

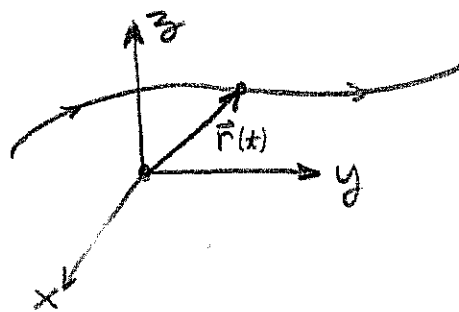
# LECTURE 5

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- we extend our study of kinematics to the context of several dimensions. We also study the concept of relative velocity.

Def<sup>n</sup>/  $\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j} + z(t)\hat{k}$  denotes the position of a particle at time  $t$ . The mapping  $t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$  is called a path or trajectory. The pair  $(t, \vec{r}(t))$  is called an event.

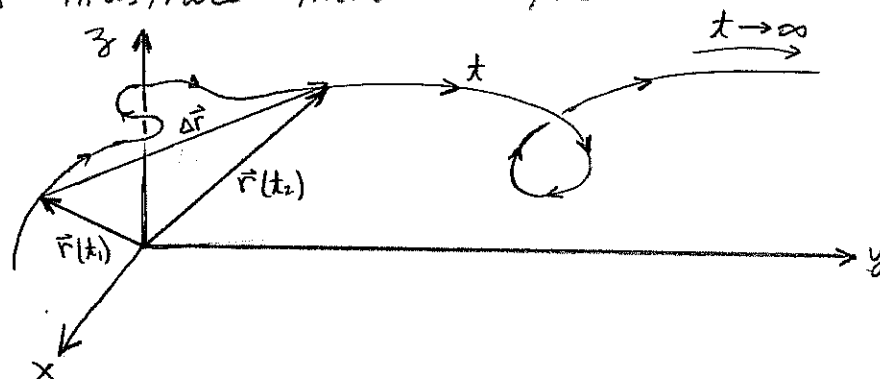
Notice we assume there exists an  $xyz$ -coordinate system with which we can reasonably place  $\vec{r}(t)$ . You can picture it with diagrams such as:



$\vec{r}: J \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
 mathematically this is a parametrized curve where the parameter is time  $t$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>/ Given two events  $(t_1, \vec{r}(t_1))$  and  $(t_2, \vec{r}(t_2))$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ , we can calculate the displacement  $\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}(t_2) - \vec{r}(t_1)$  and average velocity  $\vec{v}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} [\vec{r}(t_2) - \vec{r}(t_1)]$

Let us illustrate these concepts:



(E1) Suppose a particle goes and visits all amusement parks and then returns home. This  $\Delta \vec{r} = \vec{r}_f - \vec{r}_i = \vec{0}$ .

↑ I put vectors on my zero vectors. Tipler doesn't, why?

## CALCULUS FOR PATHS IN SHORT:

Suppose  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  is a path. Hence  $x, y, z$  are functions of  $t$ ,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}$$

$$\int \vec{r} dt \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\int x dt\right)\hat{i} + \left(\int y dt\right)\hat{j} + \left(\int z dt\right)\hat{k}$$

Differentiation and integration of paths is defined componentwise.

There is much more to say, however, this suffices for this lecture.

E2) Suppose  $\vec{r}(t) = e^t\hat{i} + (\cos t)\hat{j} + t^3\hat{k}$  then calculate  $d\vec{r}/dt$  and  $\int \vec{r}(t) dt$  (I'm omitting units here)

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{de^t}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{d(\cos t)}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{d(t^3)}{dt}\hat{k} = \underline{e^t\hat{i} - (\sin t)\hat{j} + 3t^2\hat{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \vec{r}(t) dt &= \hat{i} \int e^t dt + \hat{j} \int \cos t dt + \hat{k} \int t^3 dt \\ &= (e^t + C_1)\hat{i} + (\sin t + C_2)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{1}{4}t^4 + C_3\right)\hat{k} \\ &= \underline{e^t\hat{i} + \sin t\hat{j} + \frac{1}{4}t^4\hat{k} + \vec{c}} \quad (\vec{c} = C_1\hat{i} + C_2\hat{j} + C_3\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

Def<sup>n</sup>/ Suppose  $\vec{r}(t)$  denotes the position of a particle for  $t \geq t_1$ , then we define velocity, speed, acceleration and distance travelled

1.)  $\vec{v}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \leftarrow$  velocity.

