

12.6: Curvilinear motion: normal and tangential components

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Page 48, example 12-14: A skier travels with a constant speed of 6m/s along the parabolic path $y=(1/20)x^2$ shown. Determine his velocity and acceleration at the instant he arrives at A. Neglect the size of the skier in the calculation.

Velocity is constant so @ point A $v=6\text{ m/s}$

acceleration @ A: $a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{6^2}{\rho}$$

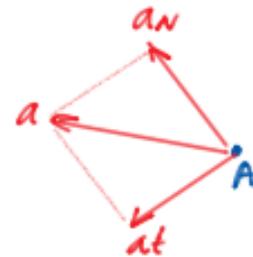
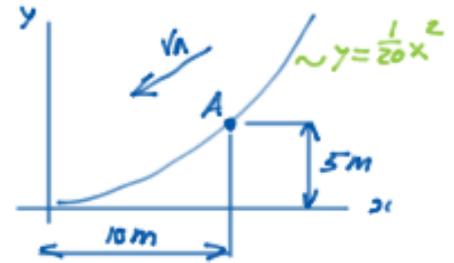
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dy} &= \frac{1}{10}x \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{1}{10} \end{aligned} \right\} \rho = \frac{(1 + (\frac{1}{10}x)^2)^{1.5}}{\frac{1}{10}}$$

$$\rho(10) = \frac{(1 + (1)^2)^{1.5}}{\frac{1}{10}} = 28.28\text{ m}$$

$$a_n = \frac{6^2}{28.28} = 1.27\text{ m/s}^2$$

$a_t = 0$ (since $v = \text{constant}$)

$$a = \sqrt{(1.27)^2 + 0^2} = 1.27\text{ m/s}^2$$

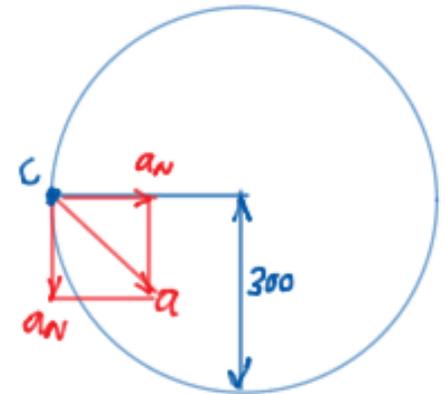


CURVATURE formula:

$$\rho = \left| \frac{(1 + (\frac{dx}{dy})^2)^{3/2}}{d^2y/dx^2} \right|$$

Page 49, example 12-15: A race car C travels around the horizontal circular track that has a radius of 300ft. If the car increases its speed at a constant rate of 7ft/s^2 , starting from rest, determine the time needed for it to reach an acceleration of 8ft/s^2 . What is its speed at this instant?

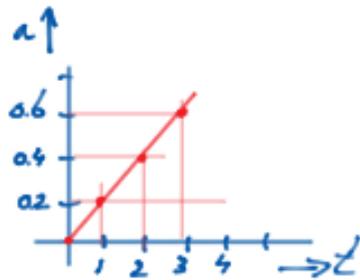
$$\begin{aligned}
 a_t &= 7\text{ft/s}^2 \\
 a_n &= \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{v^2}{300} \\
 v &= a_t \cdot t \\
 v &= 7 \cdot t
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} a_t &= 7\text{ft/s}^2 \\ a_n &= \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{v^2}{300} \\ v &= a_t \cdot t \\ v &= 7 \cdot t \end{aligned}} \right\}
 \begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \frac{7t^2}{300} \\
 a_n &= 0.163t^2 \\
 a &= \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{7t^2}{300} \\ a_n &= 0.163t^2 \\ a &= \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2} \end{aligned}} \right\}
 \begin{aligned}
 8 &= \sqrt{(0.163t^2)^2 + 7^2} \\
 64 &= (0.163t^2)^2 + 49 \\
 15 &= (0.163t^2)^2 \\
 3.87 &= 0.163t^2 \\
 t^2 &= 23.76 \\
 t &= 4.87\text{s} \rightarrow v = a \cdot t \\
 &= 7 \cdot 4.87 = 34.12\text{ft/s}
 \end{aligned}$$



