

ROTATIONAL KINEMATICS, CENTRIPETAL FORCE AND GRAVITATION

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Learning Outcomes

- Define arc length, angular displacement, radius of curvature, angular velocity and angular acceleration
- Apply kinematics equations for rotational motion
- Establish the expression for centripetal acceleration.
- Identify the central force that causes centripetal acceleration
- Apply rolling condition to acceleration velocity and displacement
- Explain gravitational force between planets, stars and satellites
- Calculate escape velocity
- Use Kepler's third law to calculate period or distance from a star for a planet.

Concepts

θ_i = final angular displacement
 θ_f = final angular displacement
 ω_i = initial angular velocity
 ω_f = initial angular velocity
 α = angular acceleration
 ω_{avg} = average angular velocity
 α_{avg} = average angular acceleration
 t = time
 $\Delta \omega$ = change in angular velocity
 $\Delta \theta$ = angular displacement
 Δt = change in time
 s = distance travelled/arclength
 r = radius

v_T = tangential velocity
 a_T = tangential acceleration
 a_c = centripetal acceleration
 F_c = centripetal force
 F_n = Normal Force
 F_t = Force of tension
 f = friction
 g = gravitational acceleration
 G = Universal gravitational constant
 m = mass
 v_{esc} = Escape velocity
 T = Time Period of a planet
 K_s = Kepler's constant

Units

SI UNITS

Position, displacement, radius are in meters “m”

Velocity and speed are in meters per second “m/s”

Acceleration is in meters per second square “m/s²”

angular displacement is in “radians”

angular velocity is in “rad/s”

angular acceleration in “rad/s²”

Force in Newton’s “N”

time and period are in seconds

mass is in kg

Formulas and Constants

$$\Delta\theta = (\omega_f + \omega_i)t/2$$

$$\omega_{avg} = (\omega_f + \omega_i)/2$$

$$\Delta\theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

As a convention, for $\omega_f, \omega_i, \alpha$ and $\Delta\theta$

clockwise is negative

counter clockwise is positive

$\omega_f = \omega$ and $\omega_i = \omega_0$ when $t_i = 0$

$$s = r\Delta\theta$$

$$vT = r\omega$$

$$aT = r\alpha$$

$$a_c = v^2/r$$

$$a_c = r\omega^2$$

$$a^2 = (a_c)^2 + (a_t)^2$$

$\mathbf{F}_c = \Sigma \mathbf{F}$ use only central and radial forces

$$F_c = m v^2/r$$

$$F_c = m \omega^2 r$$

$$g = GM/R^2$$

$$v^2 = GM/R$$

$$P.E = -GMm/R$$

$$T^2 = 4\pi^2 GMR^3/2$$

$$T^2 = Ks r^3$$

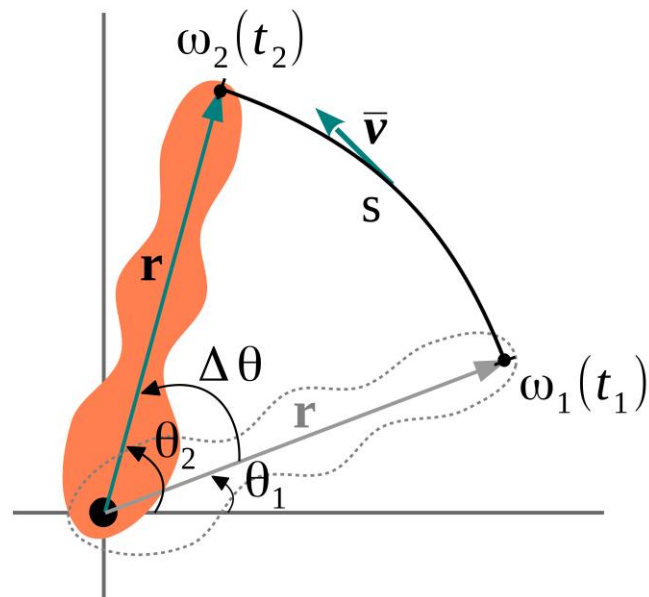
$$T_1^2 / r_1^3 = T_2^2 / r_2^3$$

$$G = 6.673 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$

ROTATIONAL KINEMATICS IMPORTANT TABLES

Rotational	Translational	
$\Delta\theta = \omega_{avg} t$	$\Delta x = v_{avg} t$	
$\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$	$v = v_0 + at$	constant α
$\Delta\theta = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$	$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$	constant α
$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$	$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$	constant α

