

# Ch 1 Doing Physics

## Dimensional Analysis:

• Dimension of speed:  $[v] = \frac{[\Delta s]}{[\Delta t]} = \frac{L}{T}$  (dimension of length) / (dimension of time)

" $\Delta$ " delta = "change of" or "increment of"  
+ or - / +

$\Delta s$  : change of position

$\Delta t$  : increment of time

• Dimension of acceleration:  $[a] = \frac{[\Delta v]}{[\Delta t]} = \frac{\frac{L}{T}}{T} = \frac{L}{T^2}$

• Dimension of energy:  $[E] = \left[ \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right] = [m] [v^2] = M \frac{L^2}{T^2}$

$[v]^2 = \left(\frac{L}{T}\right)^2$

Kinetic energy { sedan @ 60 mph : lower kinetic energy (smaller mass)  
                  { truck @ 60 mph : higher kinetic energy (larger mass m)

## Application of dimensional analysis:

Derive on  $\begin{cases} v = \frac{1}{2} g h^2 \\ v = \sqrt{g h} = (g h)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases} \rightarrow [g h^2] = [g] [h]^2 = \frac{L}{T^2} \cdot L^2 = \frac{L^3}{T^2}$

$\rightarrow [g h]^{\frac{1}{2}} = ([g] [h])^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{L}{T^2} \cdot L\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{L^2}{T^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{L}{T} \checkmark$

$g$  : acceleration of gravity

$h$  : height (length)

Units:

S.I. (system of international units)

L :

m (meter)

T :

s (second)

M :

kg (kilogram  $\Rightarrow$  kilo = 1000 =  $10^3$ )

Area :

$m^2$

Volume :

$m^3$

Energy :

$\frac{kg m^2}{s^2} = J$  (Joules)

L,

Unit conversion:

	nano $\uparrow$	micro $\uparrow$	centi $\uparrow$						
	1 nm	1 $\mu$ m	1 cm	1 mm	1 km	1 light-year	1 mi	1 ft	1 in.
in m	$10^{-9} m$	$10^{-6} m$	$10^{-2} m$	$10^{-3} m$	$10^3 m$	$9.46 \times 10^{15} m$	1609 m	0.3048 m	2.54 cm
								0.3048 m	

$$1 lb = 0.454 kg$$

$$1 h = 3600 s ; 1 day = 86400 s ; etc.$$

$$1 km^2 = 10^6 m^2 ; 1 cm^2 = 10^{-4} m^2 ; 1 mm^2 = 10^{-6} m^2$$

$$1 km^3 = 10^9 m^3 ; 1 cm^3 = 10^{-6} m^3 ; 1 mm^3 = 10^{-9} m^3$$

# Accuracy & Significant Figures:

Scientific notation:  $\Delta s = 3\,105\,000\text{ m} = \underbrace{3.105}_{\text{Coefficient } < 10} \times \underbrace{10^6}_{\text{power of } 10}\text{ m}$   
 Scientific notation (calculator: 3.105E+6)

$\Delta t = 3000\text{ s} = 3 \times 10^3\text{ s}$

speed:  $v = \frac{3.105 \times 10^6\text{ m}}{3 \times 10^3\text{ s}} = \frac{3.105}{3} \times 10^{6-3}$   
 $= 1.035 \times 10^3\text{ m/s}$

Accuracy: # of decimal digits:  $\pi : 3.1416$  is more accurate than 3.14

Addition & Subtraction:  $3.1416 - 2.14 =$  } Calculator: 1.0016  
} You: 1.00

↳ keep lowest accuracy (due to limit of precision of measuring instruments in physics)

## Significant figures:

11 275 000

5 significant figures

(zeros at the end are not significant)

11 275 002

8 significant figures.