2.)  $v(t) = |\vec{v}(t)| = \sqrt{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \leftarrow$  speed.

3.)  $\vec{a}(t) = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \leftarrow$  acceleration.

4.)  $s(t) = \int_{t_1}^t v(u) du$  is distance travelled during  $[t_1, t]$ .

Notice that  $s$  is called arclength in mathematics. You can note that  $\frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{t_1}^t v(u) du = v(t) = |\vec{v}(t)|$ . The speed is the magnitude of the velocity which happens to also be the rate of change in arclength w.r.t. time.

E3) Suppose  $\vec{r}(t) = (R \cos \omega t)\hat{i} + (R \sin \omega t)\hat{j}$ . Find distance travelled for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi/\omega$ . Assume  $R, \omega$  are positive constants.

Note,  $\vec{v}(t) = (-R\omega \sin \omega t)\hat{i} + (R\omega \cos \omega t)\hat{j} \Rightarrow v(t) = R\omega$

Thus  $s(2\pi/\omega) = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} R\omega dt = R\omega t \Big|_0^{2\pi/\omega} = \underline{2\pi R}$ .

Remark: You should recognize  $\vec{r}(t) = (R \cos \omega t)\hat{i} + (R \sin \omega t)\hat{j}$  as the parametric form of a circle of radius  $R$ . Perhaps, you saw  $x = R \cos(\omega t)$  and  $y = R \sin \omega t$  in your course. Notice,

$$x^2 + y^2 = R^2 \cos^2(\omega t) + R^2 \sin^2(\omega t) = R^2.$$

← circle radius  $R$ .

Parametrized curves sometimes challenge students in Math 132 and 231. This is a worthwhile battle since the proper context for kinematics needs the concept of parametric curves. In physics we have the luxury of thinking of  $t$  as time. In pure math, the parameter could be most any thing. All of this said, perhaps you've not seen parametrized curves yet in your courses. No problem. These notes are self-contained.

**E4** Suppose  $\vec{a} = a_x \hat{i} + a_y \hat{j} + a_z \hat{k}$  is constant ( $\frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} = 0$ ) and  $\vec{v}(0) = v_{0x} \hat{i} + v_{0y} \hat{j} + v_{0z} \hat{k} = \vec{v}_0$  and  $\vec{r}(0) = x_0 \hat{i} + y_0 \hat{j} + z_0 \hat{k} = \vec{r}_0$  are given. Find  $\vec{r}(t)$  and  $\vec{v}(t)$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = t\vec{a} + \vec{c}_1$$

← calculus justified at end of this lecture

Note that  $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{v}_0 = \vec{c}_1 \therefore \vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + t\vec{a}$   
 Furthermore,

points in direction of motion.

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + t\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = t\vec{v}_0 + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{a} + \vec{c}_2$$

points from origin to where particle is.

Apply  $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{r}_0 = \vec{c}_2 \therefore \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}_0 + \frac{1}{2}t^2\vec{a}$

Remark: I did the calculus different this time. Previously I integrated with bounds, this approach is  $\approx$ .

**E5** Suppose  $\vec{a} = -g\hat{j}$ . Assume two-dimensional context and find position, velocity and average velocity if we're given  $\vec{r}(0) = x_0\hat{i} + y_0\hat{j} = \vec{r}_0$  and  $\vec{v}(0) = v_{0x}\hat{i} + v_{0y}\hat{j} = \vec{v}_0$

Since  $\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -g\hat{j} \Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = -gt\hat{j} + \vec{c}_1$ .

Note  $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{c}_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v}(t) = -gt\hat{j} + \vec{v}_0}$  — ①

likewise,  $\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = -gt\hat{j} + \vec{v}_0 \Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2\hat{j} + t\vec{v}_0 + \vec{c}_2$ .

