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Physics 121

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■ Theme Music: Mary Chapin Carpenter

Down at the Twist and Shout

■ Cartoon: Mort & Greg Walker

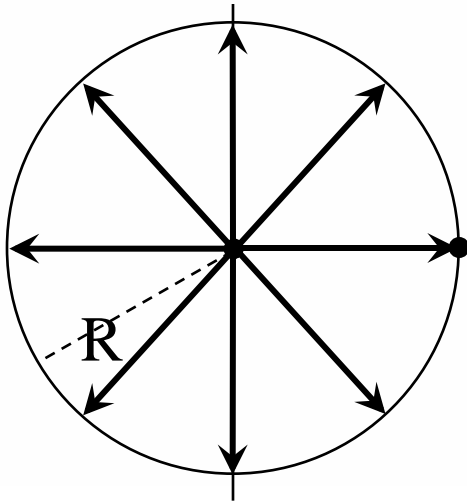
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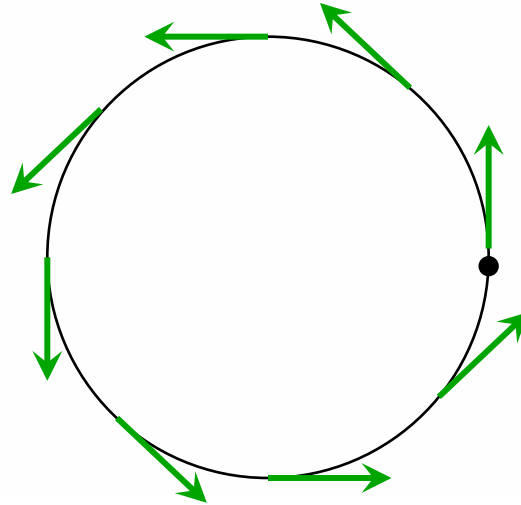
Outline

- Recap of forces in circular motion
- Rotational Kinematics
 - angles (radians)
 - angular velocity and angular acceleration
 - trig for large angles
- Thinking about balance:
The Rotational Effect of Forces

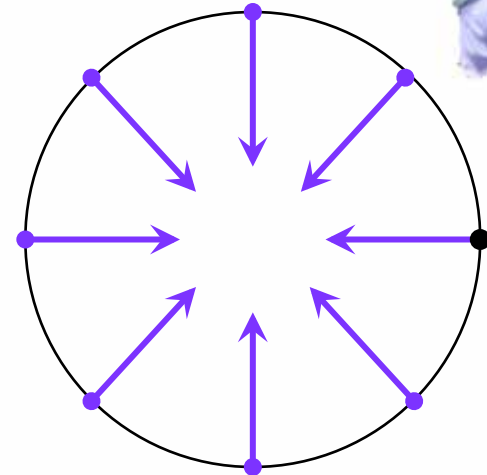
Uniform Circular Motion



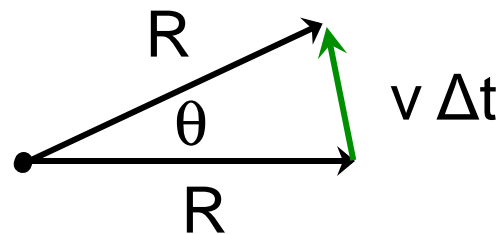
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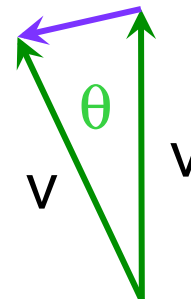
Velocity



Acceleration



$a \Delta t$



$$\frac{v \Delta t}{R} = \frac{a \Delta t}{v}$$

$$\frac{a}{v} = \frac{v}{R}$$

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

Uniform Circular Motion: Forces



$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}_{net}}{m} \quad \text{always}$$

