

# Chapter 5

# Circular Motion

A: Circ. Motion  
B: Gravity

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Concept Question:

swing a ball on a string

- The string Breaks !!!

Q: what path does the mass travel?

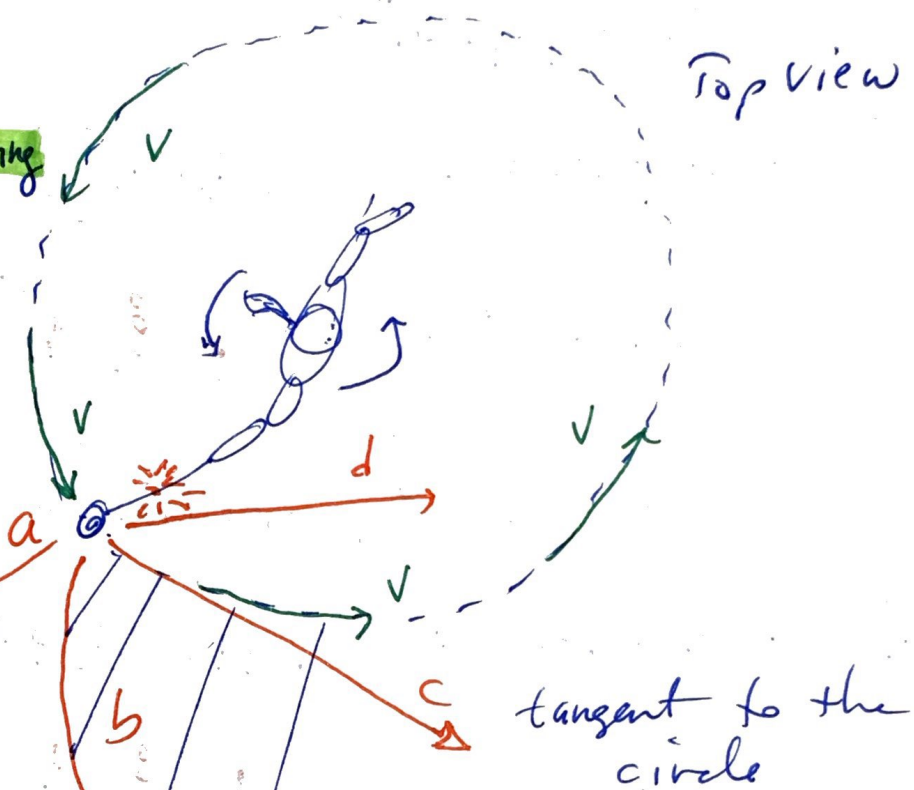
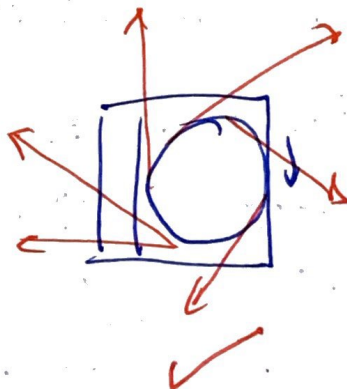
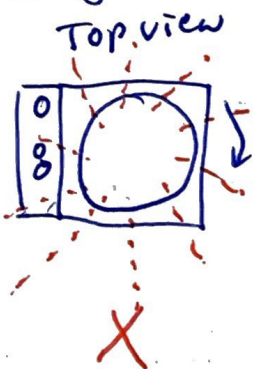
Q: a, b, c, or d?

Ans: class poll:  
 a b c d  
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"c" is the correct path:

- There is no longer a force altering the path of the object & it travels in a straight line.

Washing Machine

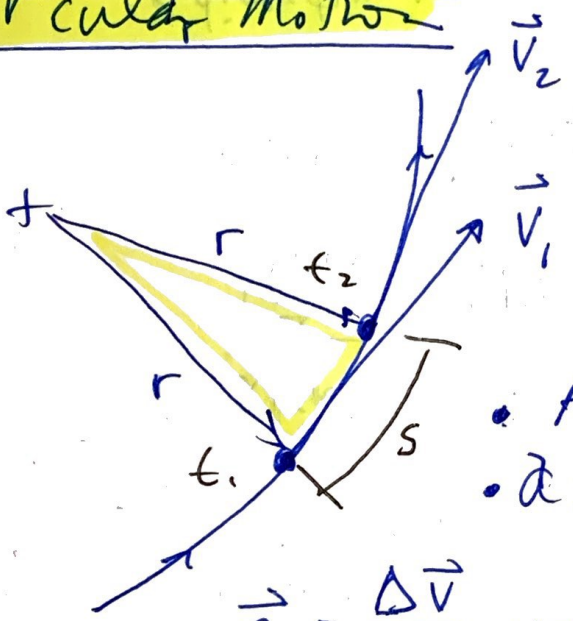


BTW

Newton asked: why is the earth going around the SUN instead of in a straight line past the SUN? He conceived that there must be an invisible force between the two.  $\Rightarrow$  Law of Gravity (4th Law)

A

Circular Motion



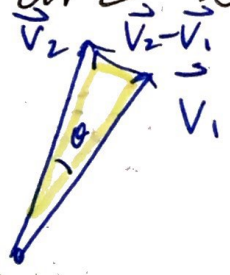
•  $\|\vec{v}_1\| = \|\vec{v}_2\|$  but they point in different directions.