Degree Measures	Radian Measure
30°	$\pi/6$
60°	$\pi/3$
90°	$\pi/2$
120°	$2\pi/3$
135°	$3\pi/4$
180°	π



As a convention, for ω (ω), ω_i (ω_0), α and $\Delta\theta$ clockwise is negative and counter clockwise is positive. They should be treated as vectors

KEY STRATEGIES

Draw the motion diagram

Extract values from the word problem

Identify the unknowns

Find the right starting equation

Plug in the values and do the algebra

At rest means $\omega_i=0$

Stops means $\omega_f=0$

Constant angular velocity means $\alpha=0$

There are 5 variables and 3 equations.
Each equation is missing one variable.

$$\Delta\theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

This equation can't be used for finding ω_f

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$$

This equation can't be used for finding $\Delta\theta$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

This equation can't be used for finding t

CLASSWORK ON ROTATIONAL KINEMATICS

Q1) A drill has two modes. At the faster mode it turns with 30 radians/s and at the slower mode it moves with 20 radians/s. What should be the acceleration so that it would change from the faster mode to the slower mode in 50 turns. (1 Turn is 2π in radians)

Q2) A wheel, rotating initially at an angular speed of 0.50 rad/s, accelerates over a 7.0-s interval at a rate of 0.040 rad/s². What is its angular speed after this 7.0-s interval? What is the angular displacement?

Q3) A wheel, rotating initially at an angular speed of 0.50 rad/s, decelerated over a 7.0-s interval at a rate of 0.040 rad/s². What is its angular speed after this 7.0-s interval? What is the angular displacement?

Q4) A disc rotating clockwise with angular speed 4.2 rad/s reverses its direction to rotate counterclockwise with 4.2 rad/s. What is the angular acceleration if change of direction happens in 4.0 seconds? What is the average angular velocity for this motion?

Q5) A hard disc at rest goes to its operational mode of 7200 RPM in 2.4 seconds. What is its operational angular velocity in rad/s and what should be its angular acceleration. 1RPM = $(2\pi \text{ radians})/(60 \text{ seconds})$

$$\Delta\theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2 \quad \omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t \quad \omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha \Delta\theta$$

CLASSWORK ON ROLLING

$$s=r\Delta\theta$$

arc length, distance

$$v_T=r\omega$$

tangential speed

$$a_T=r\alpha$$

tangential acceleration

Q) An automobile tire with radius 0.50 meters initially rolling with an angular velocity of 4 rad/s start to accelerate with a rate of $a = 2.3 \text{ m/s}^2$.

a) What is the linear speed at the center of the tire and at the bottom of the tire in the beginning?

b) What is the angular acceleration

c) What is the final angular velocity and angular displacement after 3.2 seconds.