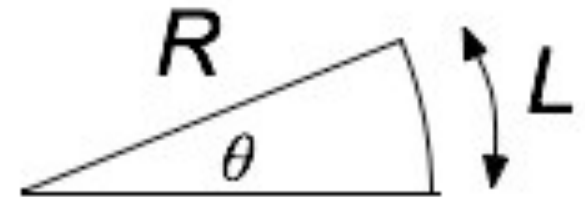
$$\vec{a} = -\frac{v^2}{R} \hat{r} \quad \text{in order for the object to move in a circle with constant speed.}$$

$$\frac{\vec{F}_{net}}{m} = -\frac{v^2}{R} \hat{r} \quad \text{Therefore, to do this, we need a net force.}$$

$$\vec{F}_{net} = -\frac{mv^2}{R} \hat{r}$$

Radians

- The radian is an angle measure defined as the ratio of the arc length of the circle spanned by the angle to the radius of the circle.



$$\theta = \frac{L}{R} \quad (\text{in radians})$$

$$\theta_{\text{whole circle}} = \frac{2\pi R}{R} = 2\pi$$

\Rightarrow

$$\frac{\theta_{\text{rad}}}{\theta_{\text{deg}}} = \frac{2\pi}{360}$$

Rotational Kinematics: Polar Description of Motion

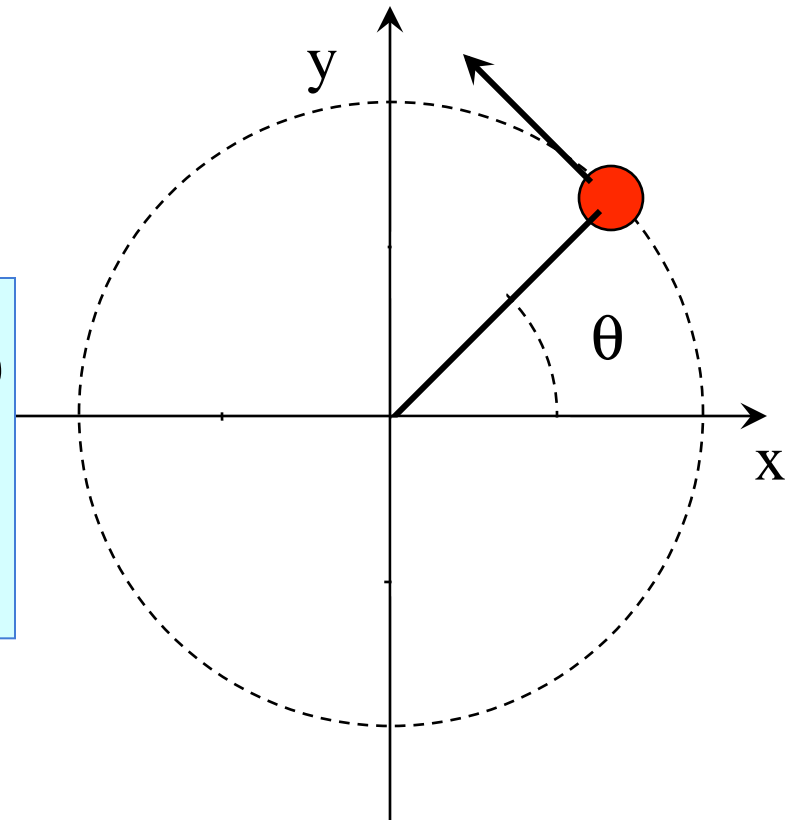
■ Describing the angular position of an object.

- Angle (radians) θ
- Angular velocity ω
- Angular acceleration α

$$\theta \text{ (in radians)} = \frac{2\pi}{360} \theta \text{ (in degrees)}$$

$$\langle \omega \rangle = \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t} \quad \langle \alpha \rangle = \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t}$$

Uniform motion: $\Delta \theta = \omega_0 \Delta t$



Trigonometry for big angles

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} = (R \cos \theta)\hat{i} + (R \sin \theta)\hat{j}$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0(t - t_0)$$

What happens as t (and θ) gets large (bigger than 2π)?