- Assume const. speed,
- assume circular motion

•  $\vec{a} = \frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t}$ , we need not only change the magnitude, but we can also change only the direction

⊛ we get acc'n due to the change of direction

let  $\Delta s =$  arc length between  $t_1$  &  $t_2$



use similar  $\Delta$ 's:  
 $\|\vec{v}_1\|$  is to  $\|\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1\|$  as  $r$  is to  $\Delta s$

use similar triangles Cont  $\Rightarrow$

• proportional triangles:

(3)

$\Delta s$  is to  $r$  as  $\Delta \vec{v}$  is to  $\vec{v}$

$$\frac{\Delta s}{r} = \frac{\Delta v}{v}$$

$\div \Delta t$

$$\frac{\Delta s}{r \Delta t} = \left( \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \right) \frac{1}{v}$$

solve for  $\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$

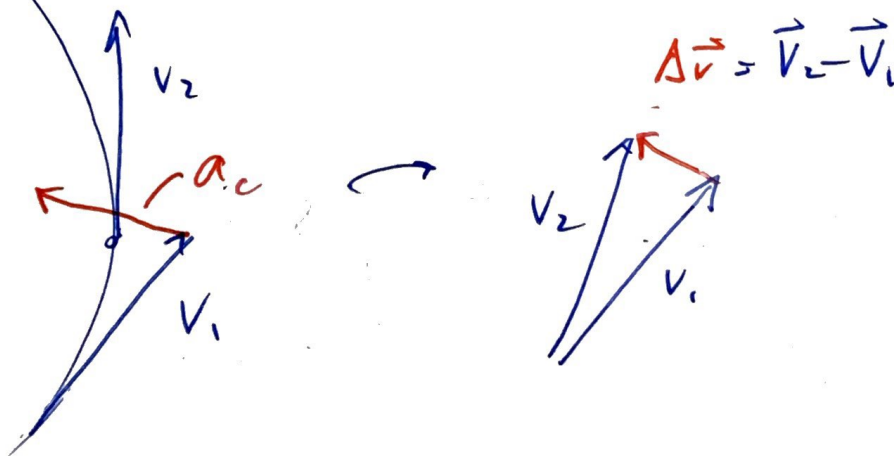
$$\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = v \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{r}$$

but  $\frac{\Delta \vec{v}}{\Delta t} \equiv \vec{a}$  and  $\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = v$

$$\Rightarrow a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

acc'n due to uniform circular motion  
centripetal force

• The direction is towards the center of the circle



# \* Frequency and Period

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$T$  = to be the period = <sup>time for</sup> one complete revolution about the circle.

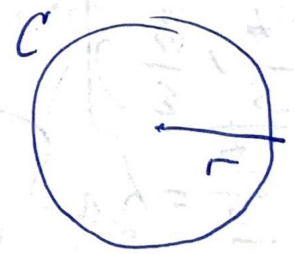
$f$  = the frequency of the motion is the number of complete circuits in a fix time, 1 sec.

## • Dimensions:

$$[T] = \text{sec/cycle}, [f] = \text{cycles/sec}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} \text{ or } f = \frac{1}{T}$$

• circumference  $C = 2\pi r$



⇒ speed of object  $v = \frac{\text{Circumference}}{\text{period}}$

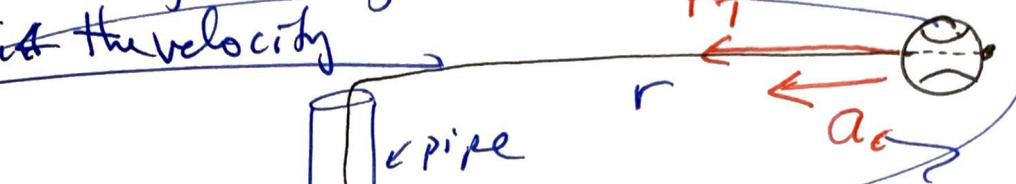
$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

Speed of object with period "T" in radius of circle "r"

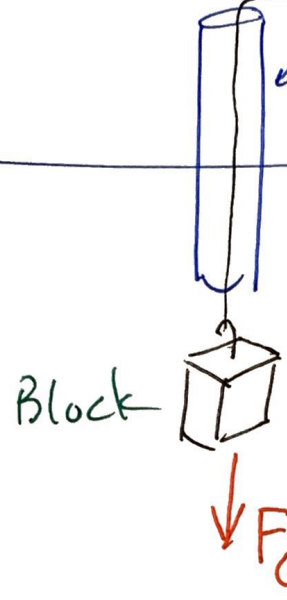
$$v = 2\pi r f$$

EX (a) you swing a Baseball in a circle by attaching a string to it - Keep the block motionless