↳ Multiplication & division: keep smallest number of significant figures (except of numeric constants which are not measured)

↳ Earth's circumference:  $2\pi R_E = 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 6.37 \times 10^6\text{ m}$   
 3 s.f.'s  $= 4.002398 \times 10^7 = 4.00 \times 10^7\text{ m}$

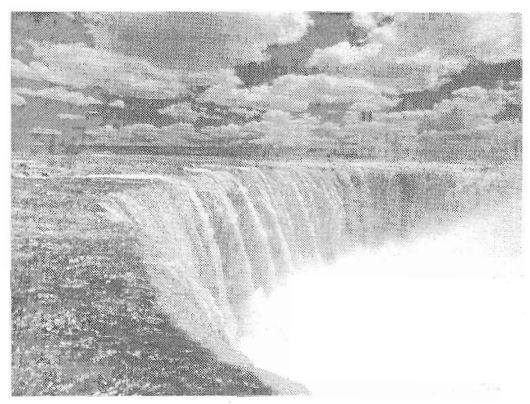
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a) Estimate volume of water flowing over Niagara Falls in one second

Guess:  $6 \times 10^4 \frac{m^3}{s}$ ;  $10^6 \frac{m^3}{s}$ ;

Estimation: simple calculations using simple geometry & algebra.

Top of Falls:  
Rectangular slab:

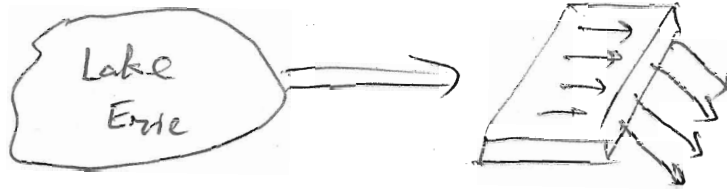


Flow rate:  $\frac{\text{volume}}{\text{unit time}} = \frac{hwd}{t}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1) \frac{h}{t} \cdot w \cdot d \\ 2) h \cdot \left(\frac{w}{t}\right) \cdot d \checkmark \\ 3) h \cdot w \cdot \frac{d}{t} \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \text{speed of water toward the Falls}$

Estimation:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h \sim 1m \quad 10m \quad 100m \\ \frac{w}{t} \sim 1m/s \quad 5m/s \quad 50m/s \\ d \sim 100m \quad 1000m \quad 10000m \end{array} \right\} 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 1000 = \frac{5000m^3}{s}$

b)

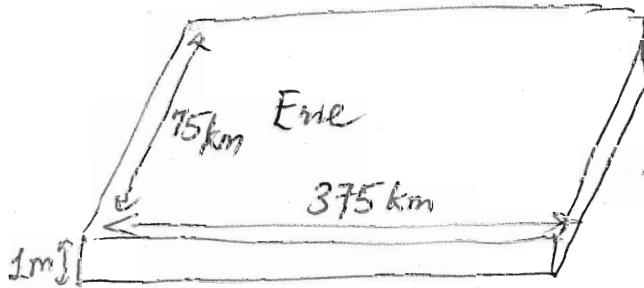


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If falls are shut off  $\rightarrow$  water in Lake Erie will rise  
 Question: how long for it to rise 1 m?

Info available:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{Flow rate (Estimate)} = \frac{\text{Vol}}{\text{time}} = \frac{5000 \text{ m}^3}{1 \text{ s}} \\ \rightarrow \text{Volume of water as it rises 1 m:} \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}_{\text{Erie}} \cdot 1 \text{ m} &= 75 \cdot 10^3 \times 375 \cdot 10^3 \times 1 \\ &= 75 \times 375 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time} &= \frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Flow rate}} \\ &= \frac{\text{Volume}}{\frac{\text{Volume}}{\text{Time}}} \\ &= \text{Time} \end{aligned}$$

$$t = \frac{75 \times 375 \times 10^6}{8 \times 10^3} \text{ s} = 75^2 \times 10^3 \text{ s} = 9 \times 10^6 \text{ s} \frac{1 \text{ day}}{84600 \text{ s}}$$