Page 50, example 12-16: A car starts from rest at point A and travels along the horizontal track shown. During the motion, the increase in speed is $a_t = 0.2t \text{ m/s}^2$ where t is in seconds. Determine the magnitude of the car's acceleration when it arrives at point B.

$$a_t = 0.2t \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\text{track length is } 3\text{m} + \frac{2\pi \cdot 2}{4} = 6.14 \text{ m}$$



$$a = \frac{dv}{dt} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = 0.2t \\ dv = 0.2t \cdot dt \\ v = 0.1t^2 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow$$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v = 0.1t^2 \\ ds = 0.1t^2 \cdot dt \\ s = 0.03t^3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{@ B, } s = 6.14 : 6.14 = 0.03t^3$$

$$t^3 = 184.2$$

$$t = 5.69 \text{ sec}$$

$$\text{@ } t = 5.69, v = 0.1t^2$$

$$= 0.1 \cdot 5.69^2$$

$$= 3.23 \text{ m/s}$$

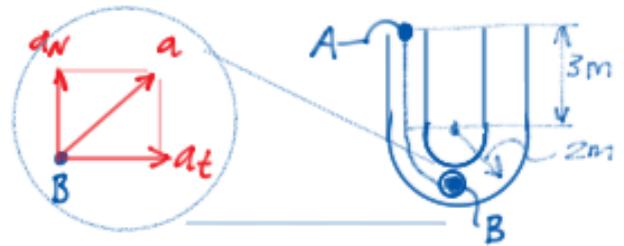
$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{3.23^2}{2} = 5.24 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_t = 0.2 \cdot t = 0.2 \cdot 5.69 = 1.14 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{5.24^2 + 1.14^2}$$

$$= 5.36 \text{ m/s}^2$$

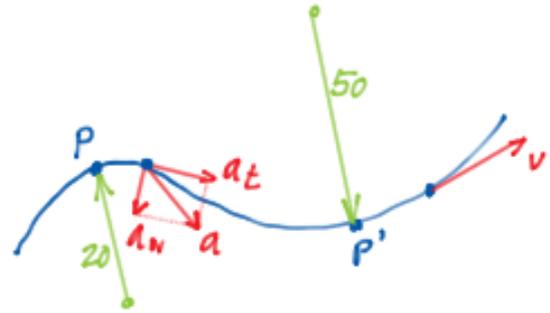


Page 51, problem 12-93: A particle is moving along a curved path at a constant speed of 60ft/s. The radii of curvature of the path at points P and P' are 20 and 50 ft, respectively. If it takes the particle 20 sec to go from P to P', determine the acceleration of the particle at P and P'.

$v = 60 \text{ ft/s} = \text{CONSTANT}$, meaning tangential acceleration (a_t) is 0.

$$\text{@P, } a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{60^2}{20} = 180 \text{ ft/s}^2$$

$$\text{@P', } a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{60^2}{50} = 72 \text{ ft/s}^2$$



Page 51, 12-94: A car travels along a horizontal curved road that has a radius of 600m. If the speed is uniformly increased at a rate of 2000km/h², determine the magnitude of the acceleration at the instant the speed of the car is 60km/h.

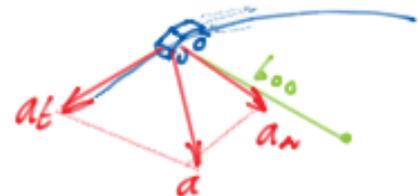
$$60 \text{ km/h} = \frac{60,000 \text{ m}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 16.67 \text{ m/s}$$

$$2000 \text{ km/h}^2 = \frac{2000,000 \text{ m}}{3600 \times 3600 \text{ s}} = 0.15 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_t = 0.15 \text{ m/s}^2 = \text{CONSTANT}$$

$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{16.67^2}{600} = 0.46 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{(a_t)^2 + (a_N)^2} = \sqrt{(0.15^2) + (0.46^2)} = 0.47 \text{ m/s}^2$$



Page 51, problem 12-95: A boat is traveling along a circular path having a radius of 20m. Determine the magnitude of the boat's acceleration if at a given instant the boat's speed is $v=5$ m/s and the rate of increase in the speed is $dv/dt = 2$ m/s².

