

CONSTANT ACCELERATION:

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If $\frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} = 0$ for $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ then $\vec{a}(t) = \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle$ is a constant vector on the time interval $[t_1, t_2]$.

Th^m/ If $\frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} = 0$ and $\vec{a}_0 = \langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle$ for all $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ then the position $\vec{r}(t)$ satisfies the vector equation

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + (t-t_0)\vec{v}_0 + \frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2\vec{a}_0 \quad (\text{for } t_0 \leq t \leq t_1)$$

Where $\vec{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle = \vec{r}(t_0)$ and

$\vec{v}_0 = \langle v_{0x}, v_{0y}, v_{0z} \rangle = \vec{v}(t_0)$. Moreover, we

have scalar equations for $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$,

$$x(t) = x_0 + (t-t_0)v_{0x} + \frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2 a_x$$

$$y(t) = y_0 + (t-t_0)v_{0y} + \frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2 a_y$$

$$z(t) = z_0 + (t-t_0)v_{0z} + \frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2 a_z$$

Proof: we need to use the FTC a few times,

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{a} \Rightarrow \int_{t_0}^t \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} dt = \int_{t_0}^t \vec{a}(t) dt = \vec{a}_0 \int_{t_0}^t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) - \vec{v}(t_0) = (t-t_0)\vec{a}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}(t_0) + (t-t_0)\vec{a}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + (t-t_0)\vec{a}_0}$$

see pg. ② for calculus justification

Likewise,

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{v}(t) \Rightarrow \int_{t_0}^t \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \int_{t_0}^t (\vec{v}_0 + (t-t_0)\vec{a}_0) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}(t_0) = \vec{v}_0 \int_{t_0}^t dt + \vec{a}_0 \int_{t_0}^t (t-t_0) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + (t-t_0)\vec{v}_0 + \frac{1}{2}(t-t_0)^2\vec{a}_0}$$

The scalar eq^s follow quickly from the formula above.

Also, notice we have derived eq^s for velocity

Th^m / Given the hypotheses of the preceding Th^a,

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + (t-t_0)\vec{a}_0$$

Moreover,

$$v_x(t) = v_{0x} + (t-t_0)a_x$$

$$v_y(t) = v_{0y} + (t-t_0)a_y$$

$$v_z(t) = v_{0z} + (t-t_0)a_z$$

Example: GRAVITY

studying the motion of a mass m close to the surface of the earth and if we neglect friction, rotation of the earth etc... then Newton's 2nd Law reads $\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, -mg \rangle = m\vec{a} = m\langle a_x, a_y \rangle$

or $\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, 0, -mg \rangle = m\vec{a} = m\langle a_x, a_y, a_z \rangle$.

Usually our problem considers motion confined to a particular plane so we just use the two dimensional notation.

different choices of coordinates.

$$\vec{F}_g = \langle 0, -mg \rangle = m\langle a_x, a_y \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \langle 0, -g \rangle \quad \text{constant acceleration.}$$

Thus,

$$v_x(t) = v_{0x}$$

$$v_y(t) = v_{0y} - g(t-t_0)$$

$$x(t) = x_0 + v_{0x}(t-t_0)$$

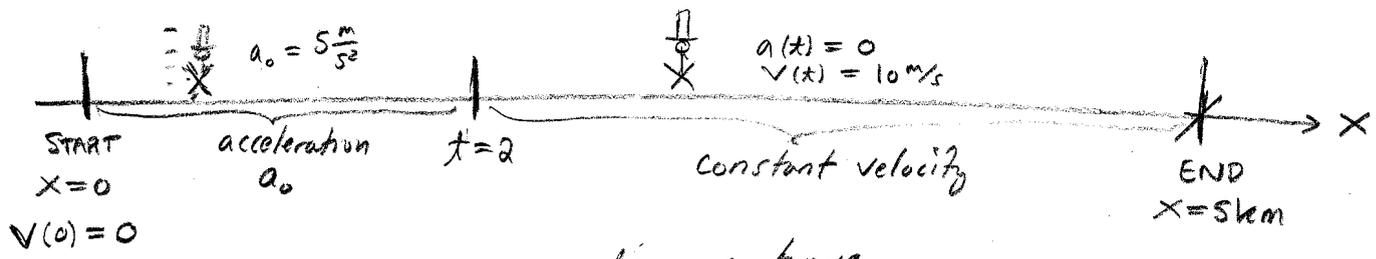
$$y(t) = y_0 + v_{0y}(t-t_0) - \frac{1}{2}g(t-t_0)^2$$

where $x_0 = x(t_0)$ and $y_0 = y(t_0)$.