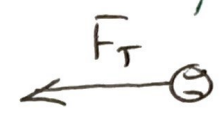
Q: Find the velocity



(i)



(ii)



↑  
Top view

(iii) eqns for circular motion

radial:  $\sum F_{radial} = ma_c$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

centripetal acc'n

• radial:  $F_T = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$

• vertical:  $F_T - F_G = 0$  ← no vertical motion of the hanging block

(iv) Solve

$$m_{Block} g = m_{Baseball} \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow r m_{Block} g = m_{Baseball} \cdot v^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{r g m_{Block}}{m_{Baseball}}}$$

If hanging mass is not moving then v is given here

Ex (b) We time 10 complete circuits to take 25 s <sup>(6)</sup>

(10 revolutions in 25 seconds)

Find the centripetal acc'l

(iii) eqns:  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{r} = \left(\frac{2\pi r}{T}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r}$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_c = \frac{4\pi^2 r}{T^2}$$

let  $r = 20 \text{ cm}$

$$f = \frac{10 \text{ cycles}}{25 \text{ sec}} = 0.4 \text{ c/s}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{0.4 \text{ Hz}} = \underline{\underline{2.5 \text{ s}}}$$

(BTW)  
cycle/sec

= Hertz

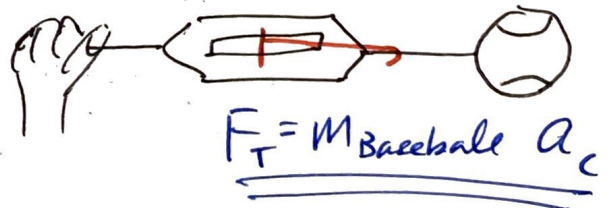
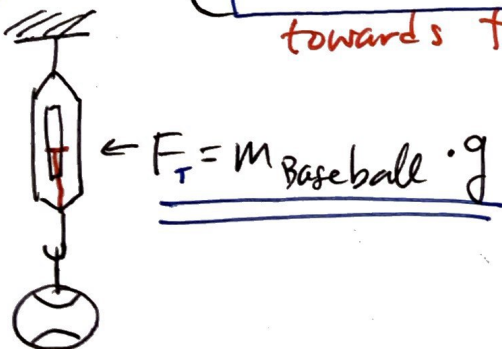
$[f] = \text{Hz}$

$$\Rightarrow a_c = \frac{4\pi^2 (0.2 \text{ m})}{(2.5 \text{ s})^2}$$

$$a_c = 1.26 \text{ m/s}^2$$

towards the center

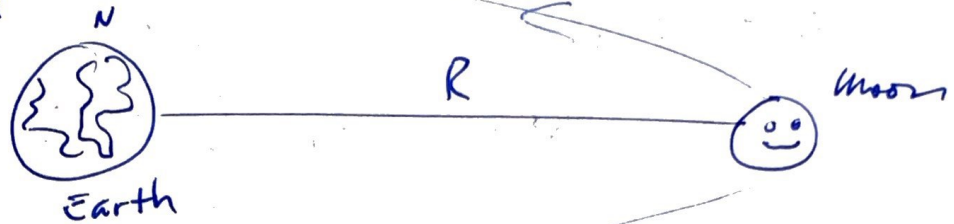
Concept:



EX Find the moon's centripetal acc'n

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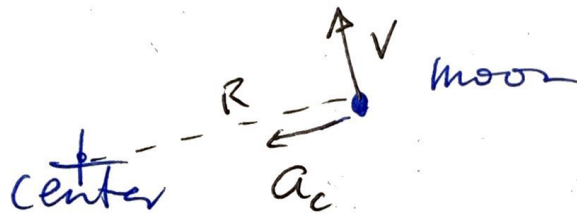
(i) diagram



$$T = 27.3 \text{ days}$$

$$R = 384,000 \text{ km}$$

(ii) free body



(iii) eqns:  $v = 2\pi r f$ ,  $a_c = \frac{v^2}{R}$ ,  $f = \frac{1}{T}$

(iv) Do the math:

$$v_{\text{moon}} = \frac{2\pi (384,000,000 \text{ m})}{T}, \quad T = 27.3 \text{ d} \left( \frac{24 \text{ h}}{\text{d}} \right) \left( \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{h}} \right)$$