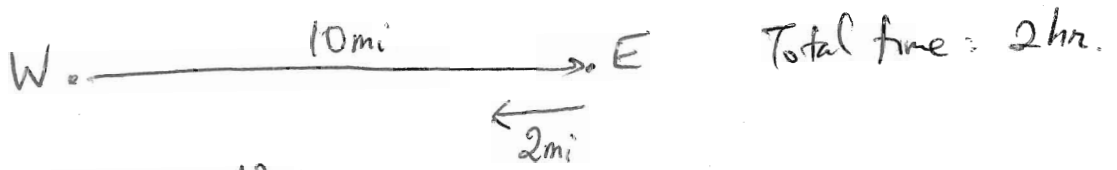
= 100 days

$\sim$  3 months

# Ch2 Motion in a Straight Line:

## Average motion:

↳ speed =  $\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$  ; velocity =  $\frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$



speed =  $\frac{12\text{mi}}{2\text{hr}} = 6\text{mph}$

velocity =  $\frac{8\text{mi}}{2\text{hr}} = 4\text{mph}$  (since it takes into consideration the direction of motion)

Average velocity:  $\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$  }  $\Delta x = \text{change of position or displacement}$   
 $\Delta t = \text{time increment}$

Instantaneous velocity:  $v = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{dx}{dt}$   
 (Time derivative of the position  $x$ )

Example:  $x = at^4$  : instantaneous velocity:  
 $v = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d(at^4)}{dt} = 4at^3$   
constant

$\frac{d t^n}{dt} = n \cdot t^{n-1}$

Units {  $x \rightarrow m$   
 $v \rightarrow \frac{m}{s}$   
 $a \rightarrow \frac{m}{s^2}$

(Dimensional analysis helps write the units for ~~numeric~~ constants.)



So: objects whose position varies quadratically in time follows a constant acceleration!

Constant acceleration motion in a straight line:

Average acceleration = Instantaneous' acceleration

$$\boxed{\bar{a} = a}$$

$$\bar{a} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{v - v_0}{t - 0}$$

- { v: final velocity
- { v<sub>0</sub>: initial velocity
- { t: final time
- { 0: initial time

Can conclude:  $v - v_0 = a \cdot t \rightarrow \boxed{v = v_0 + a \cdot t}$  (1)  
1st kinematic equation

Derivation of 2nd kinematic Equation:

Average velocity {

$$\bar{v} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{x - x_0}{t - 0} \rightarrow x = x_0 + \bar{v} \cdot t \quad (A)$$

Mathematically:

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{t - 0} \int_0^t v dt \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (v_0 + a \cdot t) dt$$

$$= \frac{v_0}{t} \int_0^t dt + \frac{a}{t} \int_0^t t dt$$

$$= v_0 + \frac{1}{2} a t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v_0 + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} v_0 + \frac{1}{2} a t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(v_0 + a \cdot 0) + (v_0 + a \cdot t)]$$



$$\bar{v} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{2} [v_0 + v] \quad (B) \quad (8)$$

Plug (B) into (A):

$$\begin{aligned} (A) \quad x &= x_0 + \bar{v} \cdot t \stackrel{(B)}{=} x_0 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)}_{\bar{v}} \cdot t \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} x_0 + \frac{1}{2} (v_0 + v_0 + a \cdot t) \cdot t \end{aligned}$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t^2 \quad (2)$$

↓  
Comes from  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Definitions: } \bar{v}, v, \bar{a}, a \text{ (for constant acceleration)} \\ \text{--- Constant acceleration} \\ \text{--- Math expression for } \bar{v} \text{ \& some calculus.} \end{array} \right.$  not Kinematic equation

Constant acceleration motion in 1D:

$$v = v_0 + a \cdot t \quad (1)$$

$$x = x_0 + v_0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a \cdot t^2 \quad (2)$$

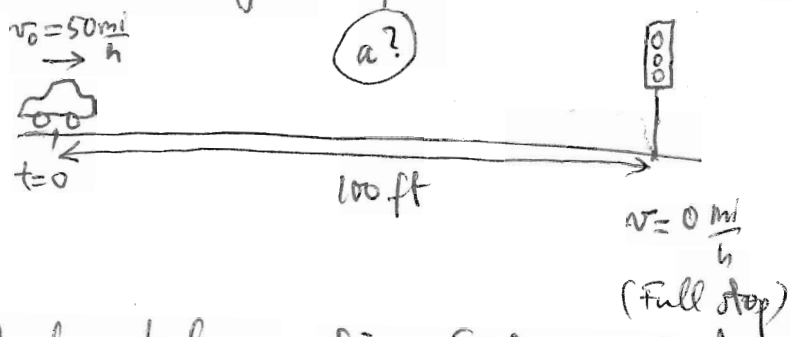
Can derive from (1) & (2):  $\frac{v^2 - v_0^2}{x - x_0} = 2 \cdot a \quad (3)$