$v_{0x} = v_x(t_0)$ and $v_{0y} = v_y(t_0)$.

Remark: in lecture I often take $t_0 = 0$ for convenience, but if you're working a problem with several parts linked together it's important to basically reset the time on each sub-problem. These eq^s help.

Example: Suppose a runner sprints for 2 seconds at a constant acceleration of $a_0 = 5 \text{ m/s}^2$. Then the runner finishes the race at constant velocity. If the race is 5km then what was the time of the runner?



For the first 2 seconds we have,

$$v(t) = a_0 t \quad \text{and} \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{2} a_0 t^2 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2s$$

Notice $v(2s) = (5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(2s) = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ and $x(2) = \frac{1}{2} (5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(4s^2) = 10\text{m}$.

Thus,

$$\begin{cases} v(t) = 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} & \text{for} \quad 2s \leq t \leq t_{\text{RACE}} = t_R \\ x(t) = 10\text{m} + (t-2s)10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} & \text{for} \quad 2s \leq t \leq t_R \end{cases}$$

Notice that the position and velocity at $t=2$ give the initial conditions for the motion during times $2s \leq t \leq t_R$. We wish to determine t_R , recall we're given $x(t_R) = 5\text{km}$.

$$x(t_R) = 10\text{m} + (t_R - 2s)10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 5000\text{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4990s = 10(t_R - 2s)$$

$$\Rightarrow 499s = t_R - 2s$$

$$\therefore \boxed{t_R = 497s}$$

Remark: if you wish you may state from the outset that you are omitting units in the calculations. However, for laboratory calculations and the final answer units must be made explicit (for full credit)

SPECIAL FORMULAS FOR CONSTANT ACCELERATION

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Thm/ For one-dimensional motion with position s , velocity $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$ and acceleration $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$ if $a = a_0$ is constant then

$$V_f^2 = V_i^2 + 2a_0(s_f - s_i)$$

where $v(t_f) = V_f$ and $v(t_i) = V_i$ and $s(t_f) = s_f$ and $s(t_i) = s_i$

Proof: for one dimensional motion we can write either $v = v(t)$ or we could write $v = v(s)$ (velocity as function of position)
The chain-rule from calculus yields,

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

Hence $a_0 = v \frac{dv}{ds} \Rightarrow a_0 ds = v dv$ then integrate

$$\int_{s_i}^{s_f} a_0 ds = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} v dv$$

(let $\Delta s = s_f - s_i$)

$$a_0(s_f - s_i) = \frac{1}{2}(V_f^2 - V_i^2) \Rightarrow \boxed{V_f^2 = V_i^2 + 2a_0 \Delta s}$$

Remark: this formula is useful for problems where we either don't know or don't care about the time.

Example: A coin thrown directly downward with a velocity of $v = -5 \text{ m/s}$. What is its velocity as it hits the ground 20m below? (on EARTH)

$$\begin{aligned} V_f^2 &= V_i^2 + 2a_0(y_f - y_i) \\ &= (-5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2 - 2(9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2})(-20\text{m}) \\ &= (25 + 39.2) \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \\ &= 64.2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \end{aligned}$$

← helps me follow your work if you write w/o #'s to start.
(partial credit more likely)