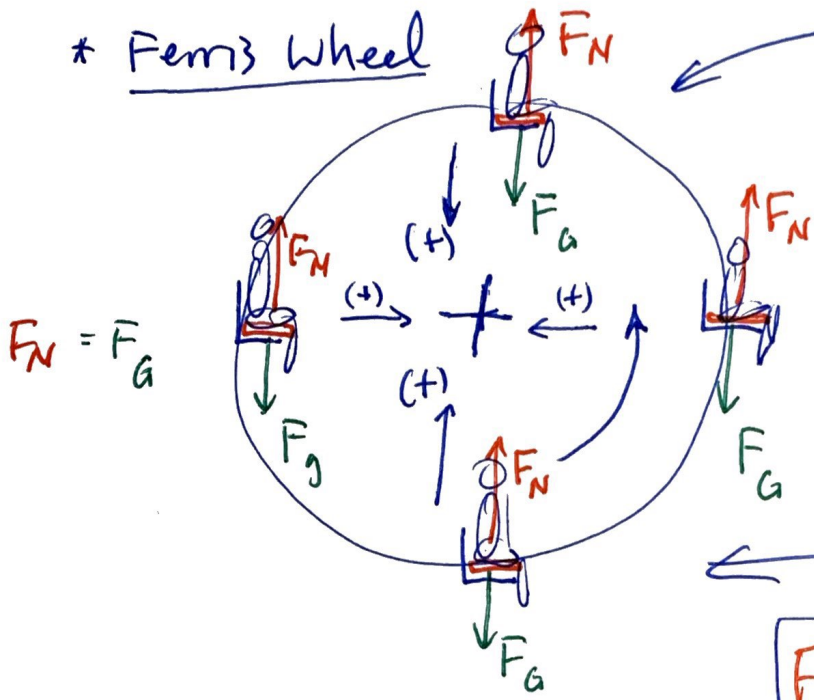
$$v = \frac{2\pi (3.84 \times 10^8 \text{ m})}{2,358,720 \text{ sec}} = \underline{2,358,720 \text{ s}}$$

$$\boxed{v = 1022.9 \text{ m/s}} = \underline{2,300 \text{ mi/hr}} = \text{Mach 3}$$

$$\text{So } a_c = \frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{(1022.9 \text{ m/s})^2}{3.84 \times 10^8 \text{ m}} = \boxed{0.0027 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ towards the earth}}$$

\* Vertical Circles : Ferris wheel, pilot in a jet, etc. (8)

\* Ferris wheel



TOP

$$F_G - F_N = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

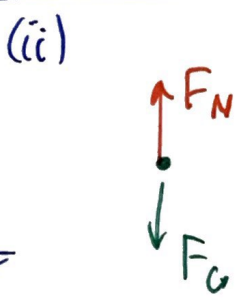
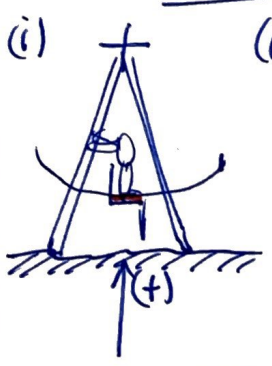
$$F_N = F_G$$

$$\sum F_{\text{radial}} = ma_c$$

BOT

$$F_N - F_G = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

**EX** How much does a bathroom scale read out when sat upon by a 70kg person at the bottom of the swing of a swing with radius 3m? Assume the speed is 2.2 m/s horizontally



(iii)

$$F_N - F_G = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

(iv)

$$F_N = F_G + \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$F_N = mg + \frac{mv^2}{r} = m \left( g + \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

$$F_N = 70 \text{ kg} \left( 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 + \frac{(2.2 \text{ m/s})^2}{3 \text{ m}} \right)$$

$$F_N = 70 \text{ kg} (11.4 \text{ m/s}^2) = \boxed{798.9 \text{ N}}$$

14% heavier

• effective mass (weight)

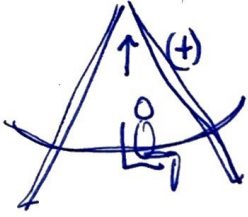
$$F_G'' = mg$$

Like

$$m = \frac{798.9 \text{ N}}{9.8} = \underline{81.5 \text{ kg}}$$

1.2g

**EX** Swing set: How much does a 70kg person "weigh" at the bottom of a swing if the swing has a radius of 3.0m and your speed is 2.2 m/s at the bottom



$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$F_N - F_G = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$F_N = F_G + \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$= mg + \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$= m \left[ g + \frac{v^2}{r} \right]$$

$$= 70 \text{ kg} \left[ 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} + \frac{(2.2 \text{ m/s})^2}{3 \text{ m}} \right]$$

$$= 70 \text{ kg} [11.41 \text{ m/s}^2]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{798.9 \text{ N}}}$$

effective "weight"

$$m = \frac{F}{g} = \frac{798.9 \text{ N}}{9.8}$$

$$= \boxed{81.5 \text{ kg}}$$

$$\frac{81.5 - 70}{70} = 0.16$$

or 16% heavier

you feel 1.2 "g"