CENTRIPETAL FORCE PROBLEMS

FIND THE MISSING FORCE

$a_c = v^2/r$ Apply Newton's second law

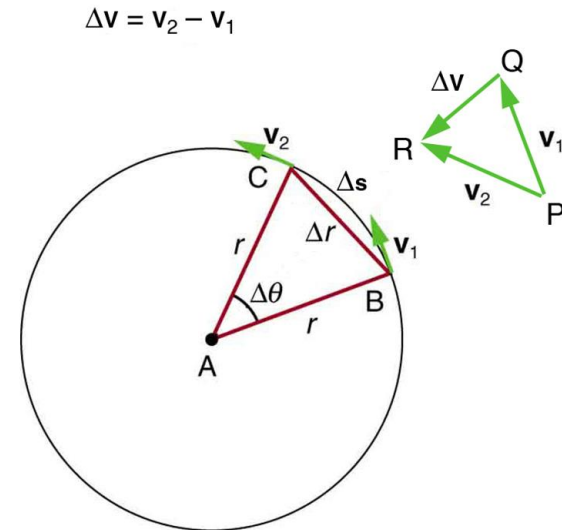
$$F_c = m v^2/r$$

Force equation could be misleading

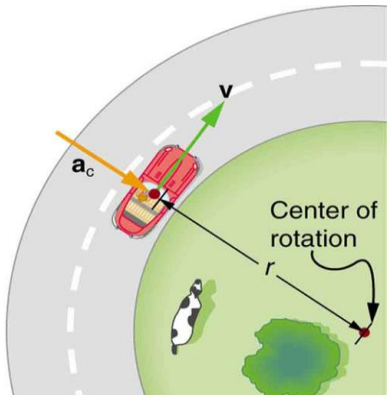
For complex problems, you will not get F_c from $F_c = m v^2/r$
You should get F_c from the free body diagram

RULES

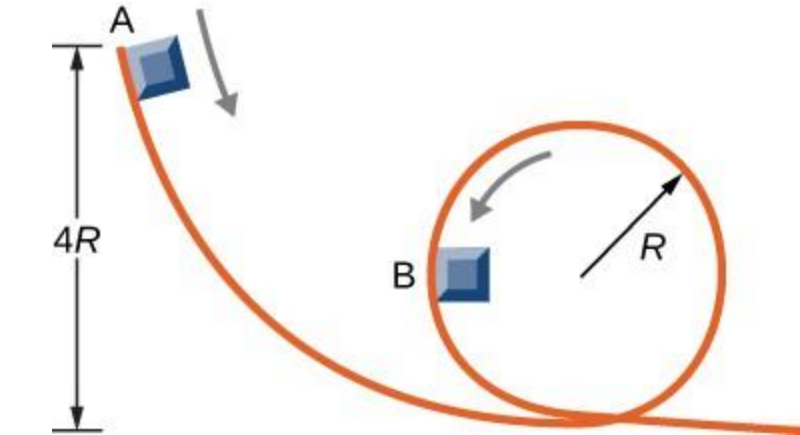
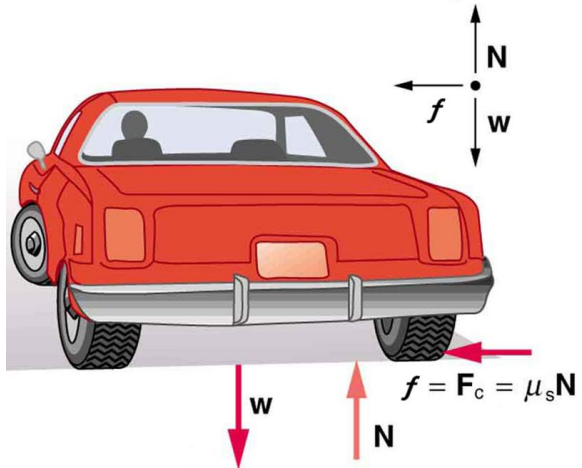
- 1) Forces towards the center are positive
- 2) Forces away from the center such as radially outward forces are negative
- 3) Tangential forces which are perpendicular to the radial direction makes no contribution
- 4) For diagonal forces, take the component towards the center



CENTRIPETAL FORCE



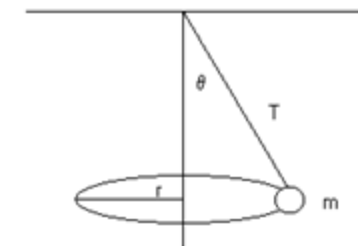
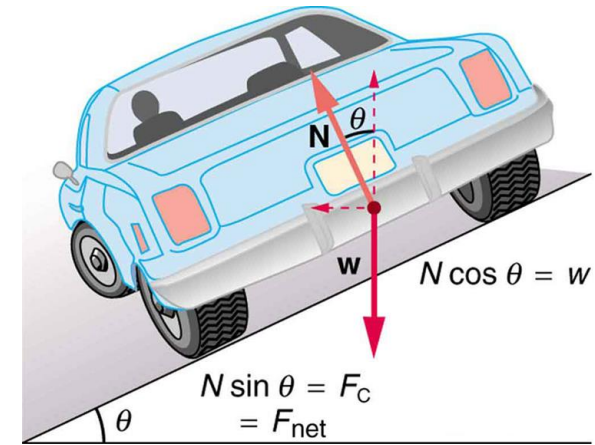
Free-body diagram



Roller coaster or sliding mass problem. Normal force depends on the position on the circular track. Object must be released from $4R$ to complete the cycle.

