

# A Particle in Motion



# Agenda today

1. The relationship between velocity, acceleration and displacement
2. Projectile motion
3. Circular movement
4. Relative movement

Ockham's razor and modeling



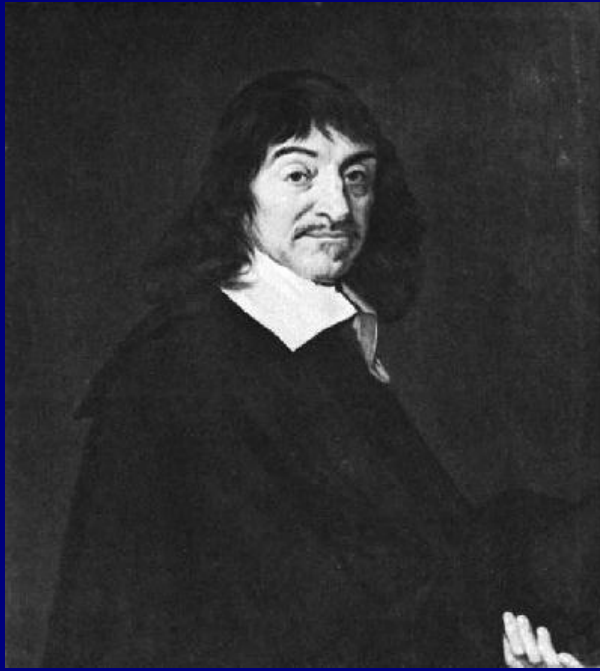
Particle (质点)

A point with no shape and size ,but has mass

Translational movement (平动)

Each point of the body has the same trail in the motion

Reference Frames (参照系)



"I am thinking therefore I exist."  
(Latin: *Cogito ergo sum*)  
from the *Discourse on Method*

**Coordinate System: (坐标系)**

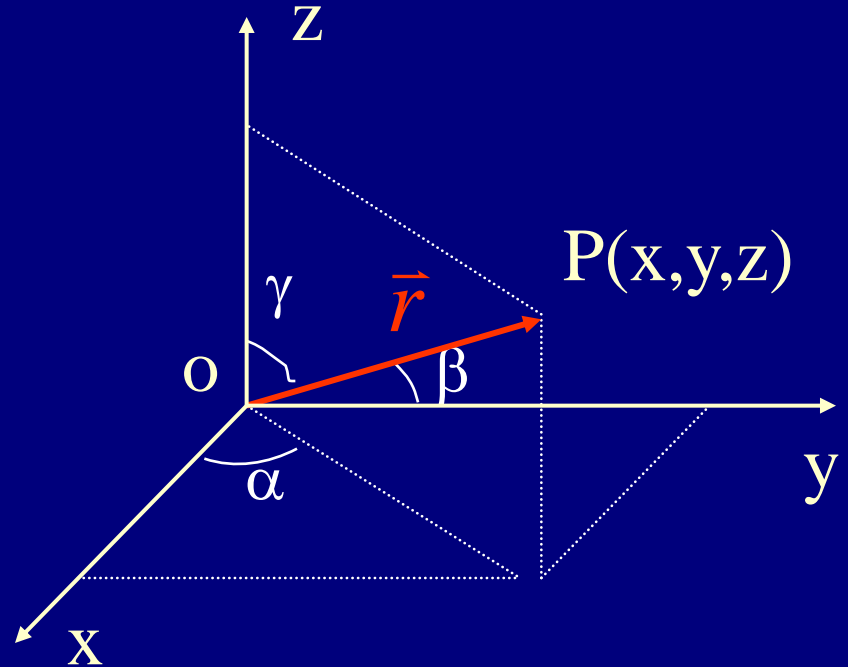
Cartesian coordinate system (直角坐标系)

polar system (极坐标系)

# Position and Displacement Vector(位置矢量和位移矢量)

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$



$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{r} \quad \cos \beta = \frac{y}{r} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{z}{r}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$$

