

Physics circular motion

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II Uniform Circular Motion A. Nomenclature 1. Speed — magnitude of an objects rate of motion (no direction, scalar quantity) 2. Velocity — speed and direction of an objects motion (vector, mag & direction) 3. If a car's speed is constant but direction is changing, velocity is changing. 4. 2 ways to change velocity (change speed or change direction). 5. acceleration — change in speed over time (vector quantity) TWO types; a. Linear acceleration — speed up or slow down b. Centripetal acceleration — change direction B.

Centripetal acceleration (a_c) — acceleration changes due to change in direction. 1. Centripetal means center seeking 2. a_c is always directed toward the center of the curved path (circle) 3. If an object is moving in a circle it will always have a centripetal acceleration 4. $a_c = v^2/r$ v = velocity tangent to the circle (m/s) r = radius of the circle (m) C. Centripetal Force — the force that causes and maintains circular motion 1. Centripetal Force — F_c — psuedo-force (various forces act as center seeking force) 2. F_c — direction always toward the center. 3. $F_c = ma_c$ (sub $a_c = v^2/r$) 4. Identify F_c a. Rope over your head b. Car rounds a corner c. Earth — Moon d. Gravitron machine (F_n) e. Loop de loop (F_n F_g) f. Swing set ride (F_{tx}) D. Practice Problems in workbook p 57 then regents practice 8 questions Additional Problems 7) A 13, 500 N car traveling at 50. 0 km/h rounds a curve of radius 2.00×10^2 m. find the following. a) the a_c b) the f_c c) the minimum coefficient of static friction μ a) 0. 96 m/s² b) 1322 N c) $\mu = 0.09$ 8) In the gravitron machine a cylinder with a diameter of 6 meters is set in rotation with a tangential velocity of 15 m/s. When the floor drops away, riders are suspended against the wall in a vertical position. Calculate the minimum coefficient of friction between the rider and the wall. The normal force is the force centripetal, find

the F_c and plug into friction equation as the $F_n F_f = F_c \mu mg = m (v^2/r) \mu$
(masses cancel out) $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = ((15 \text{ m/s})^2 / 3\text{m}) \mu \mu = 0.13$