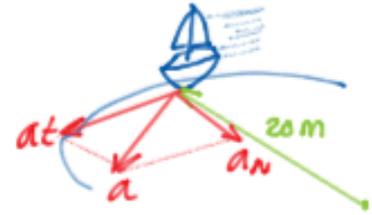
$$a = \sqrt{(a_t)^2 + (a_n)^2}$$

$$a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{5^2}{20} = 1.25 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{(2^2) + (1.25^2)}$$

$$a = 2.36 \text{ m/s}^2$$



Page 51, problem 12-97: A car moves along a circular track of radius 100ft such that its speed for a short period of time $0 \leq t \leq 4$ s is $v=3(t+t^2)$ ft/s, where t is in seconds. Determine the magnitude of its acceleration when $t=2$ s. How far has the car traveled in 2 s ?

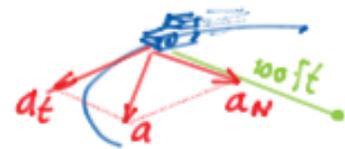
$$v(t) = 3(t+t^2)$$

$$v(2) = 3(2+2^2) = 18 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{18^2}{100} = 3.24$$

$$a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d(3t+3t^2)}{dt} = 3+6t \Rightarrow a_t(2) = 3+6 \cdot 2 = 15$$

$$a = \sqrt{(a_n)^2 + (a_t)^2} = \sqrt{(3.24^2) + (15^2)} = 15.3 \text{ ft/s}^2$$



$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$3(t+t^2) = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

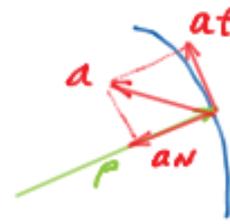
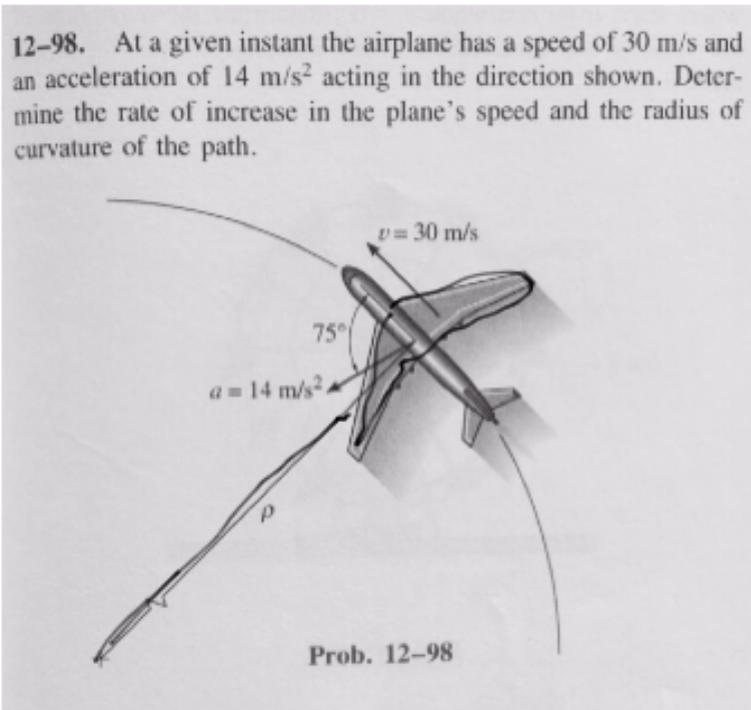
$$ds = 3(t+t^2) \cdot dt$$

$$= 3t \cdot dt + 3t^2 \cdot dt$$

$$s = 1.5t^2 + t^3$$

$$s(2) = 1.5 \cdot 4 + 8 = 14 \text{ ft}$$

12-98. At a given instant the airplane has a speed of 30 m/s and an acceleration of 14 m/s² acting in the direction shown. Determine the rate of increase in the plane's speed and the radius of curvature of the path.



$$a_N = a \cdot \sin 75^\circ = 14 \cdot 0.966 = 13.52 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_t = a \cdot \cos 75^\circ = 14 \cdot 0.259 = 3.62 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} \Rightarrow 13.52 = \frac{30^2}{\rho} \quad \rho = \frac{30^2}{13.52}$$

$$\rho = 66.57 \text{ m}$$

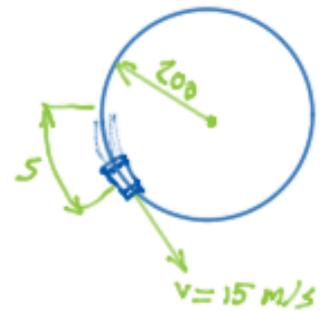
Page 51, problem 12-99: A race car has an initial speed of $V_0 = 15 \text{ m/s}$ when $s = 0$. If it increases its speed along the circular track at the rate of $a_t = (0.4s) \text{ m/s}^2$, where s is in meters, determine the normal and tangential components of the car's acceleration when $s = 100 \text{ m}$.