In Cartesian coordinate system

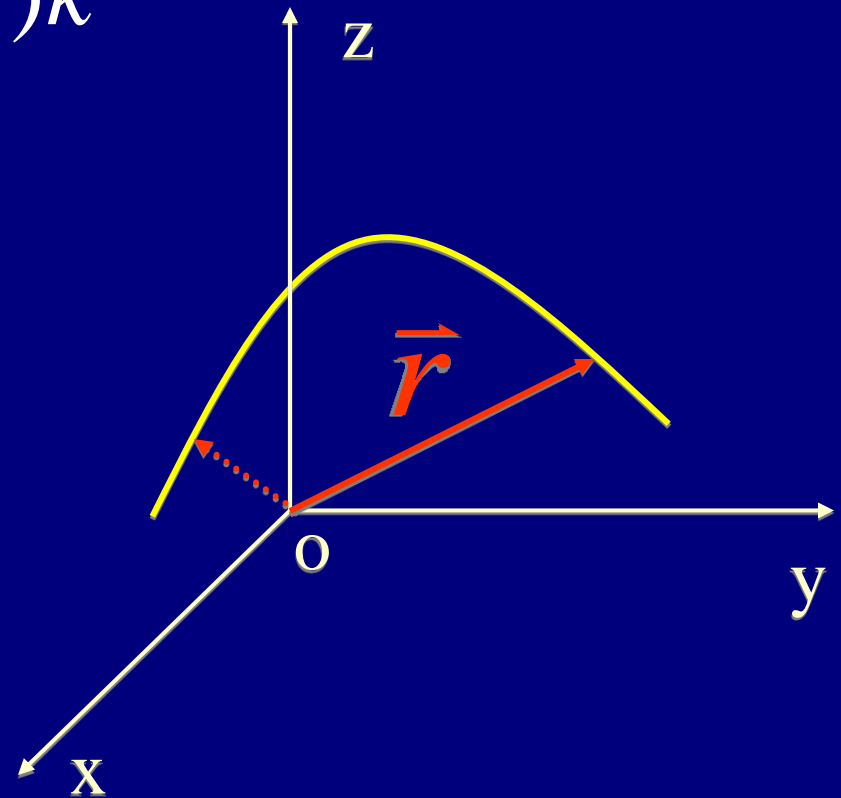
$$\vec{r} = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}$$