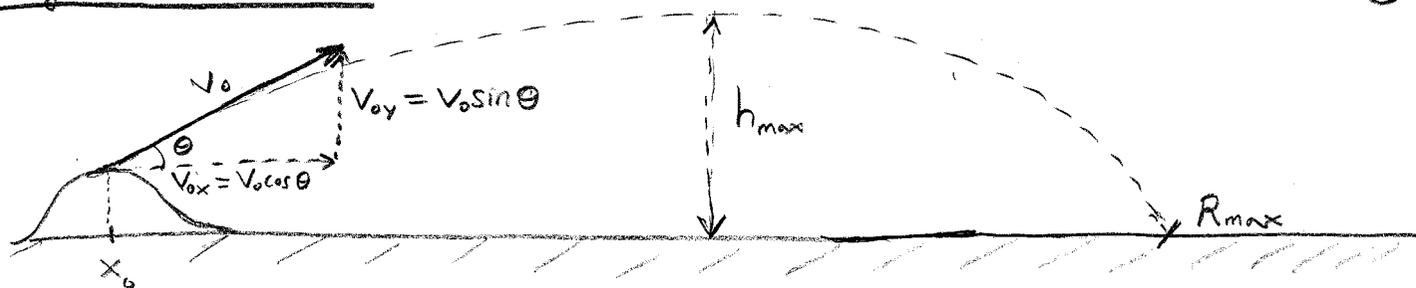
$$\Rightarrow V_f = \pm \sqrt{64.2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_f = -8.01 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

Given our choice of coordinates, ($V_f < 0$ since motion downward)

Remark: $V_f^2 = V_0^2 - 2g \Delta y$, $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

Projectile Motion



The equations below model the trajectory of a projectile under the influence of $\vec{F}_g = -mg\hat{j}$. This is an approximation which ignores friction, rotation of earth and the higher order contributions in the non constant force of gravity. I take $t_0 = 0$ in what follows,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + (v_0 \cos \theta)t \\ y(t) &= y_0 + (v_0 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{aligned}$$

Th^m/ The eq^s above give parabola with vertex $\left(x_0 + \frac{v_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{2g}, y_0 + \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g} \right)$

Proof: eliminate t . Note $t = \frac{x-x_0}{v_0 \cos \theta}$ and substitute into y formula,

$$y - y_0 = (v_0 \sin \theta) \left(\frac{x-x_0}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right) - \frac{1}{2}g \left(\frac{x-x_0}{v_0 \cos \theta} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y - y_0 = (\tan \theta)(x-x_0) - \frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} (x-x_0)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_0 + \tan \theta (x-x_0) - \frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} (x-x_0)^2$$

Now I'll attempt to write it in vertex form. Need to complete the square to write $y = A(x-h)^2 + k$. Substitute, $u = x-x_0$ then $y = y_0 + \tan \theta u - \frac{g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} u^2$

$$-\frac{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta}{g} (y-y_0) = u^2 - \frac{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta \tan \theta}{g} u$$

$$\textcircled{3} = \left(u - \frac{v_0^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{g} \right)^2 - \left[\frac{v_0^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{g} \right]^2$$

Hence, undoing the $u = x-x_0$ substitution we find,

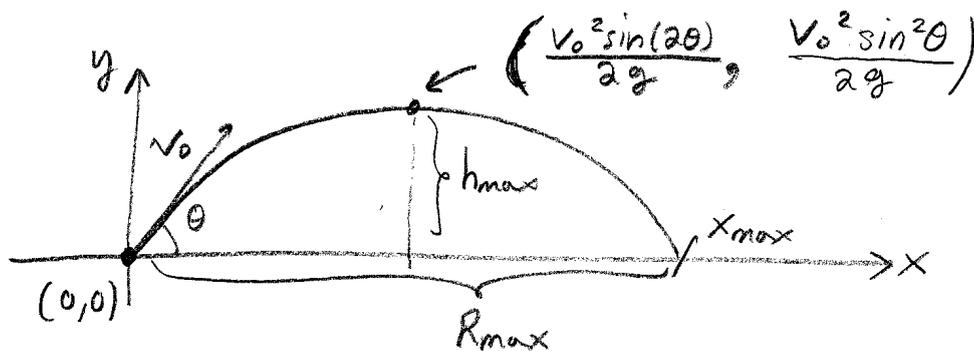
$$y = \frac{-g}{2v_0^2 \cos^2 \theta} \left[x - \left(x_0 + \frac{v_0^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{g} \right) \right]^2 + y_0 + \frac{v_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2g}$$

(see pg. 9) for calculus justification of vertex.)