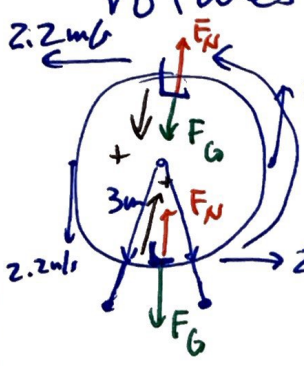
$$\frac{11.41 \text{ m/s}^2}{9.8} = \boxed{1.2 \text{ g's}}$$

but weigh one "g"

EX

We are on a Ferris wheel that

rotates quickly.  $R = 3\text{ m}$ . If we weigh  $70\text{ kg}$



what force is our seat feeling  
(Bathroom scale readout)

• Top  $(-F_N + F_G = \frac{mv^2}{r}) \times -1 \quad F_N - F_G = -\frac{mv^2}{r}$

• Bot  $F_N - F_G = \frac{mv^2}{r}$  feel less

• Top  $F_N = F_G - \frac{mv^2}{r} = mg - \frac{mv^2}{r} = m(g - \frac{v^2}{r})$

• Bot  $F_N = \frac{mv^2}{r} + F_G = mg + \frac{mv^2}{r} = m(g + \frac{v^2}{r})$  feel more

• Top  $F_N = 70\text{kg} (9.8 - \frac{(2.2\text{ m/s})^2}{3\text{ m}}) = 70 \cdot (8.187\text{ m/s}^2)$

• Bot  $F_N = 70\text{kg} (9.8 + \frac{(2.2\text{ m/s})^2}{3\text{ m}}) = 70 \cdot (11.413\text{ m/s}^2)$

• Top  $F_N = 573.1\text{ N}$

• Bot  $F_N = 798.9\text{ N}$

} on ground  $70(9.8) = \underline{686\text{ N}}$

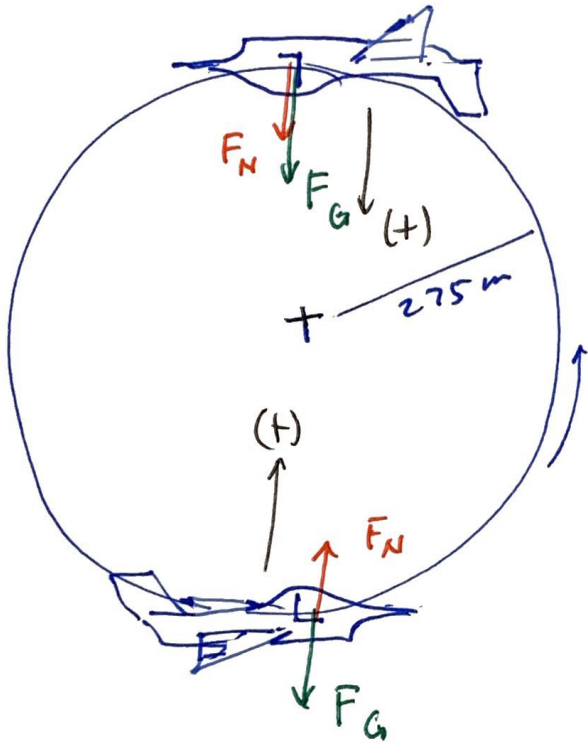
• Top  $573.1 / 9.8 = 58.5\text{ kg}$  effective "weight"

• Bot  $798.9 / 9.8 = 81.5\text{ kg}$

vs 70.0 kg

**EX** A fighter flies in a vertical circle. What weight does the pilot feel in thrust at the top and the bottom of the circle.  $m_{pilot} = 70 \text{ kg}$   
 Speed of jet =  $50 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $R = 275 \text{ m}$

Top:



$$F_N + F_G = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

Bot:

$$F_N - F_G = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

Top:  $F_N = \frac{mv^2}{r} - mg = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} - g \right) = 70 \text{ kg} \left( \frac{50 \text{ m/s}^2}{275 \text{ m}} - 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \right)$

Bot:  $F_N = \frac{mv^2}{r} + mg = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} + g \right) = 70 \text{ kg} \left( \frac{50 \text{ m/s}^2}{275 \text{ m}} + 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \right)$

Top:  $F_N = 70 \text{ kg} (-0.71 \text{ m/s}^2) = -6.96 \text{ N}$

Bot:  $F_N = 70 \text{ kg} (18.89 \text{ m/s}^2) = 1322.36 \text{ N}$

Top:  $-6.96 \text{ N} / 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \underline{-0.71} \text{ kg} \leftarrow \text{falling off the seat "0kg"}$

Bot:  $1322.36 \text{ N} / 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 = \underline{135.96} \text{ kg} \leftarrow \text{Feel 2 times your normal weight "2g's"}$