In component form

$$x = x(t)$$

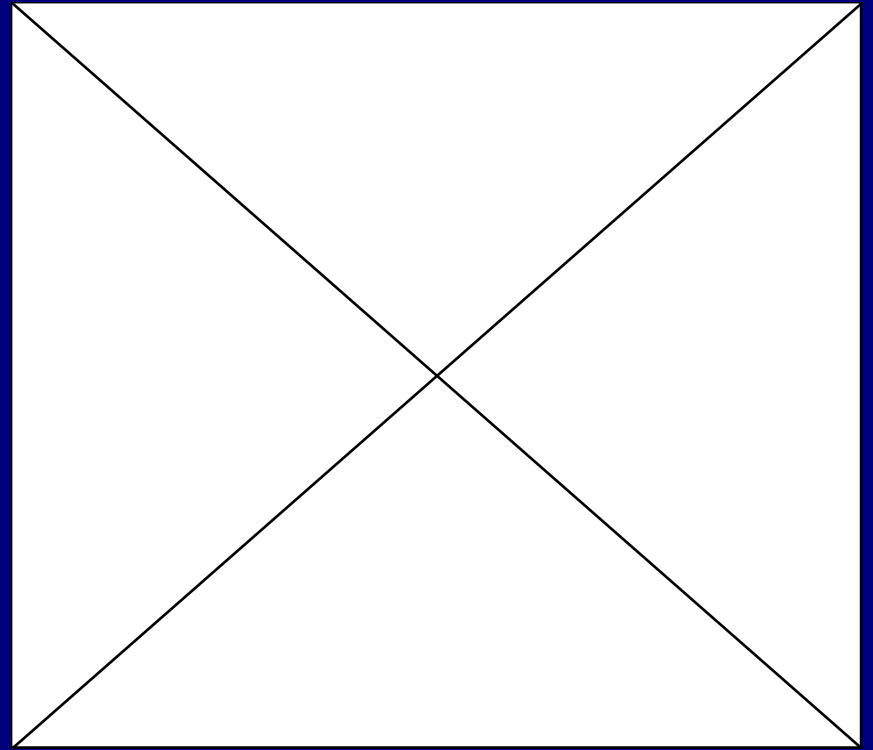
$$y = y(t)$$

$$z = z(t)$$



$$\Delta\vec{r} = \vec{r}_B - \vec{r}_A = \overline{AB}$$

$$\Delta\vec{r} = \Delta x\vec{i} + \Delta y\vec{j} + \Delta z\vec{k}$$



Displacement Vector

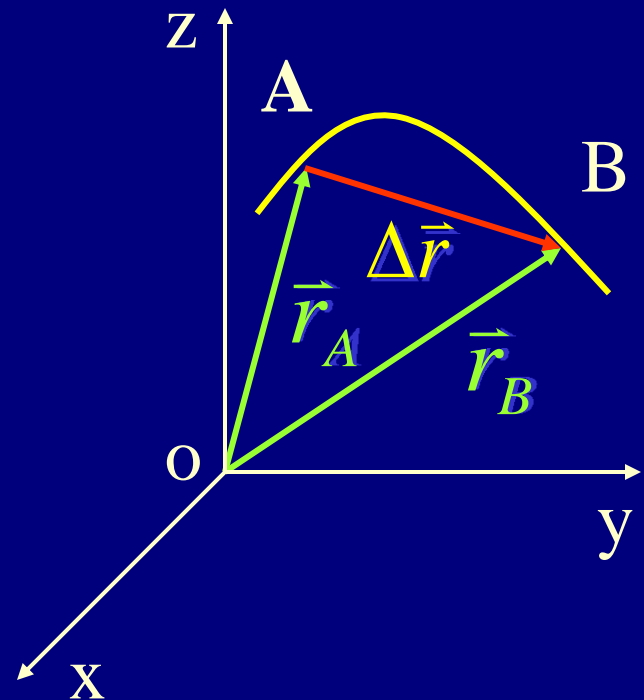
$$|\Delta\vec{r}| = \sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2 + \Delta z^2}$$

# Velocity and Speed

Velocity describe the rate of change of the position of the particle on its trajectory.

Average Velocity: (平均速度)

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} \quad (m/s)$$





## Instantaneous Velocity (瞬时速度) :

$$\vec{v} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad (m \cdot s^{-1})$$

$$\vec{v} = v_x \vec{i} + v_y \vec{j} + v_z \vec{k}$$

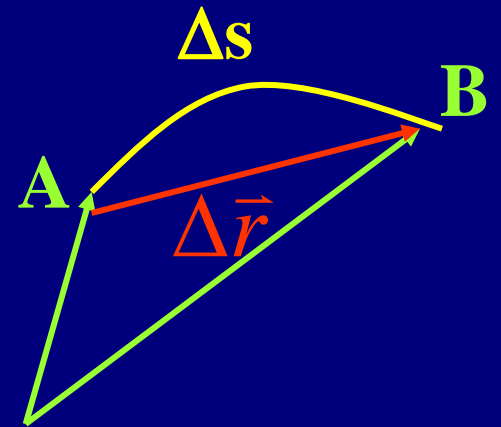
$$v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}, \quad v_z = \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$v = |\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$$

Speed (速率)

Average speed (平均速率)

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} \quad (m \cdot s^{-1})$$



Instantaneous speed (即时速率)

$$v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

## Instantaneous Acceleration:

瞬时加速度:

$$\vec{a} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} \quad (m \cdot s^{-2})$$

$$\vec{a} = a_x \vec{i} + a_y \vec{j} + a_z \vec{k}$$

$$a_x = \frac{dv_x}{dt} = \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \quad a_y = \frac{dv_y}{dt} = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \quad a_z = \frac{dv_z}{dt} = \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$$



Can Achilles overtake the tortoise ?

