

Question of the Day



A jet flies in a trajectory to allow astronauts experience a weightless condition. The **speed** at the highest point is **600 mi/hr**.

What is the *radius of curvature* ρ necessary to simulate weightlessness?

- Question of the day
- Rectangular (x-y) coordinates
- Polar (r- θ) coordinates
- Normal and tangential (*n*-*t*) coordinates
- Answer your questions!

Recall: Possible Coordinate Systems

- Rectangular (x, y, z)
- Polar (r, θ, z)
- Spherical (R, θ, φ)
- Normal and Tangential (*n*, *t*)





- The *x* and *y*-components are independent
- Resulting motion is a vector combination of *x*and *y*-components

Rectangular (x-y) Coordinates





 $x(t) = t^2 - 4t + 20$, $y(t) = 3\sin(2t)$

where **r** is measured in feet and **t** is in seconds.

Determine the magnitude of the net *force* (\mathbf{F}) *accelerating* the particle at time t = 3 s.

Recall: Possible Coordinate Systems

- Rectangular $(x, y, z)^{z}$
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- Useful when motion is measured by a *radial distance* (r) and an *angular position* (θ)
- \mathbf{e}_r is the unit vector in the r-direction
- $\mathbf{e}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is the unit vector in the $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ -direction



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Polar (r-θ) Coordinates



Polar (r-0) Coordinates: Exercise



$$\mathbf{a} = \left(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2\right)\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{r}} + \left(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}\right)\mathbf{e}_{\theta}$$

Tube *A* rotates about the vertical *O*-axis with constant *angular velocity w* and contains a small *cylinder B* of *mass m* whose radial position is controlled by a cord passing through the tube and wound around a *drum* of *radius b*.

Determine the *tension T* in the cord and θ component of force F_{θ} if the drum has a constant angular rate of rotation of ω_{θ} as shown.

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Recall: *n*-*t* **Vector Representation**

Path variables along the tangent (t) and normal (n)



- The *n* and *t*-coordinates move along the path with the particle
- Tangential coordinate is parallel to the velocity
- The positive direction for the *normal* coordinate is toward the center of curvature





Normal and Tangential (n-t) Coordinates:



A **1500-kg** car enters an s-curve and slows down from **100 km/h** at **A** to a speed of **50 km/h** as it passes **C**.

Determine the total *horizontal force* exerted by the road on the tires at *positions A*, *B*, and *C*.

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- Complete Homework #7 due on Wednesday (10/12) at the *beginning* of class
- Read Chapter 3, Articles 3/5