**EX** In the last example, at what speed should the aircraft move so as to feel perfect weightlessness?

$$F_N = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} - g \right)$$

$$0 = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} - g \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{v^2}{r} - g \Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{r} = g \Rightarrow \boxed{v = \sqrt{rg}}$$

$$v = \sqrt{(275\text{m})9.8\text{m/s}^2}$$

$\boxed{v = 51.9\text{ m/s}}$  so 1.9 m/s faster and the pilot floats at the top of the

curve.  
Summary: At the top of the circle, pilot upside down:  
@ 50 m/s the pilot falls but the buckles catch them

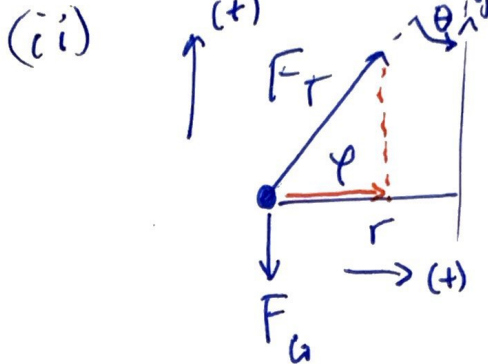
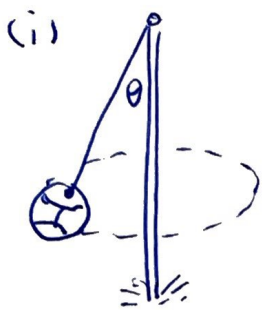
@ 51.9 m/s the pilot feels weightless.

@ 55 m/s the pilot is pushed into the seat and feels a few kg of "weight"

# \* Conical Pendulum

{ a form of Horiz. motion }

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(iii)

• radial:

$$\sum F = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$F_T \cos \phi = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

• verticle:

$$\sum F = m a_y = 0$$

$$F_T \sin \phi - F_G = 0$$

• Since  $\phi = 90 - \theta$

$$\sin(\phi) = \sin(90 - \theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\cos(\phi) = \cos(90 - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

→ Newton's Law:

conical pend.

$$\begin{aligned} r : F_T \sin \theta &= m \frac{v^2}{r} \\ y : F_T \cos \theta &= m g \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Some math

Math Trick:  
divide one eqn  
by the other

$$\underline{F_T \sin \theta = m v^2 / r}$$

$$F_T \cos \theta = m g$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{g r}$$

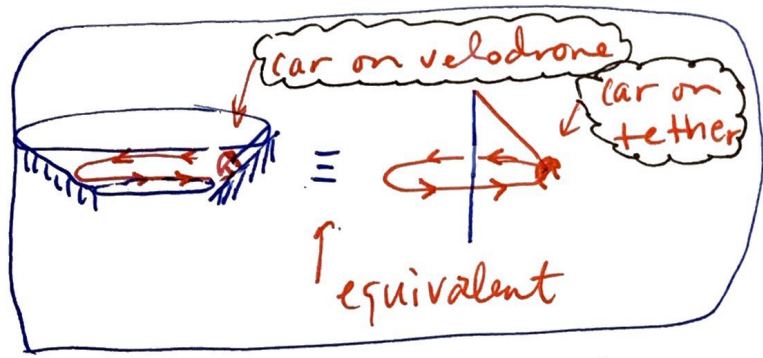
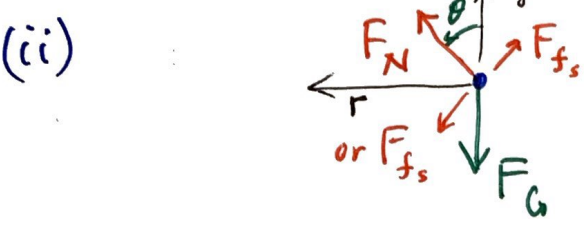
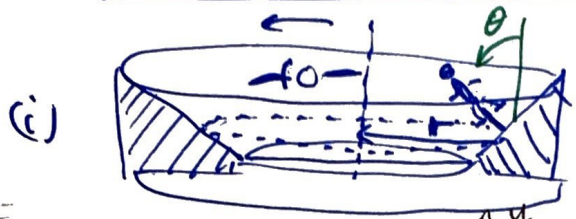
conical  
pendulum  
eqn

**EX** you play tether ball and keep it moving at  $\theta = 30^\circ$

If  $r = 1\text{m}$  and  $m = 2\text{kg}$  Find  $v$

$$v = \sqrt{g r \tan \theta} = \sqrt{(9.8)(1\text{m})(\tan 30^\circ)} = \boxed{2.38\text{m/s}}$$

# \* Banked Curve (Velodrome)



(iii)

- radial  $\Sigma F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$
- vertical  $\Sigma F = 0$

r:  $F_N \sin \theta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

y:  $F_N \cos \theta - F_G = m a_y$

r:  $F_N \sin \theta = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

y:  $F_N \cos \theta = mg$

divide

$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{rg}$

Ideal speed to maintain a radius of r if surface is at an angle  $\theta$  w.r.t. vertical.