$V_0 = 15 \text{ m/s}$
 $a_t = 0.4s \text{ m/s}^2$
 @ $s = 100 \text{ m} \Rightarrow a_t = 0.4 \cdot 100 = 40 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} \Rightarrow ds = v \cdot \frac{dv}{a_t} \Rightarrow ds \cdot a_t = v \cdot dv$$

$$0.4s \cdot ds = v \cdot dv$$

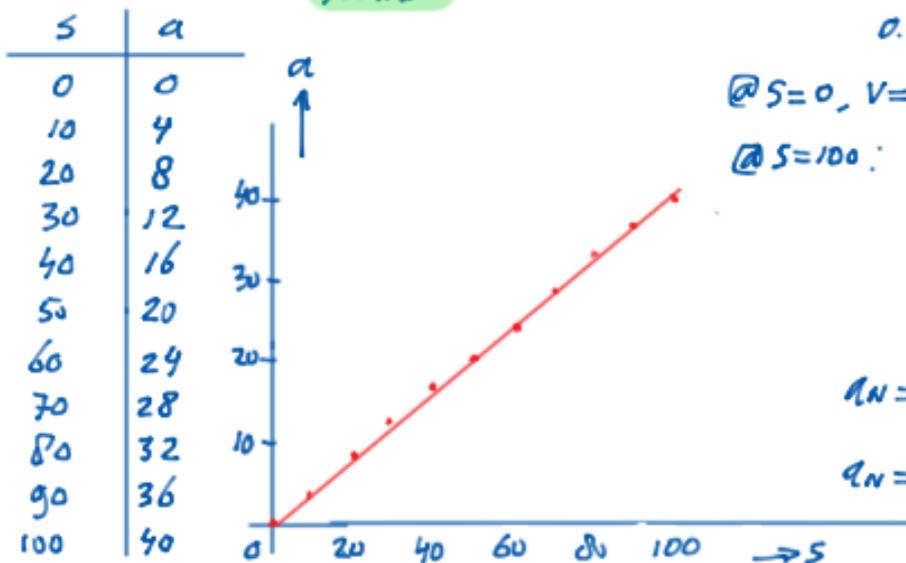
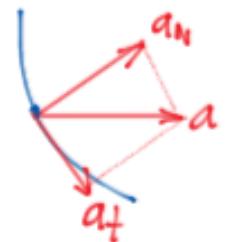
$$0.2s^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 + C$$



@ $s = 0, v = 15 \Rightarrow C = -112.5$
 @ $s = 100: 0.2 \cdot 100^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - 112.5$
 $2000 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - 112.5$
 $v = 65 \text{ m/s}$

$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{65^2}{200}$$

$$a_N = 21.13 \text{ m/s}^2$$



Page 51, problem 12-101: A particle travels along the path $y=a+bx+cx^2$, where a, b, c are constants. If the speed of the particle is constant, $v=v_0$, determine the x and y components of velocity and the normal component of acceleration when $x=0$.

at $t=0$ since speed is constant

$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

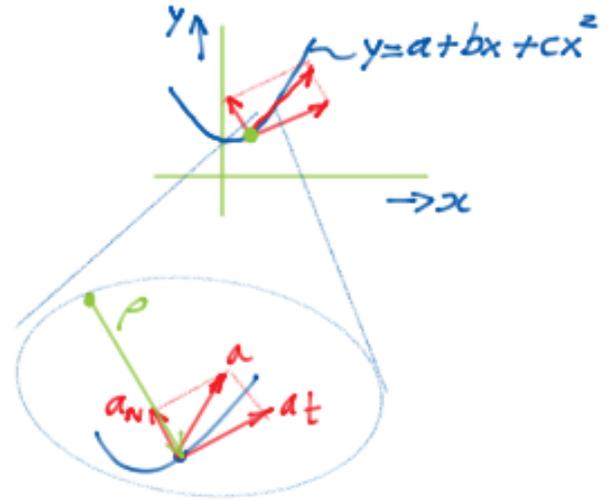
$$y = a + bx + cx^2$$

$$\dot{y} = b + 2cx \rightarrow @x=0, \dot{y} = b$$

$$\ddot{y} = 2c \rightarrow @x=0, \ddot{y} = 2c$$

$$\rho = \left| \frac{(1 + (\frac{dy}{dx})^2)^{3/2}}{d^2y/dx^2} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(1 + b^2)^{3/2}}{2c} \right|$$