Note: a) No time in eq. (3)  
b) final quantities:  $x, v,$   
initial quantities:  $x_0, v_0$

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Deceleration: is a negative acceleration

1) Sketch with given information: car in a straight line



2) Decide which equation (1 & 2 or 3) to apply: Since there is no time information let's try (3)

$$\frac{0^2 - 22.35^2}{30.48} = 2 \cdot a \rightarrow a = \frac{-22.35^2}{(30.48) \cdot 2} = \boxed{-8.192 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}$$

Unit conversion:

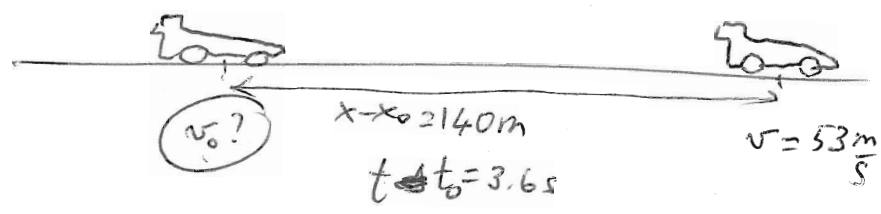
$$50 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{h}} \cdot \frac{1609 \text{ m}}{\text{mi}} \cdot \frac{\text{h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 22.35 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$x - x_0 = 100 \text{ ft} \cdot \frac{0.3048 \text{ m}}{\text{ft}} = 30.48 \text{ m}$$

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Constant acceleration

a) 1) Sketch with given information: racing car in 1D



Eg. 1:  $v = v_0 + a \cdot t \rightarrow \boxed{v_0 = v - a \cdot t}$

Eg. 2:  $x - x_0 = v_0 \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$

Alternative #1: Find  $a$ , then  $v_0 =$

↳ eliminate  $v_0$ :  $x - x_0 = (v - at) \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$

$$x - x_0 = vt - \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{v_0 = v - a \cdot t = 53 - 7.83 \cdot 3.6 = 24.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \rightarrow a = \frac{x - x_0 - v \cdot t}{-\frac{1}{2} t^2} = \frac{140 - 53 \cdot 3.6}{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3.6^2}$$

$$a = 7.83 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Alternative #2: Eliminate a: (unknown)

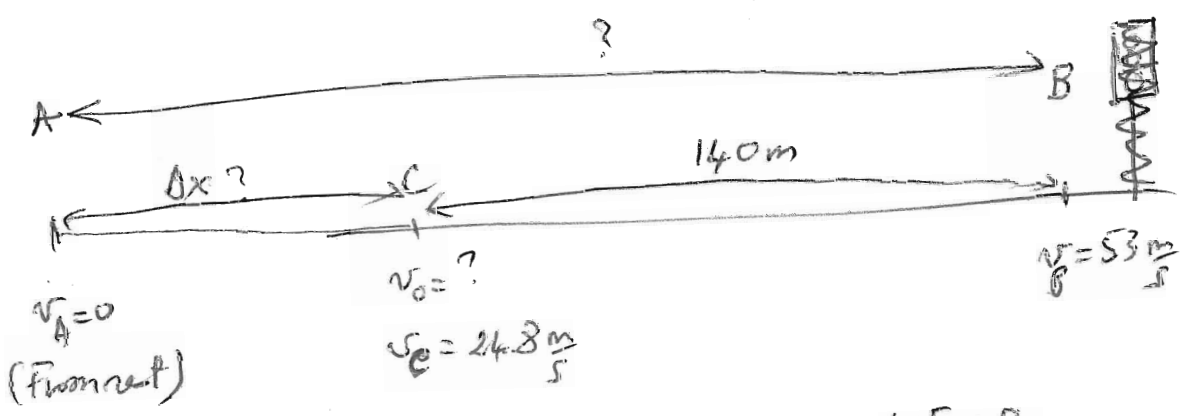
(1)  $a = \frac{v-v_0}{t}$

(2)  $x-x_0 = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v-v_0}{t} \right) \cdot t^2 = \frac{1}{2} v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} v \cdot t$