# Motion with non-constant Acceleration

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t) \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

$$d\vec{v} = \vec{a}dt \quad , \quad \int_{\vec{v}_0}^{\vec{v}} d\vec{v} = \int_{t_0}^t \vec{a}dt$$

$$d\vec{r} = \vec{v}dt \quad , \quad \int_{\vec{r}_0}^{\vec{r}} d\vec{r} = \int_{t_0}^t \vec{v}dt$$

# Projectile motion



The Horizontal motion

$$x - x_0 = (v \cos \theta) * t$$

The vertical motion

$$y - y_0 = (v \sin \theta) * t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

The equation of the Path

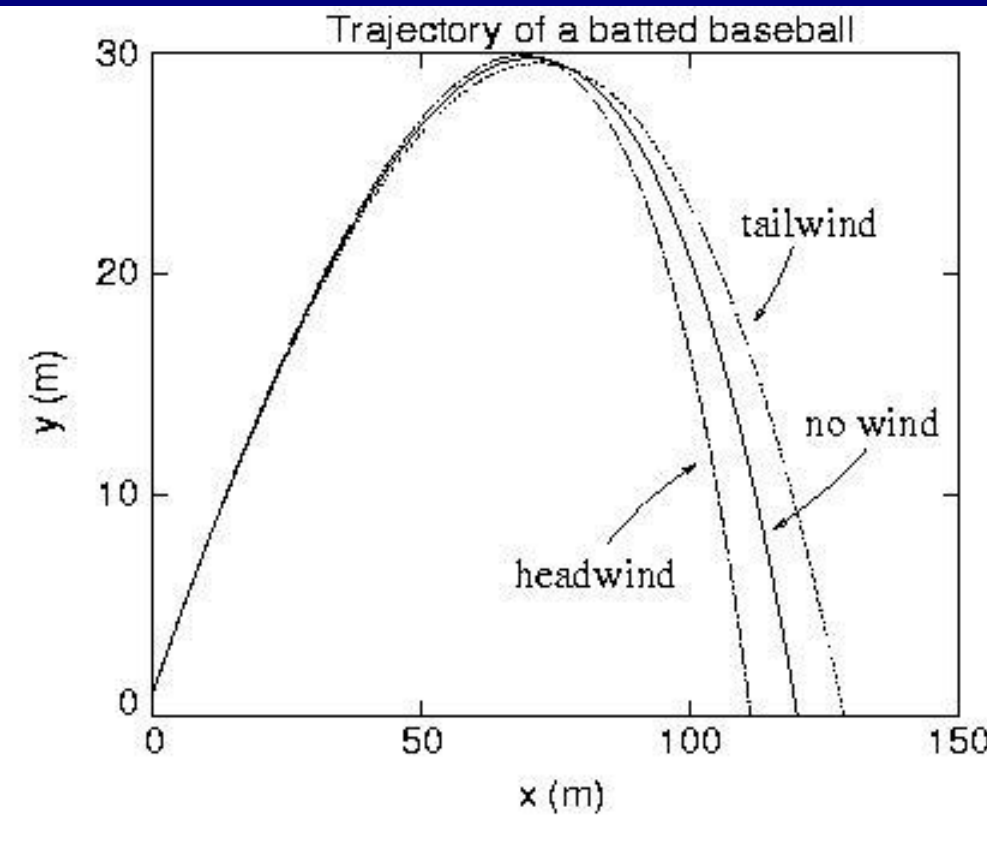
Let  $x_0=0, y_0=0$

$$y = (\tan \theta)x - \frac{gx^2}{2(v_0 \cos \theta)^2}$$

The Horizontal range

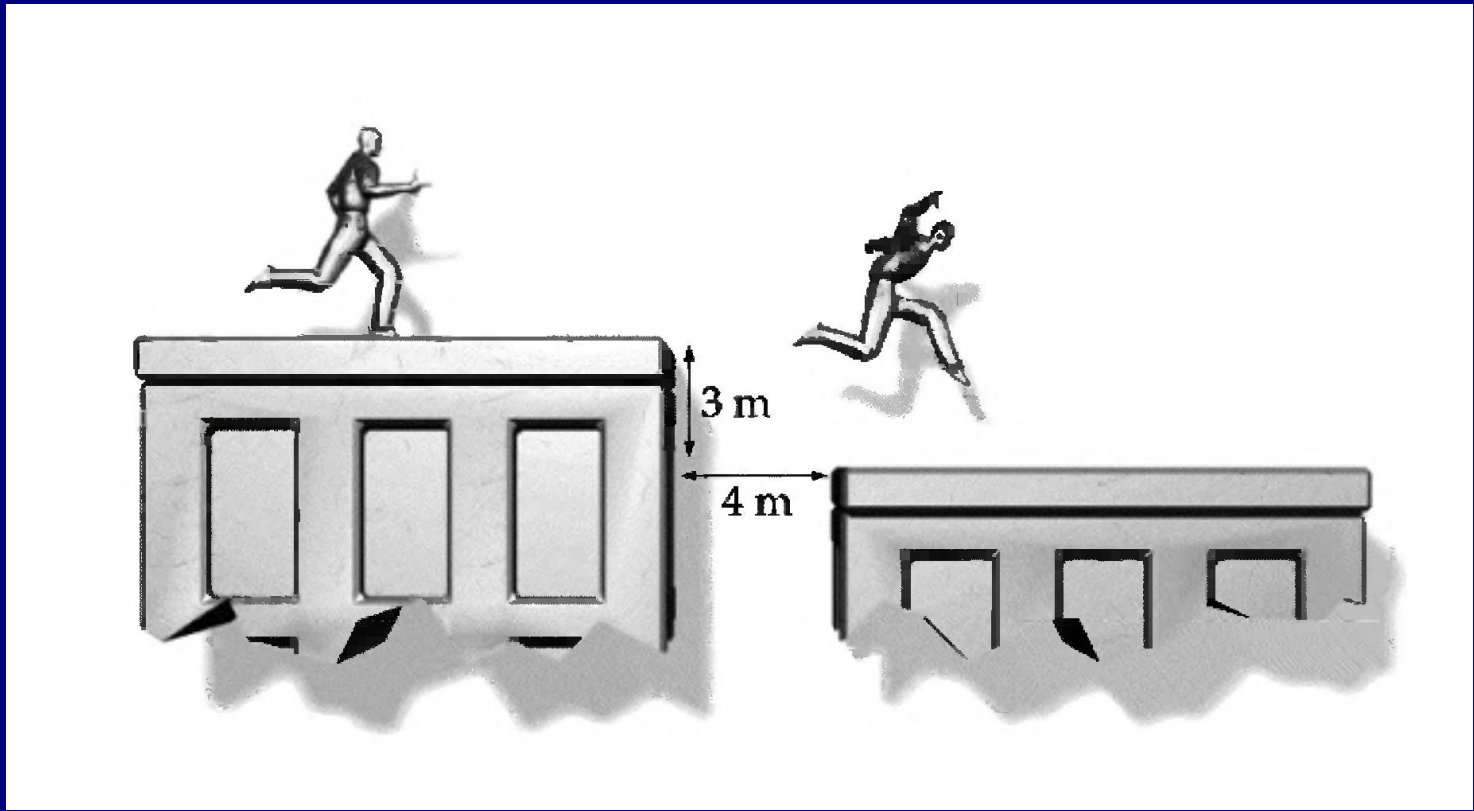
$$R = \frac{v_0^2}{g} \sin 2\theta$$

The effects of the air



- A policeman chases a master jewel thief across city rooftops. They are both running at 5 m/s when they come to a gap between buildings that is 4 m wide and has a drop of 3 m. The thief, having studied a little physics, leaps at 5 m/s and at  $45^\circ$  and clears the gap easily. The policeman did not study physics and thinks he should maximize his horizontal velocity, so he leaps at 5 m/s horizontally. (a) Does he clear the gap? (b) By how much does the thief clear the gap?





Example: The position of a certain particle is given by:

$$\vec{r} = 2t\vec{i} + (19 - 2t^2)\vec{j}$$

**Find:** (1) the trajectory of the particle; (2) position, velocity, acceleration of the particle when  $t=2$ ; (3) when is the velocity perpendicular to the position vector?

