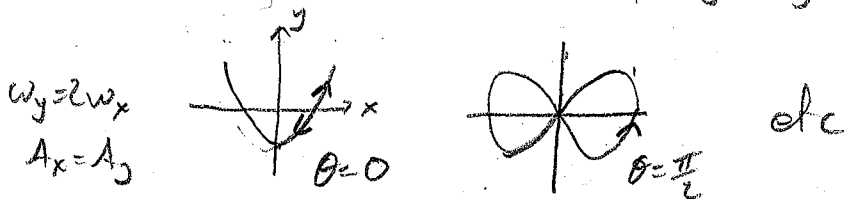
If $E = \text{minimum value of } U$, $r = r_{\text{min}} = \text{constant}$, and the motion is circular. This is "force balancing."

• Anisotropic oscillator: $\omega_x \neq \omega_y \neq \omega_z$

+ Can't rotate to line up max displacement along x

+ Shape of particle path depends on frequency ratio, phase, amplitudes

Ex In 2D: $x = A_x \cos(\omega_x t)$, $y = A_y \cos(\omega_y t - \theta)$



+ If $\omega_y/\omega_x = \text{irrational}$, path in xy plane (etc) does not close!