We do not need friction if  $v = \sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$ , the "design" angle.

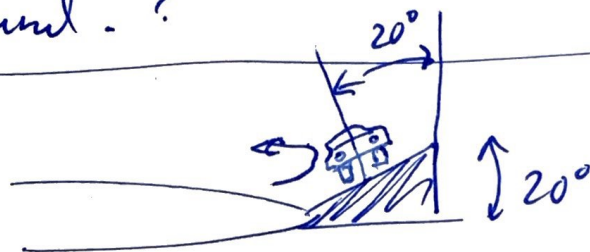
• Faster than this  $\Rightarrow$  slip up the ramp and over the top, unless friction is present.

• Slower than this then slip down the ramp.

\* This is the same formula for the conical pendulum. motion at this speed is the same whether supported by the ramp of a velodrome or tethered by a rope above the cyclist.

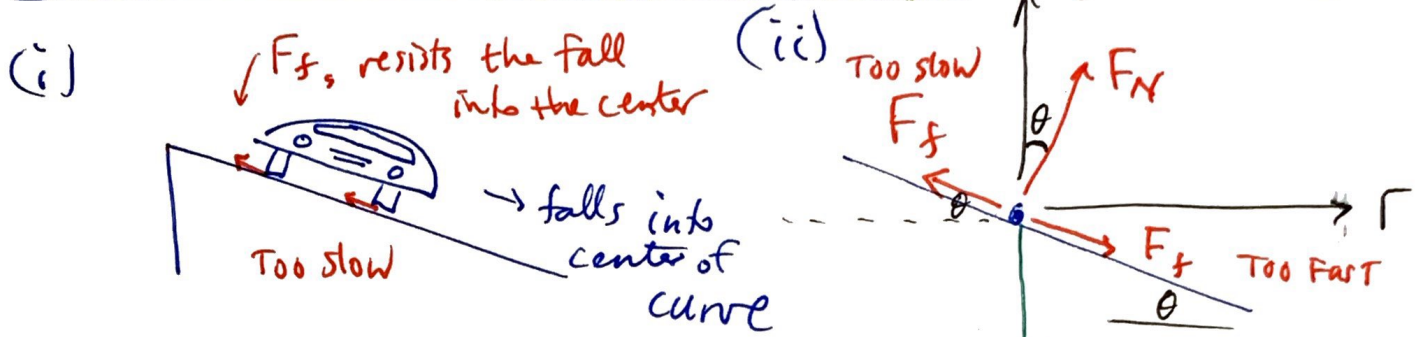
**EX** A 1000kg car rounds a <sup>banked</sup> curve on a road having a radius of 40m. What is the design speed if the bank is  $20^\circ$  w.r.t. the ground. ?

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$$\begin{aligned} v &= \sqrt{rg \tan \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{(40\text{m})(9.8\text{m/s}^2) \tan 20^\circ} \\ &= \boxed{11.94\text{m/s}} \quad \sim 25\text{mph} \end{aligned}$$

# ⊗ Banked curve with friction

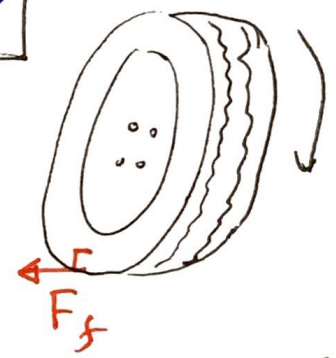


(iii) eqns

radial:  $F_N \sin \theta \pm F_f \cos \theta = m \frac{v^2}{r}$

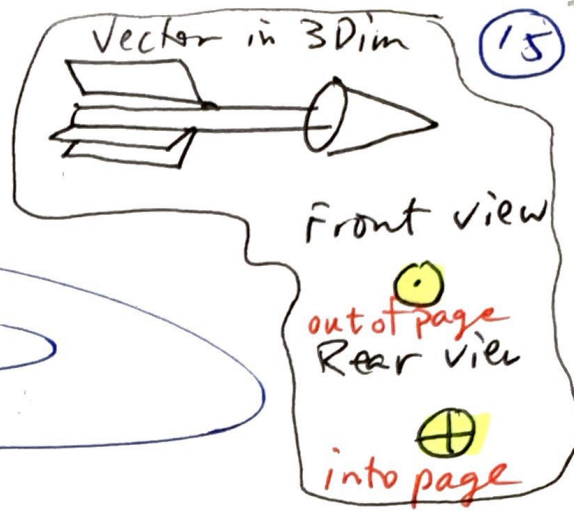
vertical:  $-F_G + F_N \cos \theta \mp F_f \sin \theta = 0$