Remark: when $x_0 = y_0 = 0$ then the vertex formula I just derived yields

$$R_{\max} = \frac{V_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{g} \quad (R_{\max} = x_{\max} - x_0)$$

$$h_{\max} = \frac{V_0^2 \sin^2\theta}{2g} \quad (h_{\max} = y_{\max} - y_0)$$



These formulas are for the special case pictured above.

Example: find R_{\max} as function of θ, V_0, h_0 assuming that the projectile's flight ends upon hitting the ground $y = 0$.

Let $x_0 = 0$. (choose coordinates!)

$$x = (V_0 \cos \theta)t$$

$$y = h_0 + (V_0 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

Then $y = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = h_0 + (V_0 \sin \theta)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{-V_0 \sin \theta + \sqrt{V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2gh_0}}{-g} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{choose } (-) \text{ sol}^n \\ \text{to get } t > 0 \\ \text{sol}^n. \end{array}$$

Then substitute,

$$R_{\max} = V_0 \cos \theta \left[\frac{V_0 \sin \theta + \sqrt{V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2gh_0}}{g} \right]$$

$$R_{\max} = \frac{V_0^2 \sin(2\theta)}{2g} \left[1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2gh_0}{V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \right]$$

Note $h_0 = 0$ returns the usual formula.

MOTION DUE TO SEVERAL FORCES ON CONSTANT MASS

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CONCEPT: Newton's 2nd Law states $\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$. Thus if three forces are given, say $\vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2, \vec{F}_3$, and act on some mass m then we must solve

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \leftarrow \text{"net force on } m\text{"}$$

This breaks into two tasks,

1.) add the given forces using vector algebra. (may need to break into components etc...)

2.) solve $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}_{\text{net}}$. If

\vec{F}_{net} is constant then I already told you the resulting equations on pg. ① and ②.

However, if \vec{F}_{net} is nonconstant then we can try to solve

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}_{\text{net}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{v}$$

by direct integration. Generally that calculation is difficult because \vec{F}_{net} could depend on velocity or position.

In the special case $\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_{\text{net}}(t)$ we can solve w/o much trouble. We'll stick to that case for now.

Example: $\vec{F}_1 = \langle F_0, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\vec{F}_2 = \langle 0, -F_0, F_0 \rangle$, $\vec{F}_3 = \langle 0, 0, 3F_0 \rangle$

or we could write $\vec{F}_1 = F_0 \hat{i}$, $\vec{F}_2 = -F_0 \hat{j} + F_0 \hat{k}$, $\vec{F}_3 = 3F_0 \hat{k}$. We are given that F_0 is a constant. Find motion of mass m which has initial velocity $\vec{v}(0) = \vec{v}_0$ and position $\vec{r}(0) = \vec{r}_0$.

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 + \vec{F}_3 = \langle F_0, 0, 0 \rangle + \langle 0, -F_0, F_0 \rangle + \langle 0, 0, 3F_0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \langle F_0, -F_0, 4F_0 \rangle = m\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{F_0}{m} \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle \leftarrow \text{constant acceleration}$$

Integrate once and again to find

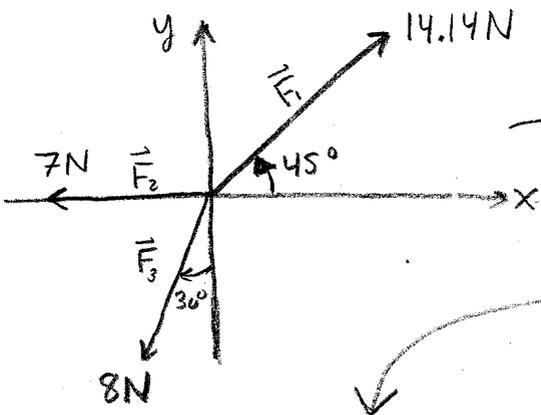
$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \frac{tF_0}{m} \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle \quad \& \quad \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}_0 + \frac{t^2 F_0}{2m} \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle$$

