



Non-Uniform Acceleration



## Table Problem: Time Dependent Acceleration

Consider an object released at time t = 0 with an initial *x*-component of velocity  $v_{x_0}$ , located at position  $x_0$ , and accelerating according to

$$a_x(t) = b_0 - b_1 t$$

Find the velocity and position as a function of time.

#### **Concept Question**

Consider an object released at time t = 0 with an initial *x*-component of velocity  $v_{x,0} = 0$ , and accelerating according to

$$a_x \equiv \frac{dv_x}{dt} = c_0 - c_1 v_x$$

After a very long time, the *x*-component of the velocity is

- 1. Zero
- 2.  $c_0 c_1$
- 3.  $c_0/c_1$
- 4.  $c_0 + c_1$
- 5. Not sure









Let  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  be two vectors. Define a new vector  $\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$ , the "vector addition" of  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  by the geometric construction shown in either figure





Summary: Vector Properties		
Addition of Vectors		
1.	Commutativity $\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$	
2.	Associativity $(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) + \vec{C} = \vec{A} + (\vec{B} + \vec{C})$	
3.	Identity Element for Vector Addition $\vec{0}~$ such that $~~\vec{A}+\vec{0}=\vec{0}+\vec{A}=\vec{A}$	
4.	Inverse Element for Vector Addition $-\vec{\mathbf{A}}$ such that $\vec{\mathbf{A}}+\left(-\vec{\mathbf{A}} ight)=\vec{0}$	
Scala	ar Multiplication of Vectors	
1.	Associative Law for Scalar Multiplication $b(c\vec{A}) = (bc)\vec{A} = (cb\vec{A}) = c(b\vec{A})$	
2.	Distributive Law for Vector Addition $c(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) = c\vec{A} + c\vec{B}$	
3.	Distributive Law for Scalar Addition $(b+c) \vec{\mathbf{A}} = b \vec{\mathbf{A}} + c \vec{\mathbf{A}}$	
4.	Identity Element for Scalar Multiplication: number 1 such that $1\vec{A}\!=\!\vec{A}$	

## **Application of Vectors**

(1) Vectors can exist at any point P in space.

(2) Vectors have direction and magnitude.

(3) Vector Equality: Any two vectors that have the same direction and magnitude are equal no matter where in space they are located.

#### **Unit Vectors and Components**



#### **Vector Decomposition**

Choose a coordinate system with an origin and axes. We can decompose a vector into component vectors along each coordinate axis, for example along the x,y, and z-axes of a Cartesian coordinate system. A vector at *P* can be decomposed into the vector sum,









## Table Problem: Displacement Vector

At 2 am one morning a person runs 250 m along the infinite corridor at MIT from Mass Ave to the end of Building 8, turns right at the end of the corridor and runs 178 m to the end of Building 2, and then turns right and runs 30 m down the hall.

What is the direction and magnitude of the straight line between start and finish?

## **Vector Description of Motion**

- Position  $\vec{\mathbf{r}}(t) = x(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$
- **Displacement**  $\Delta \vec{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \Delta x(t) \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \Delta y(t) \hat{\mathbf{j}}$

• Velocity 
$$\vec{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{dy(t)}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{j}} \equiv v_x(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + v_y(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

• Acceleration 
$$\vec{\mathbf{a}}(t) = \frac{dv_x(t)}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{dv_y(t)}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{j}} \equiv a_x(t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y(t)\hat{\mathbf{j}}$$

## **Constant Acceleration**

• Components of Velocity:

$$v_x = v_{0,x} + a_x t$$
,  $v_y = v_{0,y} + a_y t$ 

• Components of Position:

$$x = x_0 + v_{x0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_xt^2, \qquad y = y_0 + v_{y0}t + \frac{1}{2}a_yt^2$$

• Eliminating *t*:

$$2a_{x}(x-x_{0}) = v_{x}^{2} - v_{x}^{2}$$









4. There is not enough information is specified in order to determine which object hits the ground first.





















# Table Problem: Stuffed Animal and the Gun

A stuffed animal is suspended at a height *h* above the ground. A physics demo instructor has set up a projectile gun a horizontal distance *d* away from the stuffed animal. The projectile is initially a height *s* above the ground. The demo instructor fires the projectile with an initial velocity of magnitude  $v_o$ just as the stuffed animal is released. Find the angle the projectile gun must be aimed in order for the projectile to strike the stuffed animal. Ignore air resistance.

Demo:

**Stuffed Animal and Gun**