$\frac{1}{2} v_0 t = x-x_0 - \frac{1}{2} v \cdot t \rightarrow v_0 = \frac{2(x-x_0)}{t} - v$

$= \frac{2 \cdot 140}{3.6} - 53 = 24.8 \frac{m}{s}$

b) How far did it travel to end of 140m distance.  
from rest



Alternative #1: Need distance AC or  $\Delta x_{AC}$  given  $\begin{cases} v_A = 0 \\ v_C = 24.8 \frac{m}{s} \end{cases}$

Eq(3):  $\frac{v_C^2 - v_A^2}{\Delta x_{AC}} = 2 \cdot a$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = \text{acceleration, same as that b/w C \& B} \\ \text{From part a) } a = 7.83 \frac{m}{s^2} \end{array} \right.$

$\Delta x_{AC} = \frac{24.8^2}{2 \cdot 7.83} = 39.37 \text{ m}$

$\Delta x_{AB} = \Delta x_{AC} + 140 \text{ m} = 179.37 \text{ m}$

Alternative #2: Can also apply Eq(3) to AB:

$\frac{v_B^2 - v_A^2}{\Delta x_{AB}} = 2 \cdot a \rightarrow \Delta x_{AB} = \frac{53^2 - 0^2}{2 \cdot 7.83} = 179.37 \text{ m}$

Alternative #3 :

Focus on AC

Eq (2):

$$(x - x_0) = \underbrace{v_0}_{v_A=0} \cdot t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2 \rightarrow \Delta x_{AC} = \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

7.83  $\frac{m}{s}$  calculate using eq(1)

Eq (1):

$$v_c = v_A + a \cdot t \rightarrow t = \frac{v_c}{a} = 3.17 s$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 24.8  $\frac{m}{s}$                       7.83  $\frac{m}{s}$

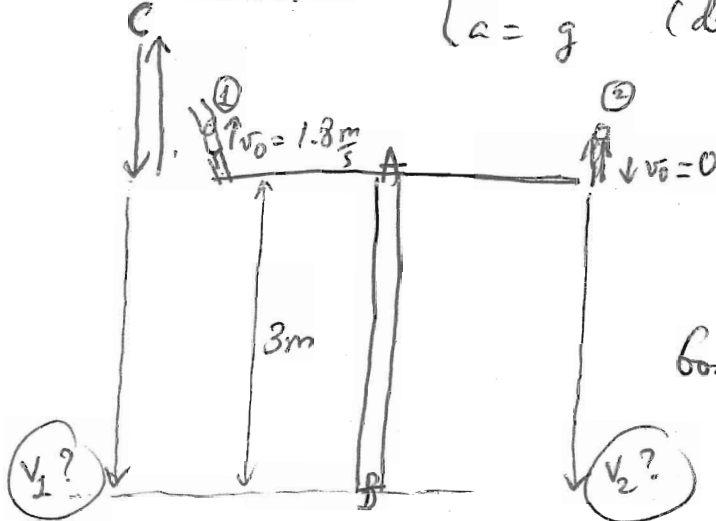
$$\Delta x_{AC} = \frac{1}{2} 7.83 \cdot 3.17 = 39.37 m.$$

$$\Delta x_{AB} = \Delta x_{AC} + 140 = 179.37 m.$$

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Constant acceleration

$$\begin{cases} a = -g & \text{(upward motion)} \\ a = g & \text{(downward motion)} \end{cases}$$



② steps off when  
 ① passes platform  
 on way down.

Goal: compare motion  
 b/w A & B (3m  
 vertical)

Before calculation: a) diver ① will reach water at higher speed ( $v_1 > v_2$ ) since he starts @ 0 speed @ C so has more time to reach water.

b) If we look b/w A & B diver ① starts with  $v_0 = 1.8 \frac{m}{s}$  (on way down) while diver ② starts with  $v_0 = 0$

a) Diver ①

Eg 3: 
$$\frac{v_B^2 - v_A^2}{3} = 2g$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 3 + 1.8^2}$$

$$= 7.88 \frac{m}{s}$$

Diver ②

$$\frac{v_B^2 - v_A^2}{3} = 2g$$

$$v_B = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 3}$$

$$= 7.67 \frac{m}{s}$$

b) Which hits the water first and by how much?