$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\frac{(1+b^2)^{3/2}}{2c}} = \frac{2c \cdot v^2}{(1+b^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$a_N = \frac{2 \cdot c \cdot v^2}{(1+b^2)^{3/2}}$$

Page 51, problem 12-103: The motorcyclist travels along the curve at a constant speed of 30ft/s. Determine his acceleration when located at point A. Neglect the size of the motorcycle and rider for the calculation.

$$v = 30 \text{ ft/s (constant)}$$

$$y = \frac{500}{x} \text{ (path curve)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \cdot 500$$

$$= x^{-1} \cdot 500$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \downarrow$$

$$\dot{y} = -x^{-2} \cdot 500$$

$$\text{at } x = 100 \text{ ft}$$

$$\dot{y} = -100^{-2} \cdot 500$$

$$= 0.05$$

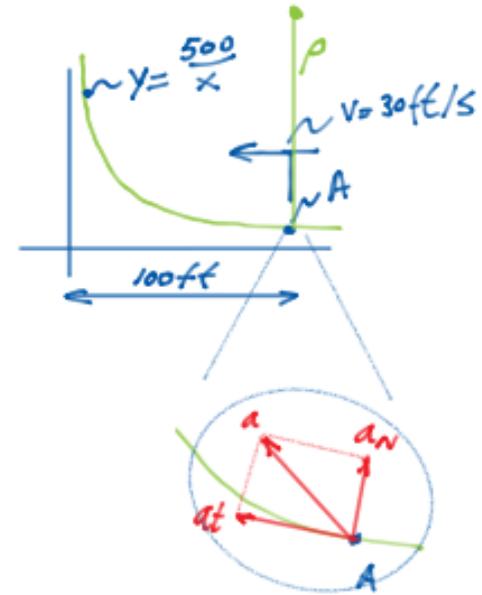
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \downarrow$$

$$\ddot{y} = 2x^{-3} \cdot 500$$

$$\text{at } x = 100 \text{ ft}$$

$$\ddot{y} = 2 \cdot 100^{-3} \cdot 500$$

$$= 0.001$$



$$a_t = 0 \text{ (since } v = \text{constant)}$$

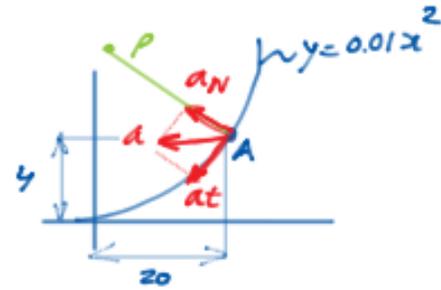
$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho}$$

$$\rho = \left| \frac{(1 + (dy/dx)^2)^{3/2}}{d^2y/dx^2} \right| = \left| \frac{(1 + (0.05)^2)^{3/2}}{0.001} \right| = 1003.75$$

$$a_n = \frac{30^2}{1003.75} = 0.897 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2} = 0.897 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Page 52, problem 12-105: A bicycle B is traveling down along a curved path which can be approximated by the parabola $y=0.01x^2$. When it is at A (20,4), the speed of B is measured as $v=8\text{m/s}$ and the increase in speed is $dv/dt = 4\text{m/s}^2$. Determine the magnitude of the acceleration of bicycle B at this instant. Neglect the size of the bicycle.