A car taking a curve
 $F_c = \text{friction}$

Banked curve, conical pendulum has diagonal forces. Use central component



Conical Pendulum
 $F_c = T \sin \theta$

CLASSWORK CENTRIPETAL FORCE

Q1) A 80 kg passengers in a roller coaster car is moving in a circular loop of radius 10 m, which makes its passengers go upside down at the top.

a) What is the normal force exerted by the tracks if its velocity is 12 m/s at the top?

b) What is the normal force exerted by the tracks if its velocity is 18 m/s at the bottom?

Q2) A conical pendulum consists of a mass of 0.5 kg attached at one end of a string of length 1.0 m. The other end is fixed. As the mass moves in a circular path of radius 0.8 m, the string traces out the surface of a cone. What is the Tension on the string? What is the velocity? (Find the angle or $\sin(\theta)$, $\cos(\theta)$ first)

Q3) A 70 kg jet pilot is in a circular dive with the speed of 200 m/s moving in a radius of 4000 meters. What is the normal force that the seat is exerting on a pilot at the bottom of the circular dive?

Q4) A 0.60-kg rock is swung in a circular path and in a vertical plane on a 0.50-m-length string. At the top of the path, its speed is 4 m/s. What is the tension in the string at that point?

Q5) A 0.50-kg toy is rotated in a circular path of radius 1.5 meters on a horizontal table. What is the friction force when it has an angular speed of 2.0 rad/s? What is the minimum coefficient of friction so that it doesn't slide.

CLASSWORK GRAVITATION

- 1) Gravitational constant on the moon is $1/6$ of the Earth's gravity. Earth is 12 times more massive than moon. What is the ratio of radius of the moon to the radius of Earth? What is the escape velocity from the Moon.
- 2) A satellite moves in a circular orbit around earth at a speed of 5000 m / s
 - (a) Determine the distance of the satellite from the center of the Earth
 - (b) Determine the period of the satellites orbit.
 - (c) If the mass of the satellite is doubled, will the orbital speed increase, decrease or stay the same.
- 3) Calculate the speed and the distance from the center of the Earth for a geosynchronous satellite
- 4) The planet Mars has a satellite, Phobos, which travels in an orbit of radius $9.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ with a period of 7 hr 39 min. Calculate the mass of Mars from this information.
- 5) A planet X has a period around a star given as 27 years. Another planet Y is 8 times further away from the star. What is the period of that planet Y?

$$K_s = 4\pi^2 / (G M) \quad T^2 = K_s r^3 \quad T_1^2 / r_1^3 = T_2^2 / r_2^3 \quad G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 / \text{kg}^2$$
$$g = GM/R^2 \quad g_1 R_1^2 / M_1 = g_2 R_2^2 / M_2 \quad v_{\text{esc}}^2 = 2GM/R$$

ACTIVITY GRAVITATIONAL FORCE

Open https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gravity-force-lab/latest/gravity-force-lab_en.html

Adjust Masses and the distance.