Both start @ A downward @ same time.

Diver ①

Eg 1: 
$$v_B = v_A + g t_1$$

$$t_1 = \frac{v_B - v_A}{g}$$

$$t_1 = \frac{7.88 - 1.80}{9.81}$$

$$= 0.62 s$$

Diver ②

$$v_B = v_A + g t_2$$

$$t_2 = \frac{v_B - 0}{g}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{7.67}{9.81}$$

$$= 0.78 s.$$

① hits water  $\approx 0.16 s$  before ②.

If we start counting time when diver # 1 jumps up =  
Need to add  $t_{up \& down}$  for diver ①

$t_{up}$ :  $\begin{matrix} \uparrow v_c = 0 \\ A v_A = 1.8 m/s \end{matrix} \gg E_f(1): v_c = v_A - g t_{up}$

$$t_{up} = \frac{v_A}{g} = \frac{1.8}{9.81}$$

$$= 0.1800 s$$

$$t_{up \& down} = 2 \times t_{up} = 0.3600 s.$$

$$\rightarrow t_1 = 0.62 + 0.36 = 0.98 s \quad \gg \quad t_2 = 0.78 s.$$

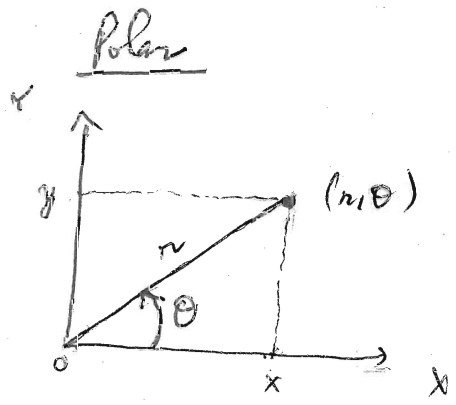
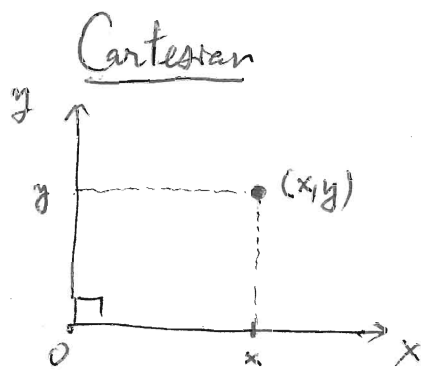
### Ch3: Motion in Two & Three Dimensions

1D: We Describe motion using : position (x), velocity (v), acceleration (a)

<u>1D</u>	<u>2D</u>	<u>3D</u>
x	$\vec{r} = (x, y) = (r, \theta)$	$(x, y, z) = (r, \theta, \phi)$
v	$\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y) = (v, \theta_v)$	$(v_x, v_y, v_z) = (v, \theta_v, \phi_v)$
a	$\vec{a} = (a_x, a_y) = (a, \theta_a)$	$(a_x, a_y, a_z) = (a, \theta_a, \phi_a)$

vectors { Length or magnitude  
          { Direction

- $\vec{r}$  = position vector = (x, y) (Cartesian coordinates) = (r,  $\theta$ ) (polar coordinates)
- $\vec{v}$  = velocity vector = (v<sub>x</sub>, v<sub>y</sub>) = (v,  $\theta_v$ )
- $\vec{a}$  = acceleration vector = (a<sub>x</sub>, a<sub>y</sub>) = (a,  $\theta_a$ )



(Coordinates are the projections of the position on to the Cartesian axes)