Apply  $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{c}_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{r}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2\hat{j} + t\vec{v}_0 + \vec{r}_0}$  — ②

Finally, average velocity from  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  for  $t_1 < t_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_{avg} &= \frac{\Delta\vec{r}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{r}(t_2) - \vec{r}(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} \quad \text{think.} \\ &= \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \left[ -\frac{1}{2}g(t_2^2 - t_1^2)\hat{j} + (t_2 - t_1)\vec{v}_0 \right] \\ &= \vec{v}_0 - \frac{g}{2} \left( \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \right) (t_2 - t_1)(t_2 + t_1)\hat{j} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \vec{v}_0 - gt_1\hat{j} + \vec{v}_0 - gt_2\hat{j} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Remark: I bet this is true for any constant acceleration motion.

Scalar Content

①  $\begin{cases} v_x = v_{0x} \\ v_y = v_{0y} - gt \end{cases}$

②  $\begin{cases} x = x_0 + tv_{0x} \\ y = y_0 + tv_{0y} - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{cases}$

(for word problems, often the scalar eq<sup>n</sup>s are what we need. However, the vector viewpoint has many advantages.)

Remark: **ES** provides a basis for a wide variety of projectile motion problems. We discuss those in the next lecture.

Def<sup>n</sup> / Average acceleration. Let  $\vec{r}(t)$  denote position of some particle and suppose  $t_1 < t_2$  then  $\vec{a}_{avg}$  with respect to the time interval  $[t_1, t_2]$  is

$$\vec{a}_{avg} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\vec{v}(t_2) - \vec{v}(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$$

**EG** Let  $\vec{r}(t) = R_1 e^{at} \hat{i} - R_2 \sin(bt + \phi)(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$   
What dimensions must be given to  $R_1, R_2, a, b, \phi$  to make this a physically reasonable position function?  
Find  $\vec{a}_{avg}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1s$ .

Clearly  $R_1, R_2$  must have dimensions of length.  
Arguments for exp and sin must be dimensionless  
thus  $[at] = 1$  and  $[bt] = 1 \Rightarrow [a] = [b] = \frac{1}{[t]}$ .  
The constant  $\phi$  should also be dimensionless.

Differentiate  $\vec{r}(t)$  to calculate the velocity,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ R_1 e^{at} \hat{i} - [R_2 \sin(bt + \phi)] (\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \right] \\ &= R_1 \hat{i} \frac{d}{dt} (e^{at}) - R_2 (\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \frac{d}{dt} (\sin(bt + \phi)) \\ &= a R_1 e^{at} \hat{i} - [b R_2 \cos(bt + \phi)] (\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

pulled out constant scalars and vectors.

Then we can calculate  $\vec{a}_{avg}$  with ease: for  $0 \leq t \leq 1.0s$ ,

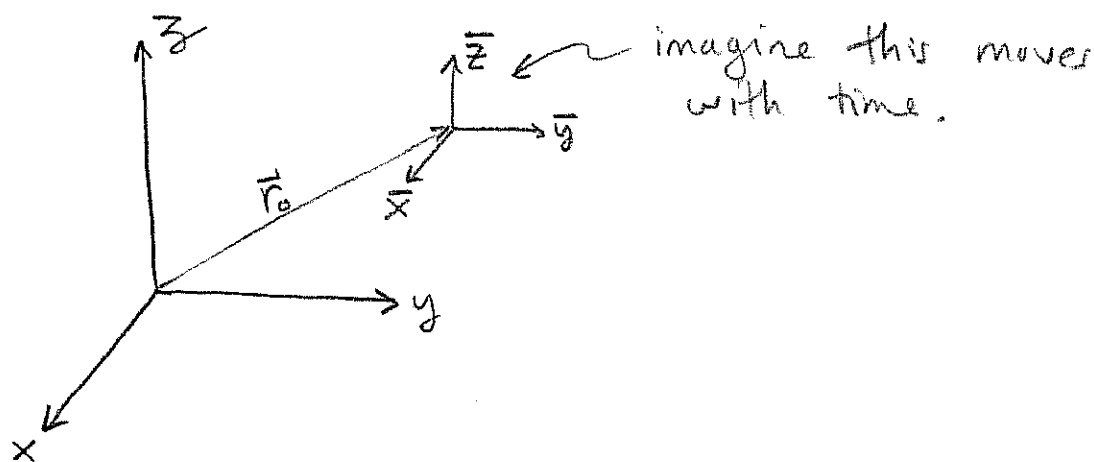
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_{avg} &= \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{1.0s} (\vec{v}(1) - \vec{v}(0)) \\ &= \frac{1}{1.0s} [a R_1 (e^a - 1) \hat{i} - b R_2 (\cos(b + \phi) - \cos \phi) (\hat{j} - \hat{k})] \end{aligned}$$