Comment: the vector notation hides much, for example the previous example gives,

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} v_x(t) &= v_{0x} + \frac{F_0 t}{m} \\ v_y(t) &= v_{0y} - \frac{F_0 t}{m} \\ v_z(t) &= v_{0z} + \frac{4F_0 t}{m} \end{aligned} \right\} \iff \underline{\underline{\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \frac{tF_0}{m} \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + v_{0x} t + \frac{F_0 t^2}{2m} \\ y(t) &= y_0 + v_{0y} t - \frac{F_0 t^2}{2m} \\ z(t) &= z_0 + v_{0z} t + \frac{4F_0 t^2}{2m} \end{aligned} \right\} \iff \underline{\underline{\vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}_0 + \frac{t^2 F_0}{2m} \langle 1, -1, 4 \rangle}}$$

Example: Given forces pictured below act on mass m which is initially at rest find motion. Assume particle starts at origin



$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \vec{F}_1 &= 14.14 \text{ N} \langle \cos 45^\circ, \sin 45^\circ \rangle \\ \vec{F}_2 &= 7 \text{ N} \langle -1, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{F}_3 &= 8 \text{ N} \langle -\sin 30^\circ, -\cos 30^\circ \rangle \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(N)	x	y
F_1	10	10
F_2	-7	0
F_3	-4	-6.93
F_{net}	-1	3.07

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle F_0, \quad \underline{F_0 = 1 \text{ N}}$$

$$m \vec{a} = \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle F_0$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{F_0}{m} \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle \leftarrow \underline{\text{constant!}}$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_0 + \frac{tF_0}{m} \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle$$

Hence $\underline{\underline{\vec{v}(t) = \frac{tF_0}{m} \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle}}$ and $\underline{\underline{\vec{r}(t) = \frac{t^2 F_0}{2m} \langle -1, 3.07 \rangle}}$.

Or, if you prefer,

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} v_x(t) &= \left(\frac{-F_0}{m} \right) t & \text{and} & \quad x(t) = \frac{-t^2 F_0}{2m} \\ v_y(t) &= \left(\frac{3.07 F_0}{m} \right) t & & \quad y(t) = \frac{3.07 F_0 t^2}{2m} \end{aligned} \right.$$

① FTC for \int of space curves: $\int_a^b \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt = \vec{r}(b) - \vec{r}(a)$.

Proof: recall FTC from calculus I; $\int_a^b \frac{df}{dt} dt = f(b) - f(a)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} dt &= \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right\rangle dt \\ &= \left\langle \int_a^b \frac{dx}{dt} dt, \int_a^b \frac{dy}{dt} dt, \int_a^b \frac{dz}{dt} dt \right\rangle \\ &= \langle x(b) - x(a), y(b) - y(a), z(b) - z(a) \rangle \\ &= \langle x(b), y(b), z(b) \rangle - \langle x(a), y(a), z(a) \rangle \\ &= \vec{r}(b) - \vec{r}(a). // \end{aligned}$$

FTC times three.

② I also claimed if $\frac{d\vec{c}}{dt} = 0$ then $\int_a^b \vec{c} f(t) dt = \vec{c} \int_a^b f(t) dt$.

Proof: $\int_a^b \vec{c} f(t) dt = \int_a^b \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle f(t) dt$, $\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$
constants!

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_a^b \langle c_1 f, c_2 f, c_3 f \rangle dt \\ &= \left\langle \int_a^b c_1 f dt, \int_a^b c_2 f dt, \int_a^b c_3 f dt \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle c_1 \int_a^b f dt, c_2 \int_a^b f dt, c_3 \int_a^b f dt \right\rangle \\ &= \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle \int_a^b f(t) dt \\ &= \vec{c} \int_a^b f(t) dt. // \end{aligned}$$

prop. of integral.

③ the vertex of a parabola described by $y = f(x) = A(x-h)^2 + k$ is at (h, k) and that gives max/min value for y .

$$f(x) = A(x-h)^2 + k \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dx} = 2A(x-h) \Rightarrow \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = 2A.$$

Hence, $f'(h) = 0$ makes $(h, f(h)) = (h, k)$ a critical point and $f''(h) = A \neq 0$ makes $f(h)$ the min/max by 2nd der. test. //