(+) too fast  
 (-) too slow

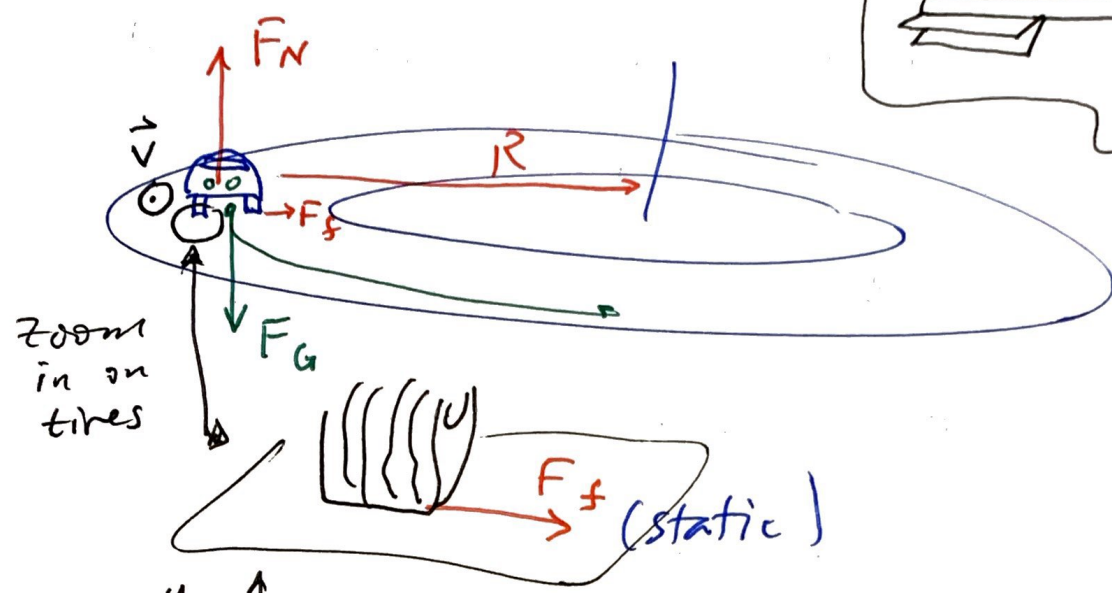


If we are not "skidding sideways"  
 $F_f = F_{static}$   
 but friction is applied si

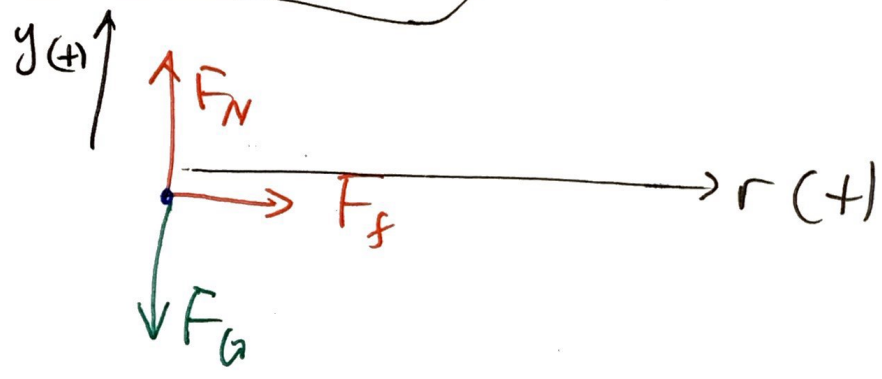
# \* Flat Curve



(i)



(ii)



(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 r: & F_f = m a_c \\
 y: & F_N - F_G = 0 \\
 f: & F_f = \mu_s F_N \quad \leftarrow \text{static}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$F_G = mg$$

$$\mu_s F_G = m \left( \frac{v^2}{R} \right)$$

$$v = \sqrt{R g \mu_s}$$

$$\mu_s mg = \frac{m v^2}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{v^2}{\mu_s g}$$

\* Design radius for desired speed & friction

**EX** A 1000 kg Car rounds a curve on a road having a radius of 50 m. The car is moving at a speed of 54 km/hr

Q: If the road is dry will the car slip off the curve if  $\mu_s = 0.6$  {rubber on cement}

(a) Let's compare the speed to the design speed:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{des}} &= \sqrt{R g \mu_s} \\ &= \sqrt{(50 \text{ m})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.6)} \\ &= 17.15 \text{ m/s} \left( \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}} \right) \left( \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{hr}} \right) \\ &= \boxed{61.7 \text{ km/hr}} \text{ design ...} \end{aligned}$$

• Since  $54 < 61.7$  we do NOT slide off the road.

(b) If there is an icy (black ice) region on the curve with  $\mu_s = 0.25$  {rubber on ice} will the car stay on the curve?

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{ice}} &= \sqrt{(50 \text{ m})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.25)} \\ &= \boxed{39.8 \text{ km/hr}} \text{ max before slidding.} \end{aligned}$$

• Car will slide off road!!!