(this example is just to illustrate the math. We'll see physically interesting applications for  $\vec{a}_{avg}$  in force chapter)

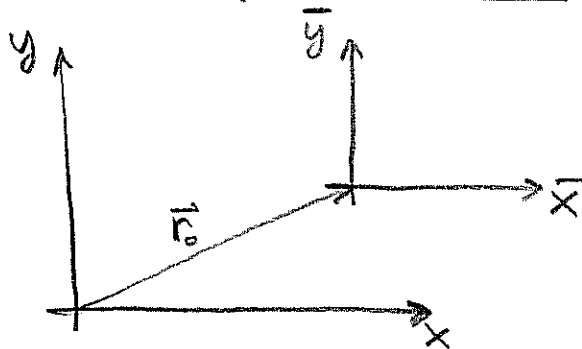
# RELATIVE VELOCITY AND MOVING FRAMES OF REFERENCE

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A frame of reference is a coordinate system which labels all of space at a given instant of time. If you think about it, we always have assumed that at least one such frame exists. We continue to make that assumption and we add another frame which might be moving. Let's assume  $(x, y, z)$  denote fixed coordinates whereas  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ . We can study the motion of a particle with either frame thus it is interesting to compare the velocity  $\vec{v}$  relative to  $(x, y, z)$  and the velocity  $\vec{\bar{v}}$  relative to  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ .

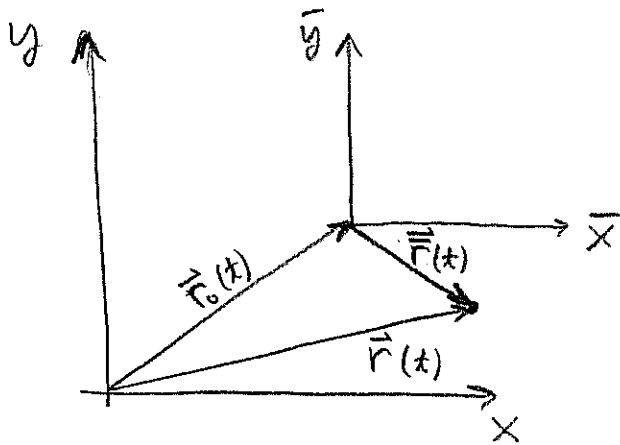


Two-dimensional picture easier:



# Add a particle to our picture

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$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0(t) + \vec{r}(t)$$

$\uparrow$  position relative to fixed frame S      $\uparrow$  position of origin  $S_{\bar{}}$       $\uparrow$  position of particle relative to  $S_{\bar{}}$ .

Notations  $\begin{cases} \vec{r}(t) \text{ for } (x, y) \longrightarrow \vec{r}_S(t) \text{ for } S\text{-frame} \\ \vec{r}(t) \text{ for } (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \longrightarrow \vec{r}_{\bar{S}}(t) \text{ for } \bar{S}\text{-frame} \end{cases}$

In the S,  $\bar{S}$  notation we have

$$\vec{r}_S(t) = \vec{r}_0(t) + \vec{r}_{\bar{S}}(t)$$

Differentiate to find how velocity adds,  $\vec{V}_0 = \frac{d\vec{r}_0}{dt}$  etc.,

$$\vec{V}_S(t) = \vec{V}_0 + \vec{V}_{\bar{S}}(t)$$

We'll stop here for now. The formula above is rather interesting. (can derive  $\vec{a}_S$  vs.  $\vec{a}_{\bar{S}}$  ... Coriolis Effect!)

**E7** You throw a ball vertically with speed  $V_0$  on train travelling in north-east direction. Find velocity of ball relative the ground.

