

Lesson 10

Motion in Space

Initializations

```
> restart;  
with(VectorCalculus):  
BasisFormat(false):  
>
```

10.1 Motion in Space

Examples

Example 10.1.1

Suppose a projectile is shot out of a barrel under an angle of 60 degrees with the horizontal and with a speed of 2000 ft/sec. Find the position of the projectile as a function of the time t .

Solution

Of course the projectile is subject to gravity, which results in an acceleration vector $\mathbf{a} = \langle 0, -32 \rangle$. We enter the data. Assume the barrel is located in the origin.

```
> v0:=2000*<cos(Pi/3), sin(Pi/3)>;  
r0:=<0, 0>;  
a:=<0, -32>;  
v0, r0, a;
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1000 \\ 1000\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -32 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.1)$$

Now define a vector \mathbf{C} which will serve as an integration constant and integrate $\mathbf{a}(t)$.

```
> C:=<c[1], c[2]>;  
ai:=int(a, t)+C;
```

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$ai := \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ -32t + c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.2)$$

Impose the initial condition $\mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$, and compute $\mathbf{v}(t)$.

```
> val_c:=solve(Equate(subs(t=0, ai), v0), {c[1], c[2]});
```

```
v:=subs(val_c, ai);
```

$$val_c := \{c_1 = 1000, c_2 = 1000\sqrt{3}\}$$

$$v := \begin{bmatrix} 1000 \\ -32t + 1000\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.3)$$

Integrate this result and implement the initial condition $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{r}_0$ to find $\mathbf{r}(t)$.

```
> vi:=int(v, t)+C;
```

$$vi := \begin{bmatrix} 1000t + c_1 \\ -16t^2 + 1000\sqrt{3}t + c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.4)$$

```
> val_c:=solve(Equate(subs(t=0, vi), r0), {c[1], c[2]});
```

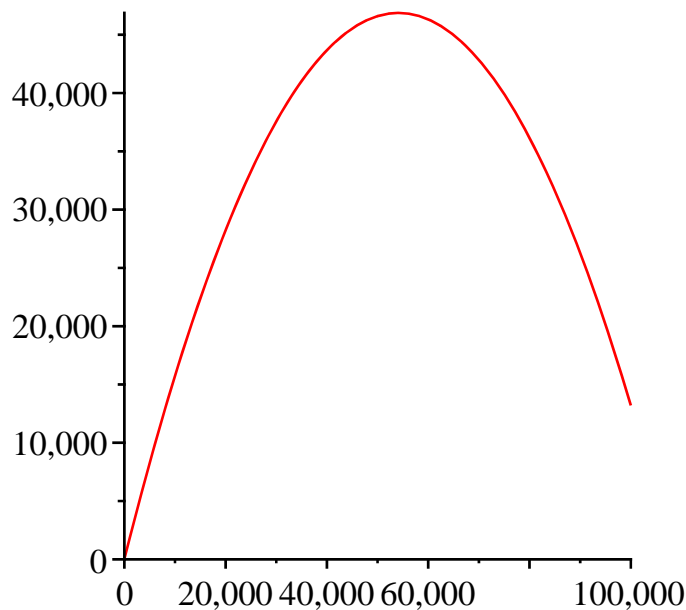
```
r:=subs(val_c, vi);
```

$$val_c := \{c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0\}$$

$$r := \begin{bmatrix} 1000t \\ -16t^2 + 1000\sqrt{3}t \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.1.1.5)$$

It is possible to sketch the path of the projectile using a parametric plot.

```
> plot([r[1], r[2], t=0..100]);
```



▼ 10.2 Tangential and Normal Components of the Acceleration

▼ Examples

▼ Example 10.2.1

Suppose the location of a point-mass is given by $r(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$. Compute the tangential and

normal components of the acceleration.

Solution

Enter $\mathbf{r}(t)$ and compute its first and second derivative.

```
> r:=<t, t^2, t^3>:  
   rp:=diff(r, t):  
   rpp:=diff(r, t$2):  
   r, rp, rpp;
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} t \\ t^2 \\ t^3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \\ 3t^2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 6t \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.1.1.1)$$

Both a_T and a_N can now readily be computed using the formulas derived in-class. We clear the variable \mathbf{a} since it has been used in the previous example.

```
> a:='a';  
a[T]:=rp.rpp/Norm(rp);  
a[N]:=Norm(rp &x rpp)/Norm(rp);  
      a:=a
```

$$a_T := \frac{4t + 18t^3}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 9t^4}}$$
$$a_N := \frac{2\sqrt{1 + 9t^4 + 9t^2}}{\sqrt{1 + 4t^2 + 9t^4}} \quad (3.1.1.2)$$

```
>
```