**Solution:** (1)

$$x = 2t \quad , \quad y = 19 - 2t^2$$

$$y = 19 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

(2)

$$\vec{r}\Big|_{t=2} = 2 \times 2\vec{i} + (19 - 2 \times 2^2)\vec{j} = 4\vec{i} + 11\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 2\vec{i} - 4t\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{v}\Big|_{t=2} = 2\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} \quad (m \cdot s^{-1})$$

$$v_{t=2} = \sqrt{2^2 + (-8)^2} = 8.25 m \cdot s^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = \operatorname{tg}^{-1} \frac{-8}{2} = -75^{\circ}58'$$

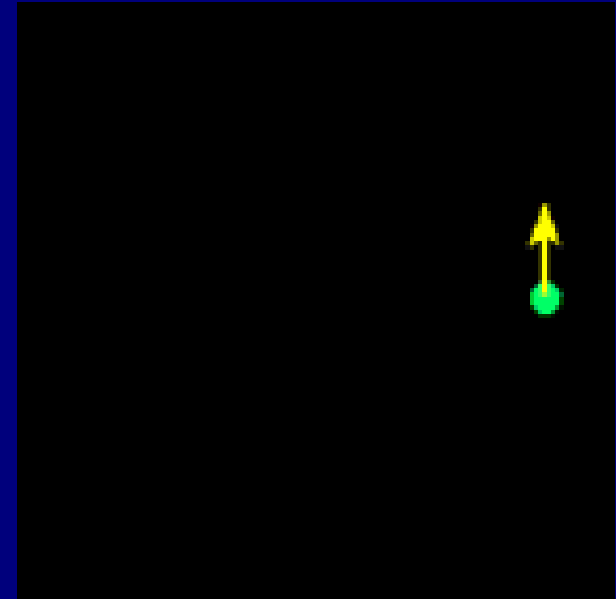
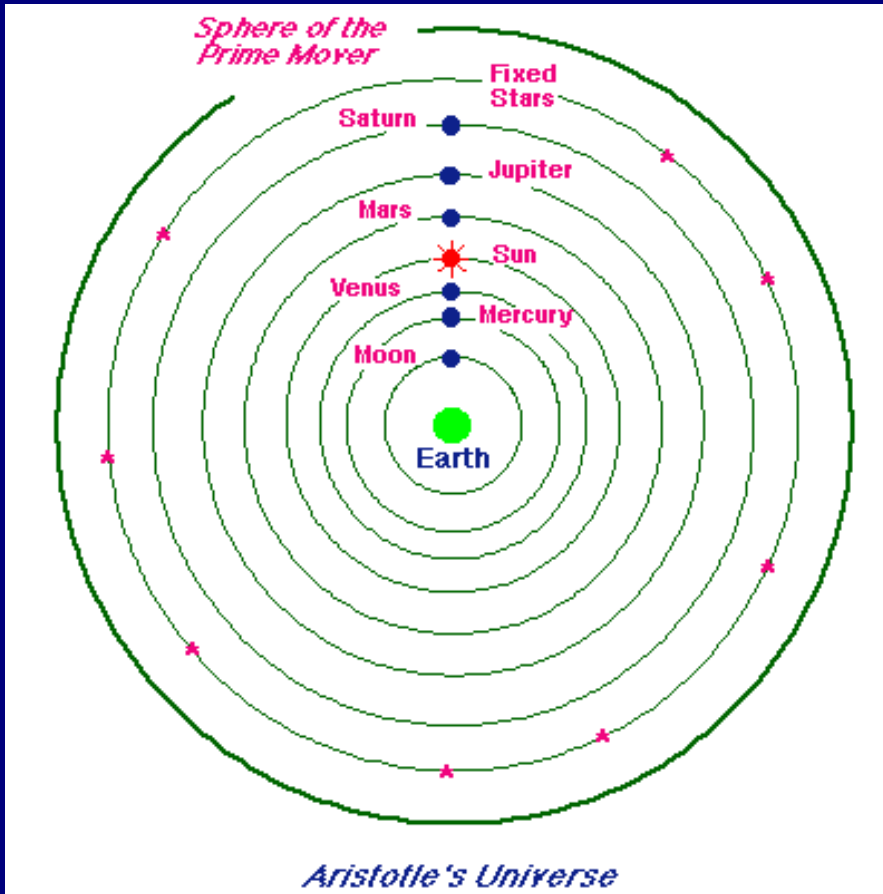
$$(3) \quad \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 2\vec{i} - 4t\vec{j} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -4\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{a} = -4\vec{j} (m \cdot s^{-1})$$