Let  $\bar{S}$  be train frame. Note  $\vec{V}_{\bar{S}} = [V_0 - gt]\hat{k}$ .

Let  $V_T =$  speed of train,  $\vec{V}_T = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j}\right)V_T$  thus,

$$\vec{V}_S = \vec{V}_T + \vec{V}_{\bar{S}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j}\right)V_T + (V_0 - gt)\hat{k}$$

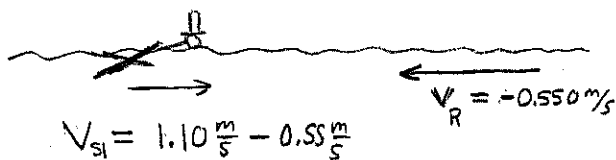
(More to follow)

## Relative Velocity Problems:

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**E8** A river has a speed of  $0.550 \text{ m/s}$ . Suppose a student swims up the river (against the current) a distance of  $1.00 \text{ km}$  and then swims back to where he began. If the student can swim  $1.10 \text{ m/s}$  in still water then how long did his swim in the river take?

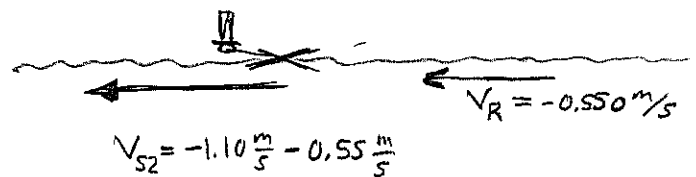
Assumption: the student swims at  $1.10 \text{ m/s}$  relative the frame which is comoving with the river. Let's draw two pictures:



$$V_{s1} = 0.55 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}, \text{ velocity upstream}$$

constant velocity assumed thus

$$\begin{aligned} V_{s1} &= \frac{\Delta X_1}{\Delta t_1} \rightarrow \Delta t_1 = \frac{\Delta X_1}{V_{s1}} \\ &= \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{0.55 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \\ &= 1818.2 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$



$$V_{s2} = -1.65 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}, \text{ velocity downstream}$$

constant velocity assumed thus,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{s2} &= \frac{\Delta X_2}{\Delta t_2} \rightarrow \Delta t_2 = \frac{\Delta X_2}{V_{s2}} \\ &= \frac{-1000 \text{ m}}{-1.65 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \\ &= 606.1 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

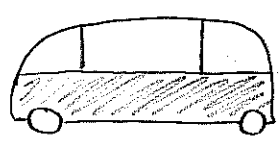
$$\text{Thus, } \Delta t = \Delta t_1 + \Delta t_2 \cong \boxed{2424.3}$$

Remark: the problem above is one-dimensional, thus I adopted our usual conventions. Right is positive direction and the sign of the velocity is used to indicate direction.



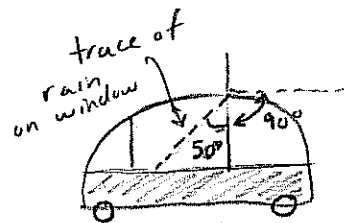
**E9** A car travels east at 30.0 km/h. Rain is falling and there is no wind. Suppose that rain drops make lines on the side windows of the car which have angles of 50° with respect to the vertical. How fast is the rain falling?

||||| ← rain falls vertically since there is no wind.



$$\vec{V}_{CAR} = (30.0 \frac{km}{h}) \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{V}_{RAIN} = -V_0 \hat{j} \quad (\text{we're looking for } V_0) \\ \text{this is speed of the rain.}$$



$$\vec{V}_{RAIN, CAR FRAME} = a \hat{i} + b \hat{j}$$

in direction of the traces.  
θ = -140°

Thinking of the CAR FRAME like S and ground as S

$$\vec{V}_S = \vec{V}_{CAR} + \vec{V}_S \Rightarrow \vec{V}_{RAIN} = \vec{V}_{CAR} + \vec{V}_{RAIN, CAR}$$

$$-V_0 \hat{j} = (30.0 \frac{km}{h}) \hat{i} + a \hat{i} + b \hat{j}$$

gives us two conditions,

$$\hat{j}: -V_0 = b$$

$$\hat{i}: 0 = 30.0 \frac{km}{h} + a$$

Thus,  $a = -30.0 \frac{km}{h}$  and  $b = -V_0$ . We know  $\tan(-140^\circ) = \frac{b}{a}$

$$\text{Hence } \tan(-140^\circ) = \frac{-V_0}{-30.0 \frac{km}{h}}$$

$$V_0 = (30.0 \frac{km}{h}) \tan(-140^\circ) = \boxed{25.17 \frac{km}{h}}$$

Remark: In mph, we'd have car speed of 18.65 mph. implies rain falling at 15.6 mph.