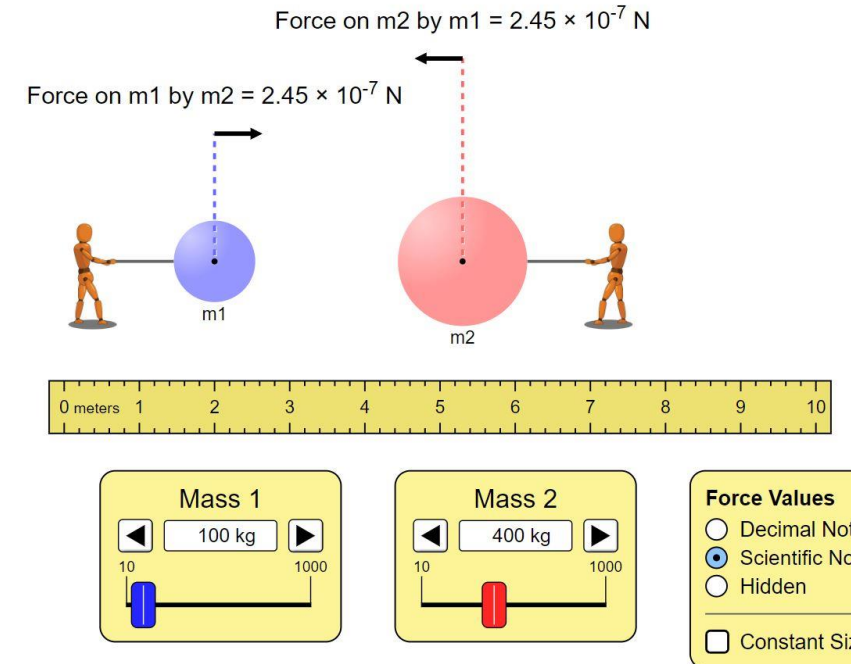
Read the force from the app and compare with what you calculated

The distance between the mass M1 and M2 is R.

Use scientific notation

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$F(\text{calculated}) = G \frac{M_1 M_2}{R^2}$$



M1(kg)	M2(kg)	R(m)	F(calculated) "N"	F(measured) "N"
100	400	4		
400	400	4		
400	400	2		
200	500	8		

ADVANCED ACTIVITY KEPLER'S LAW

Open <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/gravity-and-orbits>

Click on scale mode, from the options choose grids and velocity and path

Start the app, record the time for one full revolution.

The first trial will correspond to $R_1=2$ grids = 1 astronomical unit (a.u) $v=1.8$ unit grids and the period is 1 year

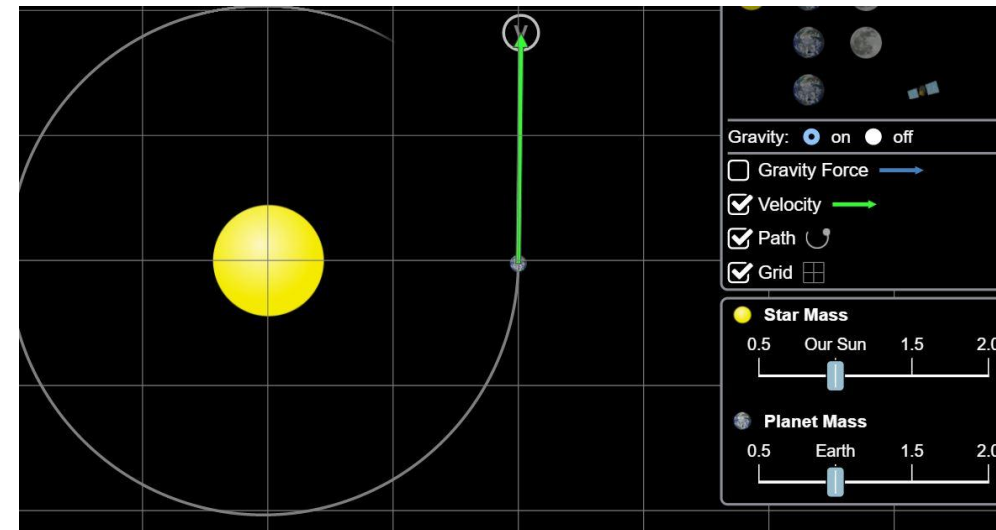
1 a.u. = $1.5 \cdot 10^8$ km, one grid is $7.5 \cdot 10^7$ km. Theoretical Kepler's constant in this unit system is 1 $K_s=1$.

Change the starting distance R_1 and the velocity based on the table below.

Record the distances for semi-major axis R_1, R_2 convert to a.u. Take the average and find the average distance R

Calculate the Kepler constant for each case using $T^2/R^3 = K_s$ R is in a.u T is in years. K_s calculated should be close to 1.

R1(grid)	R1(a.u)	R2(a.u)	R	v	T(days)	T(years)	K_s
2	1	1	1	1.8	365	1	1
2.5				1.2			
3				1			
1				2.5			



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