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} &= [2t\vec{i} + (19 - 2t^2)\vec{j}] \cdot (2\vec{i} - 4t\vec{j}) \\ &= 4t - 4t(19 - 2t^2) = 4t(2t^2 - 18) \\ &= 8t(t + 3)(t - 3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$t_1 = 0 (s) \quad , \quad t_2 = 3 (s)$$

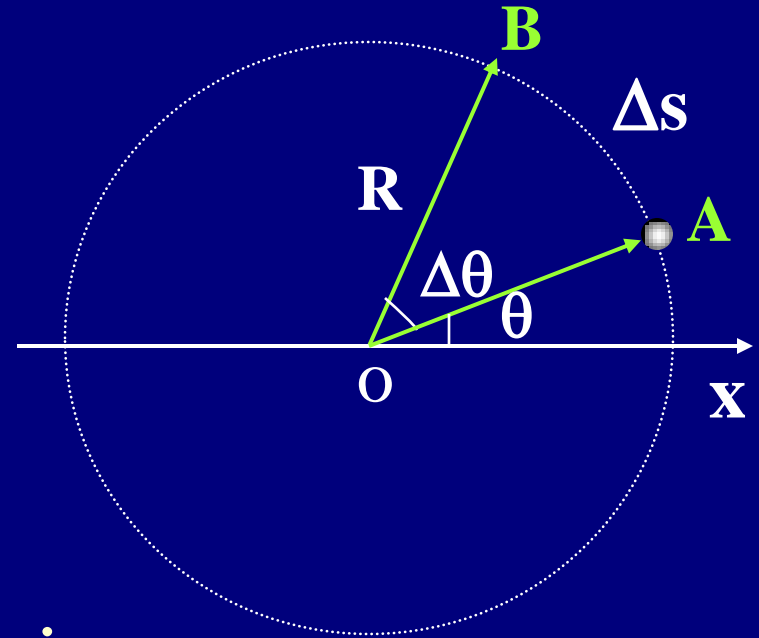
# Circular movement



# Uniform circular movement

Angular position  $\theta$  :

Angular displacement:



When counterclockwise,  $\Delta\theta$  is positive, when clockwise,  $\Delta\theta$  is negative

Angular velocity

$\omega$ :

$$\omega = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad (\text{rad} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})$$

Centripetal acceleration:

$$a = a_n = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

In general ways :

$$a_\tau = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad a_n = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

**Angular  
acceleration :**

$$\beta = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\omega}{dt} \quad (\text{rad} \cdot \text{s}^{-2})$$

## Relationship between angular property and linear property

$$v = r\omega$$

$$a_{\tau} = r\beta$$

$$a_n = r\omega^2$$



Tangential acceleration:

$$\vec{a}_\tau = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \vec{v}_\tau}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \vec{\tau} = \frac{dv}{dt} \vec{\tau}$$

Total acceleration:

$$\vec{a} = \vec{a}_n + \vec{a}_\tau$$

Magnitude:

$$\sqrt{a_n^2 + a_\tau^2}$$

Direction:

$$\theta = \arctg \frac{a_n}{a_\tau}$$

The wheel in rotation has a radius of 0.2m, the angular displacement of a certain point on the edge of the wheel is given as  $\varphi = -t^2 + 4t$  (rad), what is the acceleration and velocity of P when  $t = 1$ s.

