Physics A

Physics A - PHY 2048C

Semester Review



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The magnitude of the velocity is called the speed and is a scalar quantity. The speed cannot be negative.

Remember that speed and velocity are not the same!

A person initially at point P in the illustration stays there a moment and then moves along the axis to Q and stays there a moment. She then runs quickly to R, stays there a moment, and then strolls slowly back to P. Which of the position vs. time graphs below correctly represents this motion?



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A train car moves along a long straight track. The graph shows the position as a function of time for this train. The graph shows that the train:

- A speeds up all the time.
- B slows down all the time.
- C speeds up part of the time and slows down part of the time.
- D moves at a constant velocity.



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→ Projectile Motion

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Which of the graphs in the figure might be a plot of the vertical component of the velocity of a projectile that is thrown from the top of a building?

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A 10 km B 15 km C 20 km D 30 km



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When objects are touching one another, the action-reaction forces are often referred to as contact forces.

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- B larger when \vec{F} is applied from the left.
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In case of pushing, a component of the pushing force adds to the normal force and increases the friction force.



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The force of friction is independent of contact area.

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To maintain constant speed, the sum of the forces must be zero. The kinetic force of friction is independent of speed, so the external force required to oppose it will be independent of speed.

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Remember the centripetal acceleration:

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

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Consider a point on a bicycle tire that is momentarily in contact with the ground as the bicycle rolls across the ground with a constant speed. The direction for the acceleration for this point at that moment is:

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v = circumference / T

 $= 2\pi \cdot \text{radius} / T$

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During that sharp left turn, you found yourself hitting the passenger door. What is the correct description of what is actually happening?

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The passenger has the tendency to continue moving in a straight line. There is a centripetal force, provided by the door, that forces the passenger into a circular path.

A rider in a "barrel of fun" finds herself stuck with her back to the wall.

Which diagram correctly shows the forces acting on her?







The normal force of the wall on the rider provides the centripetal force needed to keep her going around in a circle. The downward force of gravity is balanced by the upward frictional force on her, so she does not slip vertically.









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An astronaut is in a capsule in a stable orbit, about two Earth radii from the center of Earth. Her weight is:

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- 2 the same as on the surface of Earth.
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Kinetic Energy = $1/2mv^2$ Potential Energy = mgh

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