Remark: Most cars have slanted side windows and the water trails are not indicative of the free fall of water droplets. The water's path on car windows has more to do with the aerodynamics of the car.

**E10** An airline pilot notes a heading of due west by his GPS locator. The plane has an airspeed of 140 km/h and there is a north wind of 27.0 km/h. Find the velocity of the airplane relative to the ground.

Since the plane is flying west relative to the ground we can write  $\vec{V}_{\text{plane, ground}} = -V_0 \hat{i}$ . Moreover,

$$\vec{V}_{\text{plane, ground}} = \vec{V}_{\text{wind}} + \vec{V}_{\text{plane, wind}}$$

Let  $\vec{V}_{\text{plane, wind}} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ ,   
 velocity of plane relative to frame moving with wind,   
 $-V_0 \hat{i} = \left(27.0 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}\right) \hat{j} + a\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$   $\leftarrow$  we know  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 140 \text{ km/h}$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \hat{i} \\ \hat{j} \end{matrix} \right\} -V_0 = a$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \hat{i} \\ \hat{j} \end{matrix} \right\} 0 = 27.0 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} + b$$

$$\therefore V_0^2 + \left(27.0 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}\right)^2 = \left(140 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_0 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{140 \text{ km}}{\text{h}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{27.0 \text{ km}}{\text{h}}\right)^2} = 142.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}$$

$$\therefore \vec{V}_{\text{plane, ground}} = -\left(142.6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}}\right) \hat{i}$$

# Mathematical Digression on Calculus of Paths

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Th<sup>n</sup> / Given path  $t \mapsto \vec{r}(t)$  and scalar function  $t \mapsto f(t)$  we find that

$$\frac{d}{dt} [f(t) \vec{r}(t)] = \frac{df}{dt} \vec{r}(t) + f(t) \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

Consequently we can pull constants out

$$\frac{d}{dt} (c \vec{r}) = c \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (f \vec{c}) = \frac{df}{dt} \vec{c}$$

Proof: Let  $\vec{r}(t) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  then

$f\vec{r} = fx\hat{i} + fy\hat{j} + fz\hat{k}$  and by definition  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(f\vec{r}) = \frac{d}{dt}(fx)\hat{i} + \frac{d}{dt}(fy)\hat{j} + \frac{d}{dt}(fz)\hat{k} \quad \rightarrow \text{product rule thrice!}$$

$$= \left(\frac{df}{dt}x + f\frac{dx}{dt}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{df}{dt}y + f\frac{dy}{dt}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{df}{dt}z + f\frac{dz}{dt}\right)\hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{df}{dt}(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) + f\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}\right)$$

$$= \frac{df}{dt} \vec{r} + f \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

If  $f(t) = c$  then  $\frac{df}{dt} = 0 \therefore \frac{d}{dt}(c\vec{r}) = c \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ .

If  $\vec{r}(t) = \vec{c}$  then  $\frac{d\vec{c}}{dt} = 0 \therefore \frac{d}{dt}(f\vec{c}) = \frac{df}{dt} \vec{c} = \vec{c} \frac{df}{dt}$

Remark: I allow us to write  $c\vec{v} = \vec{v}c$  in this course. Either is understood as multiplication of vector by scalar  $c$ .

**EII** Let  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$  be constant vectors then, assuming linearity

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t\vec{A} + \vec{B}) = \frac{d}{dt}(t\vec{A}) + \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{B}) = \frac{dt}{dt}\vec{A} = \vec{A}$$

My point is that calculus with vectors is not so complicated. Linearity, product rule extend nicely.