$$y = 0.01x^2$$

@ B the speed of A, $v_A = 8\text{ m/s}$

@ B the acceleration, $a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = 4\text{ m/s}^2$

$$\text{@ B, } a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{8^2}{\rho}$$

$$\rho = \left| \frac{(1 + (dy/dx)^2)^{3/2}}{d^2y/dx^2} \right|$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0.02x \Rightarrow \text{when } x=20, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0.02 \cdot 20 = 0.4 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0.02 \end{array} \right\} \rho = \left| \frac{(1 + (0.4)^2)^{3/2}}{0.02} \right|$$

$$\rho = 62.47$$

$$a_n = \frac{8^2}{62.47} = 1.02\text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1.02^2 + 4^2} = 4.13\text{ m/s}^2$$

Page 52, problem 12-107: The ferris wheel turns such that the speed of the passengers is increased by $v'=(4t)\text{ft/s}^2$, where t is in seconds. If the wheel starts from rest when $\alpha=0^\circ$, determine the magnitude of the velocity and acceleration of the passengers when the wheel turns $\alpha=30^\circ$.

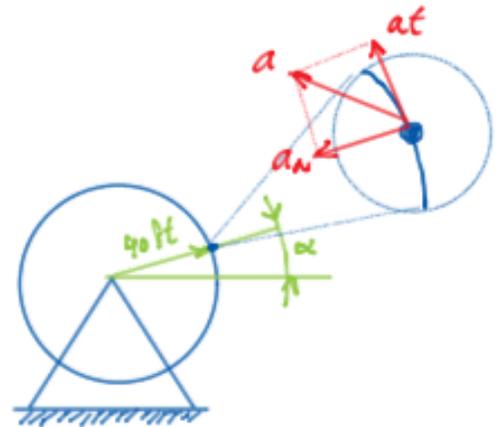
$$\dot{v} = a_t = 4t \text{ ft/s}^2$$

$$@t=0, \alpha=0'$$

$$@\alpha=30^\circ, \text{ distance traveled } s \text{ is: } s = \frac{2\pi \cdot R}{360} \times \alpha$$

$$s = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 40}{360} \times 30$$

$$= 20.94 \text{ ft}$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 4t \\ a = \frac{dv}{dt} \end{array} \right\} \frac{dv}{dt} = 4t$$

$$dv = 4t \cdot dt$$

$$v = 2t^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v = 2t^2 \\ v = \frac{ds}{dt} \end{array} \right\} \frac{ds}{dt} = 2t^2$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 2t^2$$

$$ds = 2t^2 \cdot dt$$

$$s = \frac{2}{3}t^3 \rightarrow 20.94 = \frac{2}{3}t^3$$

$$t^3 = 31.41$$

$$t = 3.16 \rightarrow v = 2t^2$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3.16^2$$

$$= 19.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a_t = 4 \cdot t = 4 \cdot 3.16 = 12.62$$

$$a_n = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{19.9^2}{40} = 9.91$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_n^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{12.62^2 + 9.91^2}$$

$$= 16.04 \text{ ft/s}^2$$

Page 53, problem 12-110: The ball is thrown horizontally with a speed of 8m/s. Find the equation of the path, $y=f(x)$, and then find the balls velocity and the normal and tangential components of acceleration when $t=0.25$ sec.

$$V_x = 8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_y = -g \cdot t = -9.81t$$

$$\text{@ } t=0.25, V_y = -9.81 \cdot 0.25 = -2.4525 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2} = \sqrt{8^2 + 2.4525^2} = 8.37 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_x = \frac{ds_x}{dt}$$

$$V_y = \frac{ds_y}{dt}$$

$$8 = \frac{ds_x}{dt}$$

$$-9.81t = \frac{ds_y}{dt}$$

$$ds_x = 8 \cdot dt$$

$$ds_y = -9.81t \cdot dt$$

$$s_x = 8 \cdot t$$

$$s_y = -4.905 t^2$$

$$x = 8 \cdot t$$

$$y = -4.905 t^2$$

$$t = \frac{1}{8} \cdot x \rightarrow y = -4.905 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{8}x\right)^2 = -4.905 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{64}x^2\right) = -0.0766 x^2$$