**solution:**  $\omega = \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = -2t + 4$        $\beta = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = -2$

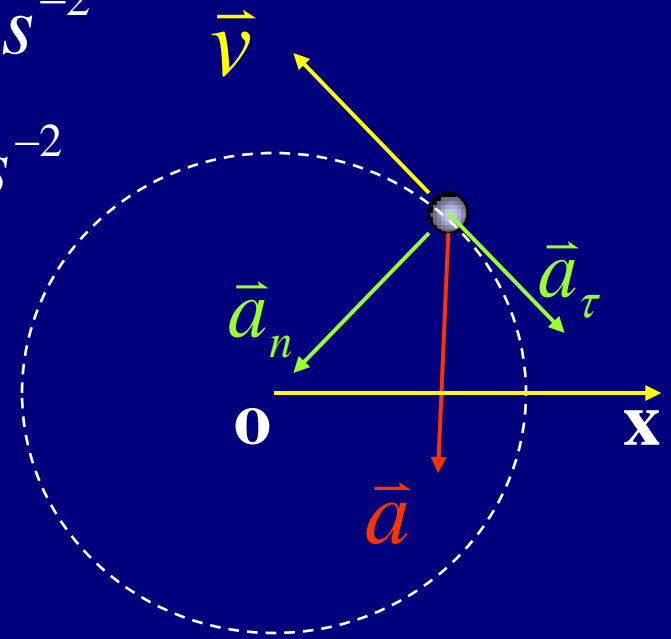
$$v = t\omega = r(-2t + 4) = 0.2 \times (-2 \times 1 + 4) = 0.4 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$a_\tau = r\beta = 0.2 \times (-2) = -0.4 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

$$a_n = r\omega^2 = 0.2(-2 \times 1 + 4)^2 = 0.8 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

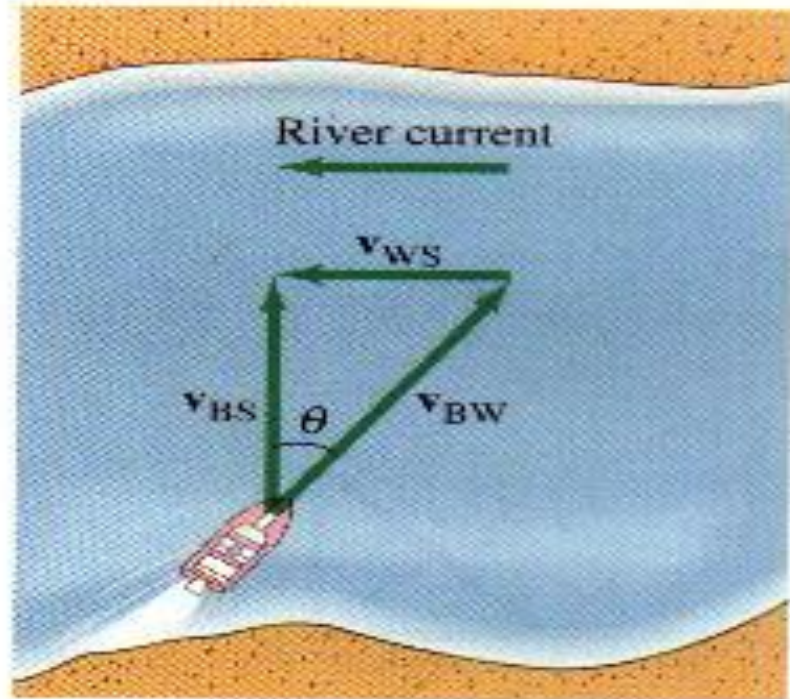
$$a = \sqrt{a_\tau^2 + a_n^2} = 0.89 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

$$\theta = \text{tg}^{-1} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_\tau} \right| = \text{tg}^{-1} \frac{0.8}{0.4} = 63.4^\circ$$



# § 1-5 Relative movement

$$\vec{v}_{bs} = \vec{v}_{bw} + \vec{v}_{ws}$$



**FIGURE 3-13** The boat must head upstream at an angle  $\theta$  if it is to move directly across the river. Velocity vectors are shown as green arrows:

- $v_{BS}$  = velocity of **B**oat with respect to the **S**hore,
- $v_{BW}$  = velocity of **B**oat with respect to the **W**ater,
- $v_{WS}$  = velocity of the **W**ater with respect to the **S**hore.

A man is heading east with speed  $v$  on his bike, the wind is blowing from the direction of north 30 degree west with same speed. What direction will the man sense the wind is blowing from?

**Solution :**

$$\vec{v}_{wm} = \vec{v}_{wg} + \vec{v}_{gm} = \vec{v}_{wg} - \vec{v}_{mg}$$