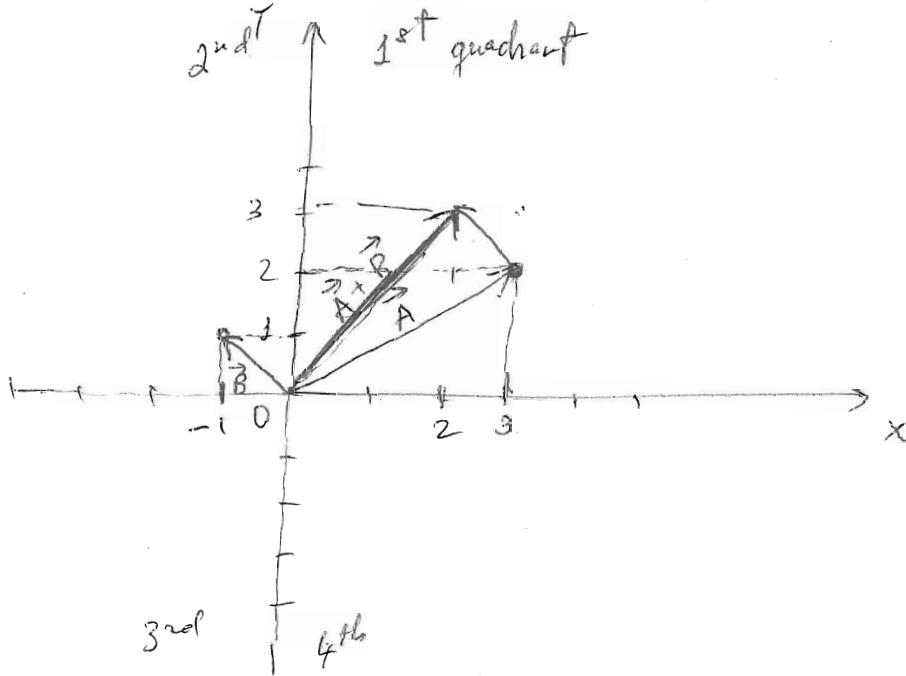
Cartesian  $\rightarrow$  Polar :  $\begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x}) \end{cases}$  Pythagoras Theorem

Polar  $\rightarrow$  Cartesian :  $\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$

Vector operation : addition & subtraction

→ Graphical  
→ Mathematical (using unit vectors, length is 1)

Graphical add & subtract

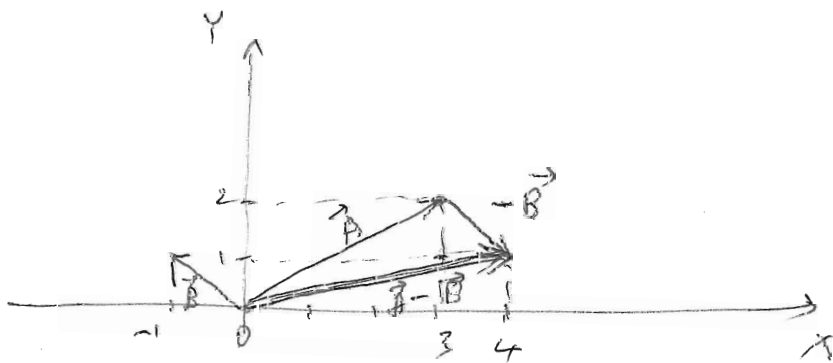


$$\vec{A} = (3, 2)$$

$$\vec{B} = (-1, 1)$$

- $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$ :
- 1) Draw a copy of  $\vec{B}$  from tip of  $\vec{A}$
  - 2)  $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$  is from origin of  $\vec{A}$  to the tip of the copy of  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (2, 3)$$



- $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$ : similar 2-step process except reversing direction of  $\vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = (4, 1)$$

Math method: using unit vectors

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{length 1} \\ \text{x-axis} \rightarrow \hat{i} \\ \text{y-axis} \rightarrow \hat{j} \\ \text{z-axis} \rightarrow \hat{k} \end{array} \right\}$  used to describe directions

$$\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} = A_x\hat{i} + A_y\hat{j} \quad (A_x=3; A_y=2)$$

$$\vec{B} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} = B_x\hat{i} + B_y\hat{j} \quad (B_x=-1; B_y=1)$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{i} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{j} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = (A_x - B_x)\hat{i} + (A_y - B_y)\hat{j} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$