$$\text{@ } t=0.25$$

$$0.25 = \frac{1}{8}x$$

$$x = 2$$

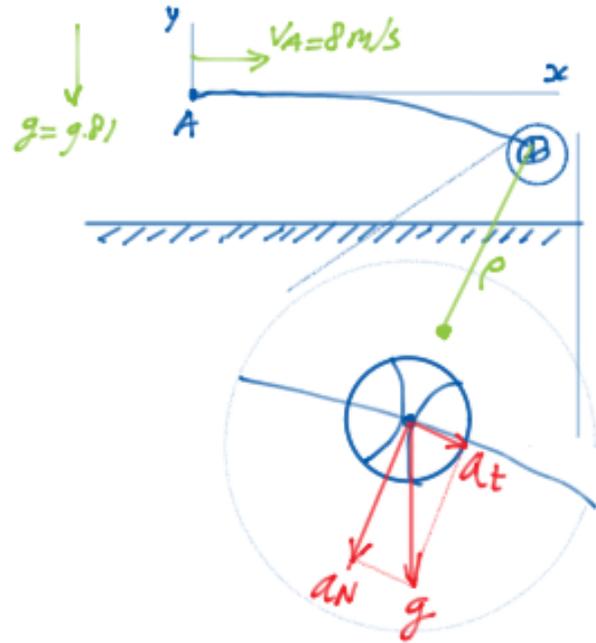
$$g = a = \sqrt{a_N^2 + a_t^2}$$

$$9.81 = \sqrt{-9.38^2 + a_t^2}$$

$$96.2361 = 87.9844 + a_t^2$$

$$a_t^2 = 8.2517$$

$$a_t = 2.87 \text{ m/s}^2$$



$$y = -0.0766 x^2$$

$$\dot{y} = -0.1532x \quad \text{@ } x=2, \dot{y} = -0.306$$

$$\ddot{y} = -0.153$$

$$\rho = \frac{(1 + (dy/dx)^2)^{3/2}}{(d^2y/dx^2)}$$

$$\rho = \frac{(1 + (-0.306)^2)^{3/2}}{-0.153}$$

$$\rho = 7.46$$

$$a_N = \frac{V^2}{\rho} = \frac{8.37^2}{7.46} = -9.38 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Page 53, problem 12-111: The plane travels along the vertical parabolic path at a constant speed of 200m/s. Determine the magnitude of acceleration of the plane when it is at point A.

$$V = \text{constant} \Rightarrow a_t = 0$$

$$y = 0.4x^2$$

$$\dot{y} = 0.8x \rightarrow @ x = 50, \dot{y} = 40$$

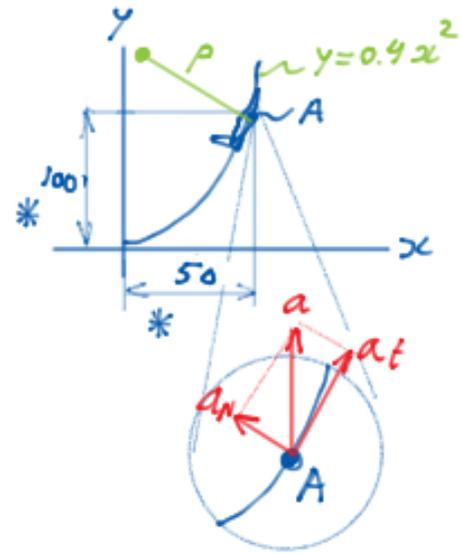
$$\ddot{y} = 0.8$$

$$\rho = \frac{(1 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}}{\ddot{y}}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + 40^2)^{3/2}}{0.8}$$

$$= 80075.012$$

$$a_N = \frac{v^2}{\rho} = \frac{200^2}{80075} = 0.499 \text{ m/s}^2$$



* Note: in the books drawing x and y coordinates for A are 5km and 10km respectively.

Page 54, 12-113: A toboggan is traveling down along a curve which can be approximated by the parabola $y=0.01x^2$. Determine the magnitude of its acceleration when it reaches point A, where its speed is $V_a=10\text{m/s}$, and it is increasing at the rate of $\dot{V}_a=3\text{m/s}^2$.

$$\dot{V}_a = a_t = 3 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$V_a = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$y = 0.01x^2$$

$$\dot{y} = 0.02x, \text{ @ } x=60, \dot{y} = 1.2$$

$$\ddot{y} = 0.02$$

$$\rho = \frac{(1 + \dot{y}^2)^{3/2}}{\ddot{y}}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + 1.44)^{3/2}}{0.02}$$

$$= 190.57$$

$$a_n = \frac{V^2}{\rho} = \frac{10^2}{190.57} = 0.52 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{a_n^2 + a_t^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{0.52^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= 3.05 \text{ m/s}^2$$

